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Downtown Statesboro is pretty far down on the list for many in-town shoppers. Despite recent efforts like the Blue Mile Project, the growth in the area has been painstakingly slow.

However, Trish and Olivia Carter, mother-daughter co-owners of Charlie’s Funky Junk Shop, are determined to anchor down at the corner of West Main and North Walnut Street and wait for the miracle to happen.

The family-owned building, circa 1900, showcases authentic tin ceiling tiles and original flooring. Exposed brick peeking behind walls that are filled with all things funk and junk.

Postcards and matchboxes priced at a quarter. Mirrored dressers alongside vintage vinyl records. Hand-stitched quilts draped elegantly down the walls. Tin-can gardens are packed to the gills with vibrant succulents and breathe life into the room; the cans are ornately dressed in beautiful lace and burlap and buttons.

“We have a rule: you’re allowed one thing per buy,” Olivia Carter said. Olivia’s junk store weakness is pearls, which fill just about every hole in her pierced ears. Pearls and turquoise, she says. Her all-time favorite find is neither of those gems, oddly enough. It’s a yellow ceramic dog made entirely out of ashtrays.

While some people collect dolphin figurines, owls, or frogs, Edwards has a special place in her heart for camels. She’s been collecting them for years, so naturally when anything camel-like comes in the store, it’s hard to pass up. The Carters once gifted Edwards with a special funky-junk find, a plant holder in the shape of a camel, carved entirely from a single piece of wood.

“West Main is our home,” Olivia Carter said. “West Main is the funky street of downtown.”

Post more of Dana’s story on reflectorgsu.com.
DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS FOR THE MAYOR?

The George-Anne is taking questions from the Georgia Southern Community to be answered by Statesboro’s mayor, Jonathan McCollar.

Deadline for questions April 14

EMAIL GANESWED@GEORGIA SOUTHERN.EDU, OR VISIT THE CIRCLE VIDEO TABLE AT THE ROTUNDA ON THURSDAYS 12-2

Rappelling Clinic
Time: April 12, 5-9 p.m
Location: RAC, Climbing Wall
Rappelling is the process of coming down from a mountain that is usually done with two pieces of rope. The free clinic will show you all the skills needed to rappel like a professional! And like all the other skills clinics, it is free!

Contact Information: Dave Rector, (912) 478-5436

UPS Unplugged: Throwback
Time: April 12, 6:30 p.m
Location: Williams Center Multipurpose Room
Join the University Programming Board for our last Unplugged of the semester!! Our monthly UNplugged series offers a relaxed, coffeehouse/lounge type environment for students to indulge in tasty treats and beverages while enjoying a variety of entertainment acts, provided by Georgia Southern’s most talented faculty/staff/students. Do you have a special talent that you’d like to share with the campus?? Register in MyInvolvement. This event is free and open to the public. Students, please bring your Eagle ID. If you need assistance, related to access for this event, please email upb@georgiasouthern.edu at least 2 weeks prior to the event

Contact Information: UPB@GeorgiaSouthern.edu

Wellness Retreat
Time: April 13, 9 a.m.-noon
Location: Counseling Center
Health is the state of your body but wellness is the state of your being. Join the Counseling Center for a 4-hour wellness event on April 13th. You will learn about your stress level, how meditation can help you relax, and how to make healthy dietary changes. We will also be offering yoga and meditation. Join us to learn how to stabilize your body and mind. Free to all participants and snacks provided.

Contact Information: Gemma Skuraton, (912)-478-1283

Strongest Eagle
Time: April 14, 10 a.m. (9 a.m. check-in/weigh-in)
Location: RAC Pavilion
Designed after the World’s Strongest Man competition, Strongest Eagle is a non-traditional strength competition that will not only test your strength but also your endurance.

Contact Information: Tony Gregory, (912) 478-5436

Outdoor Pool Opening
Time: April 14, 12-5 p.m
Location: RAC Aquatics Outdoor Pool
Join us for the outdoor pool opening this Saturday! Food and drinks from noon-1, basketball from 1-3 p.m. and volleyball from 3-5 p.m. Water polo free play will be available all day in the indoor pool! There is free registration for each sport, but please register your team by emailing your team members’ names to CRI-aquatics@georgiasouthern.edu.

Contact Information: Max Holloway | (912) 478-5436

Arts Fest
Time: April 14, 7 a.m.-4 p.m
Location: Student Union, Circle
Arts Fest is an event to showcase different art vendors in Statesboro and also includes face art and craft stations. Volunteers are needed to help set up facials, and break down for the day. There are three different shifts for which volunteers can choose including: 10-11:45, 11:45-4, and 4-6:45. Volunteers will receive a free shirt.

Contact Information: Bradie Nabours | aspcommunityliaison@gmail.com

3rd Annual Diversity, Inclusion, and Fairness (D.I.F) Conference
Time: April 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m
Location: Russell Union, Statesboro Campus
The Georgia Southern University Office of Multicultural Affairs is proud to announce the 3rd Annual Diversity, Inclusion & Fairness (D.I.F) Conference. Attendance costs are $8 for Georgia Southern students, $10 for faculty/staff and non-Georgia Southern students.

Contact Information: Office of Multicultural Affairs, oma@georgiasouthern.edu, (912)-478-5409

HIV Testing
Time: April 19, 11 a.m.-4 p.m
Location: Russell Union
Free HIV testing for all CSU students.

Contact Information: Geonna Stewart, (912)-478-1283

"BLIND WILLIE" MCTELL statue to be placed in downtown Statesboro

A statue of "Blind Willie" McTell will sit on the bench outside of the Statesboro Convention and Visitors Bureau in downtown Statesboro. The statue is expected to be completed this summer.

Read Tori Collins’ story on thegeorgeanne.com.

HOBBY LOBBY CHALLENGE: GEORGIA SOUTHERN STYLE

The Hobby Lobby Challenge has swept through the Internet. It has crept up on your Facebook timeline, your Instagram wall and your Twitter feed. Check out re ectorgsu.com to see how Noelle Walker’s photo challenge turned out!

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Page designed by Rebecca Hooper
Thank you for reading The George-Anne and offering your observations. The decision to reduce printing of The George-Anne to once a week was made because of lack of revenue from advertisers in our print product, a reality that every newspaper in America is facing. It is now very unusual for a college newspaper to print more than once a week. However, we had processes in place already for our shift to digital news to continue to grow, and it has.

I feel that The George-Anne is better than it was a couple of years ago. Most content is produced by every section on a daily basis. The amount of investigative journalism that has been published in the past two years is higher than it was before. The George-Anne is also very active on social media. On a recent Saturday, we had four reporters live-tweeting from separate events, something that we haven't done in the past.

Our Street Team, the students who hand out newspapers, is unusual for college media. They hand out about 2,700 papers on Thursdays and another crew distributes more on Monday. Unfortunately, when a member gets sick or is absent and isn't replaced in time, we might see some leftover papers at times.

We have also had cases in which too many papers have been sent to a location, like the stadium. We try our best to ensure these mistakes don't happen and are corrected as soon as possible.

As stated above, our online audience continues to grow. Here are some numbers that we are really proud of:

- In the five weeks from Jan. 29 through March 4, thegeorgeanne.com averaged 9,140 pageviews per week (source: Google Analytics).
- In the first four weeks of March, 26,993 unique users saw The George-Anne content on Facebook (source: Facebook Data Insights).
- In February, 2,400 users visited reflectorge.com (source: Google Analytics).

Recently, in an attempt to attract clubs to our publication, we had our first "Club Officers' Publicity Day" and provided online forms for club officers to submit information. We plan to have similar events for departments in the next year. The George-Anne has changed and will continue to change for the students, but the one thing that will remain constant is our pursuit of the truth and that our thirst for truth will continue to improve.

Feel free to contact me at gaeditor@georgiasouthern.edu or anyone else at The George-Anne and our coverage. I encourage conversation because I know for sure that we are not perfect, but our goal is to serve the student body the best way we can and we are open to hearing from you.
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The problem of equal pay across genders is common among higher education and Georgia Southern University is no exception. Female faculty members at GS, are constantly underpaid compared to their male counterparts.

Martha Venn, Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University System of Georgia and Joel Wright, Director of the Equal Opportunity and Title IX office at GS, all feel that equal pay is a national problem not only in higher education, but across the board.

“Equal pay is obviously a nationwide concern. It’s something that we all need to pay attention to and make sure everyone is doing their part to make sure that pay is distributed without regard to gender, race or ethnicity,” Wright said.

Looking at the numbers from 2016-2017 fiscal year
At GS, the average female faculty salary is $61,364.58, according to data collected from open.ga.gov. To arrive at this number, data from the 2016-2017 fiscal year was used to calculate the average salary for female faculty employed at GS during that time.

On the other hand, the average male faculty salary is $76,870.69. The disparity in salary is not only evident in the total average for female and male faculty, but in each position and college as well. The average male faculty salary was calculated using the same process as the average female faculty salary.

On average, male professors, associate professors, assistant professors, temporary faculty, limited term faculty, department chairs, lecturers and lab assistants make more money than female faculty in those same positions. The only position in which female faculty earn a higher salary is as an instructor, with an average salary of $59,991.87, mainly because in the 2016-2017 fiscal year, 27 of these positions were filled by females.

Higher salaries depending on college
At GS, most of the highest salaries are within the College of Business (COB), College of Engineering and Information Technology (CEC) (now College of Engineering and Computing) and College of Health Professions, which is a common national trend. However, in COB, CEC and College of Science and Mathematics (COSM), there is a higher number of male faculty members than female faculty members.

One of the reasons this is the case is because female faculty have a harder time moving up to higher or tenured positions within universities. At GS, only 146 female faculty members are tenured, which has remained the same since Fall 2014. 106 are on tenure track and 103 are non-tenured, while there are 216 male faculty members who are tenured, 130 are on tenure track and only 41 are non-tenured, according to the Georgia Southern 2016-2017 fact book.

The problem with faculty salary within colleges, like the College of Business, is that the representation of women is much lower, which result in a lot of the men that are professors in these colleges earning higher salaries. In COB for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, there were 120 faculty members with 68 being males and 37 being females. In CEC, for the same period, there were 70 faculty members with 60 being males and 10 being females. In COSM, there were there were 166 faculty members with 105 being males and 61 being females. For this study, only faculty members who were at GS during that time and appeared on Open.ga.gov were counted.

On average, faculty in COB earn $107,766 in salary, according to the Georgia Southern 2016-2017 fact book. One of the factors that contributes to this is the market for faculty in areas for business.

“A business professor could go out to the field of business and make a lot more money than they are making in higher education,” Venn said.

Traditionally, positions in the liberal arts and social sciences, have earned a lower salary than other disciplines. At GS, the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (now College of Arts and Humanities) has the lowest average average salaries for faculty with an average of $60,132, although it has the highest number of faculty with 232 individuals. Of those 232 faculty members, 152 are women and 140 are men. Even with the higher number of female faculty members, male faculty members, on average, still make more money than female faculty members in CLASS.
Fixing the problem
GS President Jaimie Hebert said, after the concern was brought up at a faculty senate meeting in Nov. 2017, the university will be conducting a comprehensive salary study to determine what needs to be fixed, if anything. However, the study is more to find a way combine the salaries of Armstrong State and GS to have the same salary at the new institution and not necessarily looking into gender gap.

“We will initiate a study in the spring. We will probably at that point begin conversations with an external group. We will probably hire a consultant to come in and do an independent comprehensive salary study,” Hebert said in an interview in November.

Hebert wants the study to be able to establish a baseline from which the university can begin to create plans that will help dealing with internal equity issues and external marketability issues.

“We know those exists, but I feel it’s much better to get outside eyes in to get a full baseline assessment of all faculty and staff salaries on campus and then start prioritizing where we need to address equity issues and marketability issues,” Hebert said in an interview in February.

At the Feb. 2018 faculty senate meeting, Diana Cone, interim provost and vice-president for academic affairs, was asked about the faculty salary study. Cone said that President Hebert is still in the process of looking for an external group or consultant to conduct the study.

Venn feels that the gender-pay-gap can be fixed, but it will be a challenge in higher education.

Venn said, “I would hope that it is possible. I’m always optimistic. In this day in age, in higher education, with resources, tighter and tighter and less coming from the state, it will be a challenge to find the money to do that, but it is something that I feel ethically or morally we need to do.”

### Average Salary Per Position By Gender

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Wellness Ambassadors
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Health Hut Includes:
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AND SO MUCH MORE...
Copper Beech residents feel alert notifications to April 1 shooting were too late

Our cars get broken into, students have been assaulted in the neighborhood and now someone was murdered, yet it always seems like residents are notified by Copper too late.”
- Savannah Freeman, Copper Beech resident

BY EMMA SMITH
The George-Anne staff

Some residents of Copper Beech Townhomes feel they should have received a more timely alert notification following gun shots at the complex on April 1.

On April 1 at approximately 2:36 a.m., Advanced Patrol Officer Ian Huggins of Statesboro Police Department was found deceased in his apartment at Copper Beech in what is suspected to be a murder-suicide.

According to a statement from Copper Beech, residents were informed of the incident at 3:45 p.m.

Resident Savannah Freeman said she thinks a notification should have been sent sooner.

“I understand now that the police and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation’s involvement in this case was particularly sensitive, but I think we should’ve received something from Copper Beech,” Freeman, senior public relations major, said.

Freeman also said this is not the first time residents have received a late notification from the apartment complex.

“I have lived in Copper for three years and it’s very apparent that resident safety is not on the top of their priority list,” Freeman said.

“Our cars get broken into, students have been assaulted in the neighborhood and now someone was murdered, yet it always seems like residents are notified by Copper too late.”

Other residents such as Kadie Graham, junior psychology major, never received a notification.

“I actually found out about the incident through Facebook and was never notified about it by the complex,” Graham said.

Sarah Bonham, Copper Beech general manager, said that the safety and security of their residents is their top priority.

“Copper Beech Statesboro is part of The Scion Group since December 2017,” Bonham said via email. “One of Scion’s management principles is that if a serious incident occurs in our community, we communicate with our residents and share all pertinent information available to us as quickly as we are able to confirm it, while recognizing that details may be actively evolving.”

Averitt Center to host Paint-n-Party Friday

BY SHIANN SIVELL
The George-Anne staff

The Averitt Center for the Arts will put on their monthly Paint-n-Party event at the Roxie Remley Center for Fine Arts Friday from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Paint-n-Party takes place on the second Friday of every month and features a painting-of-the-month for participants to revision and recreate. An instructor will be available to assist participants as needed. This month’s featured painting will be the original abstract painting “Let it Rain.”

The cost of the session is $35 and includes all painting materials, including a 16 x 20 canvas.

Refreshments will be provided by Boro Take-Out Express or participants can bring a drink of choice.

Participants should pre-register so that the Averitt Center knows how many participants to accommodate for, said Averitt Center director Rahn Hutcheson.

Registration can be done at the Averitt Center website or by calling the center at (912) 212-2787.

Sessions are subject to cancellation due to lack of participation.
College of Education bus stop added to Sweetheart Shuttle route

BY MATTHEW ENFINGER
The George-Anne sta

The College of Education bus stop has been added to the Sweetheart Shuttle route, following a proposal by the Student Government Association over Spring Break. The new Sweetheart Shuttle route, introduced in March, came from a proposal by the Student Government Association. However, SGA President Dylan John said another proposal was made to Parking and Transportation over spring break to evaluate current bus routes and consider adding the stop to the new route.

According to a press release, after careful data compilation and consideration of student input, Parking and Transportation made the decision to re-incorporate the COE bus stop to alleviate full shuttles on the other routes. The initial proposal never suggested the removal of the nursing and education bus stop,” John said. “We’re very happy to know that Parking and Transportation did kind of take a look at the proposal, evaluate the data and make the recommendation that it can be introduced without having to wait long.”

The Sweetheart Shuttle route will continue to start from Paulson Stadium but will make a stop at the Education Building before continuing to the new stop in front of Sanford Hall. The bus will then return to Paulson Stadium.

“We’re happy to accommodate our commuters by adding this stop as we continue to strive to make Southern Express the best possible experience for students traveling throughout the Statesboro Campus,” Kristi Bryant, director of Parking and Transportation, said in a press release.

For more information about Parking and Transportation, and for a map of all Southern Express routes, visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu/parking. Bus routes can also be viewed on the free SmartTraxx app.

U.S. flags to be flown outside of all residence halls on Statesboro campus

BY TORI COLLINS
The George-Anne sta

A new initiative by Georgia Southern University will have U.S. flags flown on all eight residence halls on the Statesboro campus starting April 17.

According to the CS Housing website, the new initiative is being implemented to recognize the members of the United States military and military veterans in the University community.

A volunteer team consisting of military veterans from University Housing and ROTC students will carry the U.S Flag Code, which formalizes the act of flying the American flag and demonstrates respect and tradition. The Flag Code will be carried out at each of the eight residence halls Monday through Friday with the American flag being raised every morning at 8 a.m. and will be lowered each evening at dusk. The flags will never touch the ground and will be secured during inclement weather. When not in use, they will be folded in military form and be stored in a secured location.

The University and Statesboro community are encouraged to attend an initial flag raising ceremony at University Villas at 10 a.m. on April 17 where all military veterans will be recognized at the ceremony.

“I have had the pleasure of working within the facility profession for more than 29 years now,” Michael Head, director of University Housing and Auxiliary Facilities, said in a press release. “Our current American flag project here at Georgia Southern is my favorite of all projects that I have been involved with. I can think of no better way to educate our students and show pride toward our country and the freedoms and liberties we are provided, than to proudly display our American Flag for all students, parents, staff and visitors to see while traveling to and from our University Housing complexes.”

Did you know

66% of Georgia Southern students have never smoked marijuana.

A recent Georgia Southern student survey revealed that most of you made the smart choice by never smoking marijuana. Forget what you think you know and look at the facts.
As outsiders coming into this small town that we reside in for four or more interesting years of our lives, we form the notion that this place would be nothing without us. Without Georgia Southern University, Statesboro would merely be an unrecognizable name on a map. Without the student body, it would be just an exit that travelers pass on their way to visit the historic district of Savannah.

But wait – take a step back to look deep into the history of this place and you might just find something a little more compelling.

There once was a young, ambitious transfer from UGA that walked the halls of COBA. Pursuing a degree in management information systems, he knew one thing: He wanted to be in business for himself, he just didn’t know what, exactly. After finding the love of his life, a ‘slocal – Statesboro local icon. An icon that Townley was no stranger to.

Statesboro, however, has an origin of its own.。「Dunce family, now deceased, was more like a brother than a friend, because we knew each other so well,” he said.

Townley, freshly graduated, married, with a child on the way, and McLeroy, single and ready for action, combined their entrepreneurial instincts and every dollar they had to bring something “fun and trendy” to Statesboro. With this dedication, the very first Zazby’s, or Zax as it was originally named, opened in March 1990.

Fast-forward many years, as of the week of Oct. 1, 2017, Zaxby’s had a total of 872 stores. Townley said they plan to open their 900th store either at the end of this year, or the beginning of 2018. From the start, McLeroy was all about the menu, operations and advertising. Townley, being a numbers man and having previous financial experience, oversaw franchising, accounting and real estate. Now, almost 30 years later, the best friend duo is still at it, stronger than ever.

For Townley, relationships are everything. “Whether it’s a franchisee, a vendor, customers or employees, it comes down to relationships… It takes forever to have a great relationship, and it only takes a second to destroy it. I cannot tell you how important relationships are throughout life,” Townley said.

For a chicken joint originating in the University Plaza in Statesboro, Georgia, the business has come a long, long way. And for the record, no one can officially say nothing came out of this small college town. “slocal – Statesboro local. This article first appeared in Fall 2012’s Reflector magazine.

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TONY TOWNLEY
co-founder of Zaxby’s
We are taught from an early age that we have to do our best to understand others, to put aside our anger and disagreements and to love one another despite our differences. Learning to see all sides is an essential skill to life and is a healthy way to maintain relationships whether they are romantic or platonic.

That being said, sometimes it’s healthy to acknowledge those differences and break things off with the people who disagree with you. Being open-minded and respectful of other people’s opinions is always an important policy, but learning when to leave a situation for your own health can be worth it, even if it’s very hard.

Getting in fights with friends or loved ones is never easy. You love them, and you don’t want to fight for the sake of your relationship. It’s good to try as hard as you can to keep that relationship because working through hardships can be more than worth it. However, there comes a point when holding on too tightly can be damaging and toxic. I recently got into a fight with a friend of mine. This was the first time I had ever been involved in something so intense and for the sake of the friendship that we had developed since meeting each other early in our college career, I tried to accept our differences and move on.

We disagreed on what my friend calls “politics,” and while it could certainly be called that, it was more personal to me and came closer to a discussion about my life. The entire argument, which lasted weeks, felt like a personal attack and was very exhausting for me. My “friend” lived in the same building as me and also hung out in the same friend group, so I would see him almost every day. Having that exposure brought up a lot of negative feelings for me, and I began to actively avoid him and asked my friends to avoid talking about it. When we did manage to talk again on several occasions, our conversations were strained and left me emotionally raw.

This is what I would describe as an unhealthy relationship: one that hurts you either physically or emotionally. If being with someone drains you or leaves you constantly feeling hurt, then you may want to reconsider your relationship with that person.

After talking things over with my friends, who were watching this happen, they advised me to break things off if he was bothering me so much. Maintaining such a toxic relationship was unhealthy, and it would be better for me to remove myself from it entirely.

That’s what I ended up doing. After a heated phone call, I told my friend how I felt. I also told him that if he was going to continue to attack me, then I couldn’t be his friend anymore. Things had gotten a bit better at that point, but I still felt the best thing to do would be to cut things off. I don’t hang out with him anymore and have small talk with him in the hallway to be civil, but I had officially broken things off with him. It ended up being one of the greatest decisions I’ve ever made. My life drastically improved afterward, and the people around me said they noticed I was happier. Communication in any relationship is important, especially if someone does or says something that hurts you. In this case, I learned to share my feelings with people who were important to me and work out what was best for my health. Trying to understand others’ feelings is important, but so is trying to understand your own and setting up boundaries to protect yourself. If this is something you have trouble with, seek out a support system. Find other people who you love and trust and ask for advice. Do what makes you comfortable.

Learning to coexist is something I have always advocated. It is important to living peacefully and without too much stress. But sometimes, trying too hard to coexist can have the opposite effect. There is a threshold between healthy and toxic coexistence, and it’s important that we learn where that line is for ourselves.
Kim Dean was named head coach for the Eagles in 2017, after her successful season as head coach at Armstrong State University in 2016 and 2017. “Anytime you take over a program you encounter different obstacles,” Dean said about the switch from ASU to Georgia Southern.

In her time at Armstrong, Dean was able to help the Pirates finish third at the 2017 NCAA DII National Championships and finished the season with an impressive record of 38-14. Dean, along with her staff, was also named 2017 NFCA Division II Southeast Region Coaching Staff of the Year by the coaches’ association as well.

Along with Dean, junior catcher Logan Harrell and junior shortstop Macy Coleman came to GS as part of the consolidation with ASU. The juniors have enjoyed great success with Harrell leading the team in RBIs with 27 and Coleman second on the team in home runs with seven. “I think the girls accepted change and were excited to try playing the game a different way,” Dean said about the consolidation and the effect it had on the players. “I give a ton of credit to the team, being very open to change.”

The Eagles have 14 regular season games left in the season and they currently hold a 21-17 record. It’s safe to say that we’re excited to see what Dean and the rest of the Eagles have in store for the remaining season.

EAGLES EARN ANOTHER TOP 10 FINISH AT GARY KOCH INVITE

After a subpar performance in the Hootie at Bulls Bay, the Georgia Southern Golf team competed at a much more competitive level in the Gary Koch invitational on Monday and Tuesday. Led by standouts senior Archer Price and junior Steven Fisk, who both shot a three under 69 on Tuesday, the last day of play, the Eagles found themselves in sixth place on the leaderboard at the tournament’s end. Kentucky, the number 28th team in the country, finished the tournament at -35, enough to take first place on the leaderboard at the tournament’s end. Kentucky, the number 28th team in the country, finished the tournament at -35, enough to take first place in the event. Wrapping up the tournament from Gaston Country Club at six over par, GS still wasn’t pleased at finishing outside the top five for the second straight event, the Eagles were able to host two other Sun Belt teams in Coastal Carolina and ULM.

“arly Spring is ready to go, we are excited to be part of the event,” Head Coach Carter Collins said. Now more than ever is a great time for the Eagles to show signs of fight in their play, with the regular season officially coming to a close, and the Sun Belt Championship right around the corner. The Eagles will head to Raven Golf Club in Destin, Florida for the Sun Belt Championship, which will take place from Sunday, April 22 to Tuesday, April 24.

Georgia Southern had the best start in school history under Dean.
From Alnwick, England to Statesboro, Georgia, senior golfer Jake Storey has had to make quite the transition over the past four years.

The combined pressures of school, athletics and being over 4,000 miles away from their hometown and family could be a large load to handle for most individuals, but Storey was able to take it all on, not to mention doing it all while succeeding at the highest level.

Before making the choice to move to Statesboro, Storey was a member of England’s National Golf Team. He played in a grand total of 11 events in his three seasons with the club from 2012 to 2014. His best year of work with the national team, Storey was able to notch a 72.38 scoring average in the 2014 season.

When his tenure representing England was over after his high school graduation, Jake had a difficult choice to make of where he would take his next step.

“I chose to play college golf at Georgia Southern because we have a great program which can compete with the best teams in the country,” Storey said when asked about his decision. “We have fantastic facilities and the weather all year round in the south is so good that it lends itself to being able to work hard and improve all year around.”

But unlike the vast majority of college students currently enrolled in the United States who tend to stay in the same state or relatively close to home when attending college, Storey’s move from a completely different country took quite the getting used to.

“The transition was something that took me a while to get over and handle,” Storey said.

But he added that even though it felt strange that he can only go home maybe once in a semester, the people, environment, and teammates that he encountered on GS’ campus welcomed him with open arms and made him feel right at home.

The entire reasoning behind his move to Statesboro, the game of golf, undoubtedly holds a special place near Storey’s heart. “Golf means a lot to me and it always will,” Storey said.

Ever since his dad introduced the game to him in the early goings of his childhood, he has yet to get bored with it, and claims that he never will.

“It’s scary to think that my amateur golfing career is coming to an end,” Storey said reflecting on his time here as an Eagle. “I wouldn’t have wanted to do it anywhere else but Georgia Southern.”

Eagle Nation is definitely grateful for the four years of growth and lasting impact he has left on the program, and his own personal legacy.

From only participating in five tournaments for the team his freshman year, to being named to the First-Team All Sun Belt Team and the overall Sun Belt Golfer of the Year in his junior season, Storey has undeniably cemented his place in Eagle golf history.

Moving forward, Storey said that his advice for others, and himself, is to approach things with an open mind and strive to go the extra mile in everything that you do.

He has done just that during his time here at GS, achieving great things not only on the golf course, but in the classroom as well, which led him to be named to the Sun Belt Academic Honor Roll in the 2016-2017 season.

“Being a student athlete here has its challenges,” Storey said. “Missing 10 days of class in the spring and again in the fall.”

No matter the obstacles he faced, Jake said there is no greater reward than representing your school by playing the sport that you love.
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Eagles Extend Losing Streak to Eight After Three Game Sweep to Coastal Carolina

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BY RYAN KOSTENSKY

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The Eagles looked to break their losing streak but were unsuccessful in their travels to Coastal Carolina. CCU not only beat the Eagles but swept the entire weekend, leaving the Eagles with a losing streak of now eight games.

GAME ONE; L (5-13)

Game one remained scoreless until the Chanticleers had a big second inning with five runs-kicked off by a two-run triple. The Eagles answered with one run on the board from an RBI single from sophomore Medchia Freeman in the third, but CCU followed with another five-run inning to give them a nine-run lead.

The Eagles weren’t giving up, as they collected four runs in the fifth inning on an error, RBI singles and a bases-loaded walk. The Chanticleers showed no mercy, as they ended the game in the sixth inning when they plated three more runs.

Pitcher Ashley Guilette lead CCU to victory as she only gave up seven hits and five runs, as well as striking out two. While senior Kierra Camp was on the mound for the Eagles for three-plus innings she gave up six hits and eight runs, as well as striking out one.

GAME TWO; L (0-4)

Game two started shortly after game one but was delayed in the middle of the sixth inning and resumed play the following day due to rain.

Before the rain hit the Chanticleers were able to put three runs up on the Eagles, one off a solo home run in the third and two more runs in the bottom of the fifth off of RBIs.

Once the game resumed the next day only one run was added to the board from CCU off an RBI to center field in the bottom of the sixth.

Freshman pitcher Rylee Vreelop took the loss for GS, allowing seven hits and four runs while striking out three.

Kaitlin Beasley-Polko took the mound for CCU in game two and only allowed four hits and no runs while striking out four.

GAME THREE; L (4-12)

Game three opened with the Chanticleers putting up four runs on the board in the first off of a grand slam and another solo home run.

CCU then continued their scoring by plating two more runs in the second off an RBI single and an RBI double. The Eagles finally answered in the fourth with a two-run homer to center field from Macy Coleman.

CCU wasn’t letting GS threat their lead, as they collected three more runs with a three-run homer to center field. The Eagles weren’t giving up as they plated two more runs in the sixth off of a two-run homerun.

The Chanticleers sealed their three-game sweep by adding three more runs to their lead in the sixth, off of an RBI double and an RBI single.

Senior pitcher Kaylee Ramos took the mound for the Eagles as she allowed nine hits and eight runs during her time of play, as well as striking out three. We again saw Kaitlin Beasely-Polko again as she allowed seven hits and four runs during her time of play while striking out three as well.

What’s Next?

The Eagles will be playing a single game against the College of Charleston in Charleston, South Carolina on Wednesday, April 11 at 6 p.m.
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