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THE GEORGE-ANNE

LIGHTS, CAMERA, UPB!

LOOKING INTO UPB'S MOVIE SELECTION

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STYLE BY MANDY

GS student juggles
school, work and
fashion

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RUN BREIDA RUN

Eagle great looks to
make noise in the NFL

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📷 MICK MILLER

Campus Life

Thursday



High: 92°

Low: 72°

40 percent chance of rain

Friday



High: 90°

Low: 71°

20 percent chance of rain

Saturday



High: 87°

Low: 68°

10 percent chance of rain

Sunday



High: 86°

Low: 67°

10 percent chance of rain

Weather Bar

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OUR HOUSE

We asked GS freshmen...

“What surprised you most about college?”

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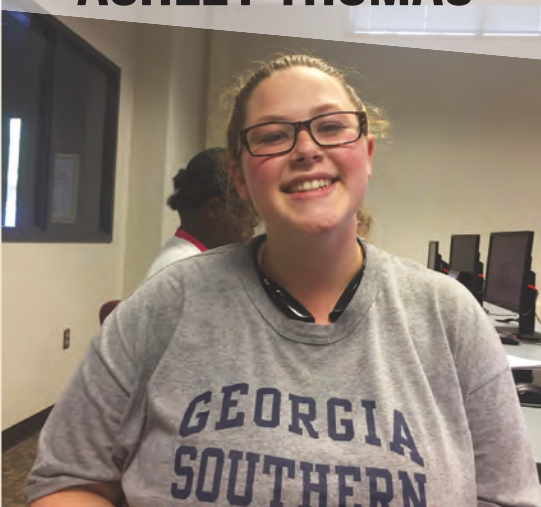
“What surprised me the first week of class was the fact that when I came back I was feeling so tired. It was like I couldn’t even move my legs anymore. I had to go straight to bed.”

ZACH IVEY



“What surprised me the most was most definitely the amount of walking.”

ASHLEY THOMAS



“One thing that surprised me about the first week of classes was that my classes were actually in buildings that were pretty close together on the first day.”

#WhereAtSouthern



CHRISTOPHER STOKES



CHRISTOPHER STOKES

If you guessed one of the Planetarium statues, you’re right!

Congrats to **Bryiana Williams (@_woine)** for guessing correctly on our Instagram, @gsustudentmedia!

Come back Tuesday or keep an eye out on @SeenAtSouthern on Twitter for our next #WhereAtSouthern?

AUGUST
EVENT CALENDAR

AUG 12

Eagles Night Out Movie (Pirates of the Caribbean Dead Men Tell No Tales)
9:15 pm | Sweetheart Circle
Rain Location: Russell Union Theater | 8:15 pm

AUG 23

Homecoming: Captain’s and Royalty Meeting
6:00 pm | Russell Union-2047

AUG 24

Homecoming: Captain’s and Royalty Meeting
5:00 pm | Russell Union-2080

AUG 25

Movie: Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2
9:00 pm | Sweetheart Circle
Rain Location: Russell Union Theater| 8:00pm

AUG 29

Homecoming: Captain’s and Royalty Meeting
5:00 pm | Russell Union-2080

AUG 30

Homecoming: Captain’s and Royalty Meeting
6:00 pm | Russell Union-2047

AUG 31

Unplugged: Ice Cream Social
6:30 pm | Williams Center Multipurpose Room

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The Total Failure of the Total ECLIPSE



RYAN REDDING

Ryan is a senior marketing major from Bloomingdale, Ga.

Let me start off by saying I am in no way some solar system fanatic who had the eclipse marked on their calendar. Before the start

of this school year I doubt I could have even told you what a solar eclipse was. But soon after the first day of classes began and I was around other students, I began telling myself that this was the event of a lifetime, something my kids would be amazed that I saw in person. Walking on campus, browsing the internet or watching TV; every time we turned our heads we heard about the solar eclipse in the days leading up to Aug. 21. If you were outside on campus at 2:44 p.m. that day, you are fully aware of the letdown that pursued. Instead of getting to see the near total solar eclipse,

the people of Statesboro were treated to a sky completely filled with gray clouds. Whispers of "Is that it?" and "That was disappointing" wafted in the air as people with and without the special glasses looked up at the sky in dismay. It was truly amazing to see so many faculty and students stopped on the pedestrian looking at the sky, and truly heartbreaking that a spectacle that was supposed to draw us all together in a moment of amazement ended in boredom. Nearly all topics that get discussed by a large quantity of students have major biases.

It is very seldom to have an event such as the solar eclipse (not just in the sense of its rarity) that can bring people of various differing viewpoints together. This was one subject on campus that, for once, everyone could see eye to eye on. The entire university was about to get dark in the middle of the day and we as a collective were going to share that moment together! Instead once we gave up around 2:50 p.m., we went back to our separate lives, completely unchanged by what should have been the observation of a lifetime.

“THE FUNNY PART IS IT KEPT GETTING MORE AND MORE CROWDED, BUT THEN THE MOMENT IT WAS GETTING BRIGHTER... WITHIN MINUTES IT WAS JUST LIKE NOBODY THERE.

MEHTAB IQBAL
Graduate Student at GS



Heather Silbalugh
Sophomore - Nursing major

"I was outside during the eclipse and I saw nothing. It was really sad since I lost \$20 for those glasses, so that was really depressing. I would have sold them before [the eclipse happened] if I knew."



Alexandru Barna
Senior - Computer science major

"I couldn't see anything because it was too cloudy. I was really disappointed. I was over at the RAC at the outside pool. There was like 30, 40 people there. I just saw clouds. It's not something you see every day, I kind of wanted to see it."



Mehtab Iqbal
Graduate Student

"It was fairly disappointing. It was just like any other very cloudy day. I suppose the most interesting part was everybody seemed kind of hopeful that the clouds were going to dissipate. People were just hoping that the clouds would go away."



Pierce Fox
Sophomore - Nursing major

"I was walking back from class and I saw nothing, and it was really sad because I was one of those people that watched a bunch of videos and got all [my friends] super excited about it and did a lot of research on it. It was really sad."

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- 4 Garden party?
- 8 Hindu aristocrats
- 13 Dutch treat
- 15 “Nana” author
- 16 Dangerous bacteria
- 17 Robot
- 19 Pungent
- 20 Type of beagle?
- 21 Potato feature
- 23 Itinerary info
- 24 Cease-fire
- 25 Dovetail
- 27 ____ apso (dog)
- 30 Enclose
- 33 Baja bread
- 35 Hold the floor
- 37 Go public with
- 38 French vineyard
- 39 Besmirches
- 40 Mole
- 41 Average
- 42 Discussion group
- 43 On the ____
- 45 Ethically neutral
- 47 It’s a sin
- 49 Short shot
- 50 Unwholesome atmosphere
- 53 Emphatic agreement
- 55 Fine-grained wood
- 58 Bank contents
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- 61 Superfluous
- 64 Kind of tube
- 65 British gun

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- 66 Asia’s Trans ____ mountains
 - 67 Cleans house
 - 68 Lord’s worker
 - 69 “Thar ____ blows!”
- 9 Admission
 - 10 Maine’s position
 - 11 Hip bones
 - 12 Caesar and others
 - 14 Tycoons
 - 18 Hardly wimpy
 - 22 Throws off
 - 26 Hydrocarbon suffix
 - 28 In a minute
 - 29 Disney mermaid
 - 31 Tears
 - 32 Give it a whirl
 - 33 Baby buggy
 - 34 Swedes, e.g.
 - 36 Confederate
 - 38 Balancing pro
 - 39 Brackish
- 42 Kind of hand
 - 43 Gibson garnish
 - 44 Land on Lake Victoria
 - 46 Brook
 - 48 Free (from)
 - 51 Furry pinnipeds
 - 52 Indian grackle
 - 53 Like Death Valley
 - 54 Maître d’s offering
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 - 57 Dampens
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A PASSION FOR FASHION:

Amanda Johnson's story



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Amanda Johnson runs her own fashion blog and gives some cool DIY's and fashion tips.

BY ASHLEY JONES
The George-Anne staff

Amanda Johnson, junior fashion merchandising and apparel design (FMAD) major, is more than your average Georgia Southern and FMAD student.

The fashion guru and activist has overcome the idea of doing "good enough" by excelling academically and successfully managing her fashion blog that features pieces she created herself.

How does she do it?

Johnson rarely sees a day of rest being a full-time student with a part time job and an aspiring career in fashion design. From class and work, to designing and creating her own clothing, Johnson is proving she can do it all.

"Basically, I'll go to class and if I have a two hour gap, I'll do an assignment and then I'll go to work. After that, I'll finish my assignments and I'll even do them when I'm with my friends sometimes too. We'll hang out and then do homework together," Johnson said.

Johnson says this past year wasn't easy for her but she found a way to manage her time in order to stay on top of all her responsibilities. Her friends have also been

very helpful when it comes to managing her time.

"Last semester I would get out of class at five on Monday's and Wednesday's and then I'd ask my friend to come take pictures of me so I could post them on my blog on Monday's and Wednesday's," Johnson said.

Changing the status quo

During the end of the spring semester, Johnson exceeded her own expectations by landing a position as a style guru for CollegeFashionista, a website that features style columns written by college fashionistas. The accomplishments don't end there, though. She was also accepted as a media attendee at the nation's number one product destination, AmericasMart, in June 2017 for the apparel market.

Most of Amanda's friends and classmates may say she stresses too much, but she says her "high anxiety levels" about missing an assignment is what pushes her to do well.

"I messed up my second semester bad, so I was like okay, I have to do twice as good every other semester and ever since then I

have," Johnson said.

The pressure that Amanda puts on herself is what really motivates her to go the extra mile and exceed others standards.

"Unless I get a 4.0, I feel like I failed myself, so that's really what it is. My friends yell at me all the time for it," Johnson said.

Expressing your individuality

Johnson has always been the one to express her individuality, especially through the way she dresses. She says she found comfort in dressing up through her fellow fashion design colleagues, Amber London and Kay Faro.

"I wasn't alone, even if I'm the only one walking on campus like that, but it's kind of like now I like it. Even my teachers will be like, 'Oh wow, she looks good every day and she tries,'" Johnson said.

Amanda's blog features fashion styling tips and exciting life updates. To keep up with Amanda and get some cool DIY's, as well as fashion tips, visit her blog or follow her on Instagram: @styledby_mandy

NEW REGIONAL STRATEGY LEADS TO FUTURE EXPANSIONS IN GEORGIA SOUTHERN DEGREE OFFERINGS

BY MATTHEW ENFINGER
The George-Anne staff

This past Thursday the University System of Georgia (USG) announced a new higher education regional strategy for southeast Georgia leading to expansions in some of Georgia Southern University’s degree offerings.

According to an USG news release, the new strategy was constructed for degrees and academic programs that will be offered by the newly consolidated GS/Armstrong State University(ASU) and Savannah State University.

The new GS will continue to offer all of its current academic programs and services in Statesboro, while expanding its degree offerings in Savannah.

Classes from each of the colleges will be offered in both Statesboro and Savannah, with a select offering in Hinesville.

A few academic programs were highlighted in the USG news release stating specifics on future implementation and expansion.

BUSINESS:

The new GS and Savannah State will both offer their Masters of Business Administration (MBA) in Savannah. GS will also continue to offer its full business degree programs, including its MBA programs, in Statesboro. In the future, GS plans to expand its Masters of Accountancy and make this program available in Savannah as well.

Under the new strategy, the GS Bachelor of Business Administration in economics will now be offered on the Armstrong Campus replacing

ASU’s Bachelor of Science in Business Economics.

The new GS and Savannah State will partner in creating a High-Demand Business degree consortium in Savannah. According to the news release, existing faculty from both institutions will be used to offer high-demand career programs in logistics and tourism and hospitality management.

ENGINEERING:

While the GS engineering program will remain based on the Statesboro campus, GS will offer the first three years of its Bachelor’s in Mechanical Engineering degree and the Bachelor’s on Manufacturing Engineering degree at the Armstrong campus.

However, students on the Armstrong campus will use the Statesboro campus for the one year of study needed with the equipment-facility intensive portion of the degree program.

EDUCATION:

GS and Savannah State will both offer teacher education programs. As part of the consolidation with ASU, GS will provide programs on both its Statesboro and Savannah campuses.

Savannah State is also expected to expand their programs over time to meet workforce needs.

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THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS A STRATEGIC STEP FORWARD FOR THE ENTIRE REGION.”

JAIMIE HEBERT
Georgia Southern President

MILITARY AND VETERANS:

ASU’s Liberty Center in Hinesville will expand with three degree programs designed for military and veteran needs.Savannah State will offer these academic programs at the Liberty Center: Forensic Science, Homeland Security & Emergency Management and Social Work.

“This announcement is a strategic step forward for the entire region,” Jaimie Hebert, GS President, said in a USG new release. “The new Georgia Southern University will meet the educational needs of a diverse student population and these graduates will be the driving force behind the economic expansion of Southeast Georgia.”

This new higher education strategy is pending approval from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

The academic programs are scheduled to be implemented over a period of time beginning fall semester 2018 through fall 2020.



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NOW SHOWING

AN INSIDE LOOK AT UPB'S MOVIE EXPENSES

BY BRENDAN WARD
The George-Anne staff

The University Programming Board (UPB) and Office of Student Activities (OSA) has spent \$17,766 and \$19,141 over the 2015 - 2016 academic year, 2016 - 2017 academic year respectively to bring movies on campus according to documents obtained from the university.

UPB movie nights are weekly movie screenings hosted in Russell Union Theatre that show recently released movies to students.

SCREENINGS LAST YEAR

The average cost to screen a single movie last year was just over \$1,250 with prices ranging from \$500 to \$1,300, according to an open records request.

The most expensive movies included, Rogue One: A Star Wars Story, Finding Dory, Dr. Strange and Sing, each costing over \$1,300 to screen.

The cheapest screening last year was Beetlejuice at just over \$500, which was a special Halloween screening.

THE PREVIOUS YEAR

These numbers are down, however, when compared to the 2015-2016 school year.

In the Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 school year UPB spent over \$19,000 to screen movies.

The most expensive single movie to screen was Jurassic World at just over \$1,400, but the most expensive screening was a double screening of Insidious 2 and Insidious 3 that cost \$1,800.

WHO PICKS THE MOVIES?

Before any movie is screened they go through a multi-step vetting process.

First UPB is provided with a catalog of movies, including both new and soon to be released movies.

Included in

the catalog are runtimes, a brief synopsis, ratings and a list of popular movies on other campuses.

From the catalog the late night committee chair researches the movies, focusing on box office results and reviews and considers the campus culture. With all this information, the chair creates a list of potential movies.

This list is either approved or amended in a one on one meeting between the late night chair and the Activities Coordinator for Programming.

The approved list is then taken to the late night committee where they watch trailers for all the proposed movies and vote on the final list which will be ordered.

WHY ATTEND?

UPB is entirely funded by students fees, with each student paying about \$101 a semester in activity fees, so every student has already contributed to

Rebecca Kinz, freshmen business management major, has never attended a movie night, but is excited to go to meet new people.

"Me and my roommates actually plan to go because because it's a good way to meet new people," Kinz said.

Brian Reynolds, sophomore manufacturing and engineering major likes the timelines of

movies selected.

"I like the movie nights," Reynolds said. "I like how the movies are kind of current. They're in there before when they come out on DVD, so . . . you can see those movies before you actually have to buy them."

Reynolds added that he did wish there were more movie nights during the semester and wished there were some screenings on week days as well as the normal Friday showings.

UPB president, Juan Bernal, encourages all students to attend UPB events.

"Students should attend these events because it provides a way for students to meet new people and enjoy a fun filled event with free food and activities," Bernal said. "These events are paid for by the student activity fees so they technically already paid for the event so might as well come and enjoy the event."

WHAT IS UPB?

UPB is a student organization funded by completely student activity fees that provides entertainment to the Georgia Southern University students.

Some of their



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include the before mentioned movie nights, the yearly parents weekend block party, karaoke and open mic nights, skate nights, the silent disco last year, as well as the end of the year lantern walk and the lighting of Sweetheart Circle.

UPB has an executive board made up of the president, vice president of membership, the vice president of public relations and a chair for each of its committees.

The general body is broken up into committees that plan and execute different events based on their designation.

Three of the committees focus on programing which include: the late night, special events and traditions committees.

The late night committee that puts on movie nights and open mic nights, as well as skate nights.

The special events committee puts on pageants, concerts and other once a year events that occur during the school year.

Finally the spirit and traditions committee plans homecoming week and all the events of the week, as well as the yearly lantern walk, the lighting of Sweetheart Circle and family weekend.

UPB also has a public relations committee and a membership committee.

JOINING UPB

If students are interested in joining UPB they can find an application on the University Programming Boards' page under MyInvolvement. Applications are due by Thursday, Aug. 24 by noon.

UPB requires all members to pay student fees and to maintain a 2.5 GPA.

"UPB is a great way to meet new people and network," Bernal said. "It is also a great way to get involved on campus since we do work with other student organizations and departments."

UPCOMING UPB EVENTS

The late night committee will continue the UPB movie nights, as well as the Unplugged series and a night at Jumpshot, an indoor trampoline park and paintball arena in Statesboro, previously called Flight Factory.

Some of the movies being screened this year include, Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales, which was shown already, Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2, Baby Driver and Wonder Woman.

The special events committee is planning to bring a currently unannounced speaker for the Weeks of Welcome (WOW) as well as other performers later in the year.

The traditions committee will be holding their annual events: Homecoming week, the senior lantern walk and the lighting of Sweetheart Circle again this year.

Students can keep up on upcoming events as well as see newly announced events by following UPB on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook at @GSUPB and Snapchat at @GSU_UPB. UPB is also offering text reminders this year, which can be subscribed to by texting "@GSU-UPB" to 81010.

The next screening will be Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 on Friday, Aug. 25 at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

***All costs gathered from University documents**

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MOST EXPENSIVE MOVIES SHOWN BY UPB



FALL 2015 - INSIDIOUS CHAPTERS 2 & 3



SPRING 2016 - DADDY'S HOME



FALL 2016 - FINDING DORY



SPRING 2017 - ROGUE ONE: A STAR
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THE ROAD AHEAD

FOOTBALL SEASON

PREVIEW

Let's start with the Eagles.

Record last season: 5-7 (4-4 Sun Belt)

Key players: RB Wesley Fields (Jr.), RB L.A. Ramsby (R-Sr.), WR Myles Campbell (Sr.), QB Shai Werts (R-Fr.), S Joshua Moon (Jr.), LB Chris DeLaRosa (Sr.)

Comments: Coaching staff changes to work (new OC Bryan Cook) the option game back to the forefront, impressive recruits and a stable of good running backs should give the young Eagles team a chance to compete in the top half of the increasingly tough Sun Belt conference.

BY THOMAS JILK

The George-Anne staff

SCHEDULE BREAKDOWN

At Auburn: Sept. 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Record last season: 8-5 (5-3 SEC)

Key players: QB Jarrett Stidham (So.), RB Kamryn Pettway (Jr.), RB Ker-ryon Johnson (Jr.), DB Tray Matthews (Sr.), DL Marlon Davidson (So.)

Comments: Ranked No. 11 nationally in the preseason by Sporting-News, the Tigers will have a chance to win every game they play this year. This test for the Eagles is a stark contrast from last season's opener against lowly Savannah State. Auburn's ground game is more than formidable, and their new quarterback, Stidham, showed signs of being a prolific passer in 2015 before transferring from Baylor. They also have a powerhouse SEC defense that will be tough for anyone to move.

Vs. New Hampshire: Sept. 9 at 6 p.m.

Record last season: 8-5 (6-2 Colonial)

Key players: QB Trevor Knight (Jr.), WR Neil O'Connor (Jr.), S Pop Lacey (So.), DE Kyle Reisert (Jr.)

Comments: Don't count out this FCS team rife with returning starters. The Wildcats have had a winning record every season for the past decade. They have the longest current streak in the nation of making the FCS Playoffs (13 seasons) and veteran head coach Sean McDonnell is well-respected around the nation regardless of level.

At Indiana: Sept. 23 Time TBD

Record last season: 6-7 (4-5 Big Ten)

Key players: WR Nick Westbrook (Jr.), LB Tegray Scales (Sr.), DL Nile Sykes (R-Jr.)

Comments: Indiana has always been more of a basketball school, but any Big Ten team is almost automatically going to be favored against a Sun Belt opponent. The Hoosiers do have some question marks on offense, though, including a quarterback that threw 17 interceptions to his 19 touchdowns last season.

Vs. Arkansas State: Wednesday, Oct. 4 at 8 p.m.

Record last season: 8-5 (7-1 Sun Belt)

Key players: RB Warren Wand (Jr.), QB Justice Hansen (R-Jr.), DE Ja'Von Rolland-Jones (R-Sr.), DB Justin Clifton (Jr.)

Comments: Last year, GS allowed the Red Wolves to overcome five turnovers and win, 27-26, in the final minute. Similar to last year, this year's matchup is a nationally televised (ESPN2) Wednesday night event, and the Red Wolves are going to be better than they were last year when they only lost one conference game.

Vs. New Mexico State: Oct. 14 at 6 p.m.

► Homecoming

Record last season: 3-9 (2-6 Sun Belt)

Key players: RB Larry Rose III (Sr.), DB Jaden Wright (Sr.), LB Dalton Herrington (Sr.), QB Tyler Rogers (R-Sr.)

Comments: A Sun Belt bottom dweller last season, New Mexico State has experience at the skill positions and on defense. The Aggies are a senior-laden squad that will look to quash the Georgia Southern Homecoming celebration.

At UMass: Oct. 21 at 3:30 p.m.

Record last season: 2-10 (No conference)

Key players: RB Marquis Young (Jr.), QB Andrew Ford (R-Jr.), LB Steve Casali (R-Sr.)

Comments: The Minutemen are ranked 130th out of 130 FBS teams in this year's CBS preseason rankings, which makes this a very winnable non-conference game for the Eagles. The cold weather up in Massachusetts may be a factor, as Statesboro in October is not the same as October in the northeast. Nonetheless, this is a game GS should win pretty easily.

At Troy: Oct. 28 Time TBD

Record last season: 10-3 (6-2 Sun Belt)

Key players: RB Jordan Chunn (Sr.), QB Brandon Silvers (Sr.), CB Blace Brown (Jr.), S Cedarius Rookard (Jr.)

Comments: This is a Troy team that lost to Clemson - the eventual national champion - by only six points last September. They lose some talent in their defensive front seven, but their offense remains mostly intact. They are a favorite to finish as one of the top two teams in the Sun Belt and should earn a bowl bid come December. This is an extremely tough conference road game for the Eagles.

Vs. Georgia State: Nov. 4 at 3:30 p.m.

Record last season: 3-9 (2-6 Sun Belt)

Key players: RB Glenn Smith (Sr.), LB Michael Shaw (R-Jr.), CB Jerome Smith (R-Jr.)

Comments: Records go out the window for this rivalry. Last season, the upstart Panthers beat the Eagles in Atlanta despite being the underdog. This year, the game is at Paulson, and a depleted Georgia State offense should struggle against Joshua Moon, Chris DeLaRosa and company for the Georgia Southern defense.

At Appalachian State: Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Record last season: 1-3 (7-1 Sun Belt)

Key players: QB Taylor Lamb (Sr.), RB Jalin Moore (Jr.), LB Eric Boggs (Sr.), DL Tee Sims (Sr.), DB Clifton Duck (So.)

Comments: Like Arkansas State, App. State had only one conference loss last season, and they return much of their offensive and defensive production. Taylor Lamb is a dangerous passer who can run when needed, and Jalin Moore is an explosive back and the reigning Sun Belt Offensive Player of the Year. The Mountaineer defense returns its top tackler (Boggs), top sack man (Sims) and top interceptor (Duck). They will be favored on their home turf, but as with Georgia State, records go out the window in rivalry games like this.

Vs. South Alabama: Nov. 18 at 3 p.m.

Record last season: (6-7, 2-6 Sun Belt)

Key players: RB Xavier Johnson (Sr.), QB Dallas Davis (Jr.), LB Darrell Songy (Sr.)

Comments: Georgia Southern beat the Jaguars, 24-9, last season and the Jaguars lost a lot of production from 2016, including their leading tackler and dominant former defensive lineman Randy Allen. The Eagles should have the edge in Paulson Stadium, but this may be closer than last year.

At Louisiana: Nov. 25, Time TBD

Record last season: 6-7 (5-3 Sun Belt)

Key players: WR Keenan Barnes (Jr.), RB Jordan Wright (So.), DE Joe Dillon (So.), DB Tracy Walker (Sr.)

Comments: The Ragin' Cajuns are another team who lost a lot of production from last year and will have to have young players fill the statistical void left by the 2016 seniors. Since the Eagles travel to Lafayette for this one, the environment will be hostile but the game is more than winnable for GS.

At Coastal Carolina: Dec. 2 Time TBD

Record last season: 10-2 (6-1 Big South)

Key players: QB Tyler Keane (Sr.), LB Shane Johnson (Sr.)

Comments: They were an FCS juggernaut, going 10-2 last year. but moving up to the FBS isn't always as smooth as GS made it look in 2014, especially when you graduate the talent the Chanticleers did. This will be the final game of CCU's inaugural Sun Belt season, making them the third team to join the conference in football in the past five years.

Matt BREIDA

poised to make 49ers roster

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Remember Matt Breida?
In Breida's junior year, his 1608 rushing yards were the fifth-most in a season by an Eagle in school history. That put his name in the minds of NFL scouts.

As a senior, though, he had 35 fewer carries than the year prior and almost 1,000 less yards than he had in his monstrous junior season.

So what was wrong with Matt Breida?

Apparently, nothing. Breida's successful summer in the Bay Area seems to suggest the burden of his subpar senior season should fall on Georgia Southern's offensive strategy change, not Breida's poor performance.

Halfway through the preseason, Breida seems poised to make the roster of the San Francisco 49ers after signing an undrafted free-agent deal in April. He had 11 carries for 40 yards in the Niners preseason opener, and ESPN's Adam Schefter predicted he would make the team as the third or fourth running back on the depth chart.

NinersWire.com, USA Today's coverage site for the team, said Breida had a "strong hold on a roster spot." This is all despite being under six feet tall and weighing less than 200 pounds.



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Breida said after training camp and through the beginning of the preseason, that he's learned to be "more detailed," because the players in the NFL are "10 times better and 10 times faster."

"Nothing is given to me," Breida said.

He said 49ers legends such as Jerry Rice and Steve Young have visited the team throughout the summer, and he claimed to be learning swiftly from veterans like Carlos Hyde, Elvis Dumervil and NaVorro Bowman.

Breida acknowledged his mentors at Georgia Southern, including running backs coach Chris Foster. He credited Georgia Southern with teaching him how to "put in the film work."

Breida also gave his thoughts on the upcoming Georgia Southern season.

He seemed hopeful as he mentioned junior safety Josh Moon, calling him a "great defensive leader."

"They got a young team, but they have a chance to be good," Breida said.

Finally, he offered some advice for his former team: "At the end of the day, you just got to GATA."

Breida ran for 1608 yards during his time at GS. He hopes to make the 49ers roster this season.

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