Thursday
High: 69°F
Low: 53°F
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Friday
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Low: 51°F
100 percent chance of rain

Saturday
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Low: 43°F
20 percent chance of rain

Sunday
High: 57°F
Low: 41°F
0 percent chance of rain

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Mr. Georgia Southern
Finley Woods
“I feel like technology will not only implement a better America, but make something’s better as well.”

Michéal Smith
“As Mr. Georgia Southern, I plan to build diversity through being a Southern Ambassador and being a CL on campus. I plan to promote good feelings, great people and making sure everyone feels welcome.”

Peter Egede
“I consider Jay-Z to be the most influential artist. I say that because he taught me a lot through his lyrics and how he carries himself.”

Emari Stevenson Pechie
“The best advice I could give our Commander in Chief, I would say [to] remember to include everyone.”

Carlton Taylor
“I do believe that people should have to go through background checks in order to purchase a gun.”

Jamie Lary
“I do believe that the government should ensure that everyone has healthcare.”

Brandon Delany
“My contribution should be that everybody feels welcomed and involved around campus, especially with UPB.”

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Finals Week Essentials

BY BROOKE THOMPSON

The most dreaded and horrible part of the semester is almost here, Finals Week. It’s stressful, and most of the time, if something is going to go wrong, it will.

Here are some Finals Week essentials to remember to help your week go by a little smoother:

Writing Utensils
Make sure you have a back up pencil. It would be tragic to be stranded right before an exam with only your blood to write with.

Scantrons and Blue Books
If your professor says you need a scantron or blue book, get it before you forget. Make sure you know what number scantron you need and how many. There’s no excuse not to get one. They’re only 25 cents.

Notecards and Paper
When you’re studying, notecards could very well be your best friend. Get lots of them because usually you need way more than you thought you did. Paper is also good to have to write down little things that you may need to remember.

A Schedule
Figure out when you are going to eat, study and when your exams actually are. It would be tragic to miss something.

Coffee
If you are someone who gets sleepy when studying, get some coffee. It will pep you back up in no time.

Water
Don’t forget to stay hydrated during Finals Week. Lack of water can result in headaches and sluggishness.

Snacks
Granola bars, almonds, or whatever else you may like could be a perfect study snack if you are stuck at the library.

Sleep
You aren’t going to be at your best if you don’t get at least a little sleep.

Chargers
Don’t forget your computer or phone charger if you are going to be at the library for long periods of time. These are just a few items to help you get through the stress of Finals Week. Study hard and don’t be afraid to take a break every once in a while. After all, this is over, remember you’re that much closer to graduation.

Good luck everyone!

Read more of Cheryl’s story at reflectorgsu.com
Shooting Sports Education Center predominantly funded by student fees despite more usage by non-students

BY SHIANN SIVELL
The Georgia Southern University Shooting Sports Education Center is being used more by non-students than students, but students are paying for a larger portion of the budget than the public, Gene Sherry, campus recreation and intramurals executive director, said.

The question of the cost of the SSEC came into light at a GS Faculty Senate meeting in early April by English Professor Robert Costomiris. Costomiris said that building the Shooting Sports Education Center had been a matter of some debate, whether it was a wise decision to begin with and there were promises that it would be kind of a cost neutral place.

“Sixty-six percent of the Shooting Sports Education Center budget comes from RAC fees,” Costomiris said. “502 students use the SSEC on average per year, and if you take the $370,000 coming from RAC fees and divide it by the number of students, that’s $737 per student to use the Shooting Sports Education Center [per year].”

Costomiris said that the numbers were meaningless unless they are seen in the light of what the general public pays.

“There are 1,351 of the general public non-student members who contribute to the budget of the cost of the shooting center, and pay $193,000 per year. Divided by the 1,351 members, you come up with the cost of the general users as $142 per year, significantly less than what students themselves are contributing,” Costomiris said.

According to records provided by Sherry, the SSEC has an operating budget of $563,539. Of that, $369,751 comes from student RAC fees. The rest comes from outside sources fees from faculty or student’s spouses, partners or dependents, said Sherry.

Sherry said that the reason facilities like the SSEC allow the general public to generate revenue so that they can expand without increasing student fees.

“We were just using the existing RAC fee because of the growth of enrollment,” Sherry said. “To accommodate them and to expand recreational opportunities, we opened it [the SSEC] up to the public.”

Students speak
Many students like freshman Daniel Ethridge say he doesn’t mind paying the fees for facilities he doesn’t use like the SSEED.

“It’s good for those who are interested in it,” Ethridge said. “As long as it’s helping those people who use it enjoy it, I’m fine with it.”

Alyssa Knowls, senior Spanish major, said she uses the SSEC a lot and doesn’t mind that her fees are used to run it.

“If someone benefits from it in the future, then I have no problem with my money going towards it,” Knowls said. “It’s a great way to learn how to use firearms on campus and do it in a safe and protected environment.”

CREATOR CLUB TO HOST GAME FEST FRIDAY

BY TORI COLLINS

Creator Club is hosting Game Fest Friday at the Forest Drive Building room 1231 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Game Fest is a collaborative effort between the Digital Humanities Department and the Creator Club. The initiative of Game Fest is to showcase how gaming affects the human experience.

“GameFest will be a great opportunity for students to not only distress before finals but learn about the Digital Humanities Minor and Creator’s Club,” Keyshawn Housey, sophomore history major and Creator’s Club vice-president said.

Game Fest will feature two competitive tournaments, a Cards Against Humanity Tournament and a Super Smash Brothers Tournament. The winner of the Super Smash Brothers Tournament will win a Steam gift card and the winner of the Cards Against Humanity Tournament wins a deck of Cards Against Humanity.

“There are no requirements to be involved the Game Fest.”
Georgia Southern names new football announcer

BY BRENDAN WARD
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University has named their new football public address announcer.
Robbie Ross was selected as the new public address announcer after his audition at the Blue-White Spring Football Game. Ross has 25 years of experience in announcing both as a side-line and post-game reporter for Furman University Radio Network and as a play-by-play announcer for ESPN Coastal according to the press release.

Auditions were held for the football PA announcer job after Todd Deal, the long- time announcer for the Eagles, announced his retirement in February of this year.

Gleen Hart, Senior Associate Athletics Director for Fan Experience and Community Relations spoke about the process to pick the new announcer.

“We had an extensive process for selecting the next Voice of Paulson Stadium,” Hart said in a press release. “We had numerous quality candidates apply and it was hard to narrow the pool down to four. In the end, we thought Robbie did the best job and look forward to working with him starting this fall.”

Ross’ first announcing event will be at Fan Fest in August.

Georgia Southern conducting solar research

BY SHIANN SIVELL
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University professors are conducting solar energy research to determine the viability and cost-effectiveness of using solar energy as an energy source.

Department of mechanical engineering Assistant Professor David Calamas, Ph.D., and Associate Professor Biswanath Samanta, Ph.D. are trying to prove the benefit of using potential solar energy in the Statesboro area.

For the last three years, Calamas and his team have been able to record enough data to predict the sun’s power source potential hours in advance.

“We’re very accurate right now,” Calamas said in a press release. “Currently, we can predict incident solar energy accurately four hours in advance. For example, if we can show a power company the predicted solar potential for a specific time, say around 5 p.m., when people are getting off work, the companies can offset some of the costs by switching to solar power during those times.”

Calamas and Samanta began their research in 2014 when Calamas reached out to the Center for Sustainability to promote his team’s research idea. Calamas then earned a $31,424.75 grant funded by students sustainability fees from Georgia Power Company to cover the other necessary equipment and instruments required for accurate data and measurement recording.

“We have different types of instruments to measure the different types of solar energy,” Calamas said. “The goal is to determine what types of measurements we need to make the most accurate prediction into the future. The farther into the future we can predict, the better that is for a power company.”

Calamas teamed up with Brandon Kimmoms, the director of Computational Research Technical Support in the Division of Information Technology Services, to store this high quantity of data on a special server.

“By using our virtual server hosting solution, we were able to provide a reliable and secure way to access and store the data coming in from the Solar Tracker hardware,” Kimmoms said in the press release. “Once the data is logged and stored on the virtual server, it is then available for Calamas and Samanta to access for further analysis.

Calamas said that their research will take years to determine due to weather conditions. To make their research more accurate, they need to average out cloudy and rainy days in order to determine what an average day looks like for each day of each month.

Calamas said, “Just because it may have rained a lot this January doesn’t mean that’s historically true.”
One in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted while attending college. According to a 2015 report by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC), in addition to the report explaining that nearly 90 percent of sexual assault victims do not report the assault.

Here at Georgia Southern University, there have been at least 58 different reports of sexual and domestic crimes to the University Police Department (UPD) since 2012, according to documents obtained by The George-Anne.

These incident reports are mainly comprised of charges of sexual assault, rape, battery, sexual battery and domestic dispute.

In 2015, at least 22 reports of sexual or domestic violence were received by UPD, with 15 of the cases including domestic violence as either the primary charge or an accompanying charge. The state of Georgia defines domestic violence through the § 19-13-1 Family Violence legal code.

"As used in this article, the term "family violence" means the occurrence of one or more of the following acts between past or present spouses, persons who are parents of the same child, parents and children, stepparents and stepchildren, foster parents and foster children, or other persons living or formerly living in the same household:

(1) Any felony; or
(2) Commission of offenses of battery, sexual battery, simple assault, stalking, criminal damage to property, unlawful restraint, or criminal trespass," according to the GS Annual Security Report.

The Incident Report Process
Over the course of five years, GS UPD has logged over 58 incident reports involving domestic or sexual crimes.

UPD Chief Laura McCullough explained that an incident report does not imply guilt, but is merely an account of the events the responding officer witnessed.

"The initial incident report is taken by the responding officer, who also conducts the initial investigation. Asking questions and getting information, so that’s what we call the initial investigation," McCullough said in an interview on April 11. "If the case requires a more extensive investigation, then an investigator will take over as the lead for that investigation."

McCullough continued to describe the process that unfolds after the initial investigation, stating that a lead investigator may enlist the help of other officers and continue to gather testimonies, physical evidence, video surveillance or any other evidence there may be available, they compile their findings into a case file.

"[Once the case file is compiled] the determination is made as to how the case proceeds. Whether we have enough for some sort of criminal charges being brought, or whether we don’t," McCullough said. "A lot of times the decision may be that we don’t take any action because it either doesn’t fall under anything criminal or we don’t have enough evidence to prove it was something criminal."

One incident report in this data set initially reported four separate charges that were all dismissed after an investigation was conducted that spanned over 13 months, and ultimately ended with the accuser being charged with reporting a false crime and false testimony, according to university documents. However the NSVRC found in their 2015 report that false reports only make up two to 10 percent of total sexual assault crime reports in the U.S.

McCullough mentioned that while some of their investigations may lead to arrests, others may result in a judicial referral. UPD may also bring criminal cases to prosecuting attorneys, like the state solicitor or the district attorney, to get their input on whether a case can be prosecuted.

Reporting Sexual Assault
Victims of sexual assault are offered multiple options when deciding whether to report an assault or not. Victims always have the option to not report their case to UPD or the university, if they do not wish for the incident to be investigated, according to the GS Counseling Center website.

The counseling center website also outlines what someone should do if they believe that someone they know may have been the victim of a sexual assault.

- Always believe them and never blame them for the assault. It is never the victim’s fault.
- Support the victim’s decision to report or not report, seek medical services or not seek medical services. It is important that the victim of the assault is in control of their experience.
- There is no one way to react following a sexual assault. All emotional reactions are within the realm of normal behavior.

A review of domestic and sexual violence on GS Campus

UPD Incident Reports by Crime 2012-2017
Domestic and Sexual Crimes Reported to UPD by Location 2012-2017

- Offer to stay with the victim to provide support.

Jodi Caldwell, Director of the Counseling Center and Chair of the Georgia Southern Sexual Assault Response Team reiterated the importance of being there for a victim of sexual assault, but emphasized that the decision to report should ultimately be left to the victim.

“When somebody has been sexually assaulted they’ve already had their power taken away from them. Even though well intentioned, when a friend makes that report without the consent of the victim, you’re really taking that victim’s power away yet again,” Caldwell said in an interview on April 12.

Caldwell went on to explain that the goal of SART is to help the victim begin to feel empowered again. Caldwell also stated that the most helpful thing someone can do for a victim of sexual assault is listen to and believe in them.”

RESOURCES

If you or anyone you know has been affected by sexual assault, sexual violence, or rape, contact one of these numbers for assistance:

(912) 478-5234
Georgia Southern University Police Department

(866) 489-2225
The Teal House-Statesboro Regional Sexual Assault and Child Advocacy Center

(912) 478-5136
Georgia Southern University Equal Opportunity & Title IX Office

www.rainn.org
Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network
A Year In Review
2017-2018

July 1
Campus Carry goes into effect at all USG institutions

Aug. 21
Solar Eclipse takes places across most of the country

Sept. 2
Eagles open the football season at Auburn losing 41-7.

Sept. 10
Hurricane Irma makes landfall in the U.S., results in a week-long cancellation of classes at GS

Oct. 22
GS fires Tyson Summers as Head Football Coach; Chad Lunsford named interim Head Coach

Nov. 4
Eagles fall to Georgia State for the third straight year

Nov. 7
Jonathan McCollar wins Statesboro Mayoral Race

Nov. 10
Men’s Basketball open the season with a win over Wake Forest, 85-83

Nov. 18
Eagles beat South Alabama, 52-0, for first win of the season

Nov. 26
Two Georgia Southern Students killed in I-16 crash
Nov. 27
Chad Lunsford named Head Football Coach

Feb. 16
Eagles beat Georgia State at Hanner Fieldhouse

Feb. 19
Mark Byington, men’s basketball coach, gets contract extension

Mar. 9
Sweetheart Shuttle route added

Dec. 2
Eagles finish season with loss to Coastal Carolina, 2-10 record

Jan. 1
Georgia Southern consolidation becomes official

Jan. 20
Second annual Women’s March takes place in Statesboro

Feb. 4
Former Eagle Edwin Jackson passes away in Indianapolis

Mar. 24
March For Our Lives takes place at GS

Mar. 28
Tookie Brown declares for 2018 NBA Draft

Apr. 3
Annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event takes place

Apr. 5
Jarvis Steele and Amber Monkou win SGA Elections

Apr. 12
Spring 2018 commencement speakers announced

Apr. 14
GS Spring Game takes place at Paulson
The Best Decision of My Life

I have been able to perfect my craft throughout my time in Student Media. I have learned what it takes to be a reporter, an editor and a leader. It was not an easy journey to become Editor-in-Chief, but it wouldn’t have been possible without a couple of people that I can’t say “thank you” enough. Ian and Robert became some of my best friends simply arguing about basketball and my constant love for Miami sports. We joined together and although we are not leaving at the same time, I wouldn’t have it any other way. I can’t talk about Robert without mentioning Cheryl. She and I became EICs together and are leaving together. Although we are all the time, you have made me a better person, editor and friend.

Tandra, Matthew, Blakeley, Brendan, McClain, Thomas, Annie, Ashley and Ian have been the best editorial board I could have asked for. Although we might have disagreed at times, you made my job so much enjoyable and easy. The late nights after layout are some of my favorite times at GS.

Ashton, Brett, Coy, Christa, Emma, Katie, Shiana, Tori, Tamara, Cayley, Rebecca, Julia and any other staff member I worked with this past year, thank you for making this year one of the best in my life.

Gorla, Price, Jeff, Macy, Casey, Cydney, Meg, Taisha, Kiara, D.J., Sammi and David thank you for your help throughout these four years. I definitely couldn’t have done it without each and every one of you.

Dr. K and Dr. Broadway. I will miss going to your office whenever I needed help on a story. I promise I won’t bother you, as much, once I graduate. You are the reason I enjoyed going to class everyday.

Finally, thank you Georgia Southern for allowing us to inform you every day. We might not be the best, but we try our best. There is an old slogan in The George-Anne that summarizes my experience. “We publish, with the paper in my hand, by many, Cursed by Some...Read By Them All,” and I wouldn’t have it any other way.

STUM 3030: Advanced Stockholm Syndrome

It’s hard to summarize my time at The George-Anne. It’s been equal parts my greatest blessing and most brutal torment. I owe so much to this organization but there have been times it’s brought me to my knees in frustration. It’s a thankless job, the hours are long and the problems are never ending. When I look back on it, my tenure here has just been one long ceaseless disaster. But it’s hard to complain (not for lack of trying mind you), I could have left whenever I wanted. I chose to stay.

My introduction to Student Media was a mistake, I made countless more while working here and who knows how many await me once I leave. For better or worse Student Media has been a constant these past few years to the point that I can’t even begin to imagine what my college life would have been like without it. Student Media gives as much as it takes. My time here has set me up for success unlike anything else here who’ve helped me grow, and change and lit a fire under my ass when I needed it and comforted me even when I acted like I didn’t want it. I stayed because of Macy and Price, and Gorla and Heather. I stayed because of Matt and Meg, and D.J. and Kiara I stayed because of Cheryl and Annie, and Thomas and McClain and Casey and Feebles and so many more people that I wish I could name.

And although my beginnings here may have been a bit unorthodox, I know that many of Student Media’s alumni share this same sentiment. Wonderful and talented people have roamed these halls, and I hope to be counted among their ranks one day, but even if I’m not, that’s okay. This will always be the best mistake I’ve ever made.
**Diary of a Drunk English Major**

**CHERYL NUZUM**

Nuzum is a senior English major from Stockbridge, Ga.

Dear Diary,

My time at Georgia Southern has come to an end. I’d like to think it was my hard work and dedication that got me through the last five (yes, five) years of college, but if I’m being honest, it wasn’t. I have to give some credit to El Jal, Gnat’s, Dingus, Eagle Creek, Shenan’s, Wolf, City, or whatever the hell it’s now called, for fueling me along the way. In the beginning I started out with iced coffees and lattes but quickly learned tequila is the way to go. Ninety-nine percent of my Latin homework got finished sipping margaritas on a patio. I wrote half my senior seminar paper sitting at a table in a brewery. Some of my greatest academic achievements occurred while I sat on my back patio, beer in one hand, book in the other.

Ultimately, I think that’s how Hemingway preferred his stories read. I learned a lot here at Georgia Southern. I read authors I had never heard of. Got involved in projects I didn’t know existed. Fell in love with academia in a way I certainly never imagined. This whole future thing is pretty scary, but I think I’ll be okay. I’ll never forget the books that I read or the pitchers I downs, but it’s the friends I spent the happiest of hours with that I’ll never forget.

Cheryl Nuzum
Class of ‘18
#tequila #margaritas

**EXIT STAGE LEFT**

**LAUREN GRIZZELL**

Grizzell is a senior public relations major from Stockbridge, Ga.

As I prepare for graduation and moving into the next phase of my life, I would like to share with you some tips that I have learned during my college career.

**GET INVOLVED**

This is a common statement that you will hear many times during your college career but that is because it is so important. Getting involved with any kind of organization lets you meet new people and gives you a reason to stay in college when it starts to feel like passing a class is impossible.

**DON’T BE AFRAID TO TRY SOMETHING NEW**

Whether it is going to the new restaurant that your friend has been talking about or going to an event on campus that you saw in the flyer for on your way to class, try something new. Don’t be afraid to step out your comfort zone.

**BUILD A RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR PROFESSORS**

I know we all have that one professor that we can not stand but I promise you that building a relationship with the professors in your major can help you in the years to come. Your professors can be your biggest advocates when it comes to getting into grad school or getting your first job. Life is all about networking and this is one networking opportunity that you do not want to miss out on.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported me throughout my time here at Georgia Southern and who have made the last four years such a memorable and cherished time.

Lauren Grizzell

**A LETTER TO GEORGIA SOUTHERN**

**TAMARA PRICE**

Price is a senior multimedia communications major from McDonough, Ga.

Dear Georgia Southern,

My time here has been long, but great. I’ve had so many experiences that taught me about myself more than anything, and I couldn’t be more grateful. I remember my Move-In Day like it was yesterday. Now I’m a senior. Boy does time fly. I came to you Aug. 15, 2014, and every year since has taught me something special.

My freshman year was a crazy one, and it introduced me to something I never fully had. Freedom. Through this freedom, I learned how to experience life and have fun. All I can remember from freshman year was having fun. And getting drunk.

My sophomore year taught me about my true passion. It taught me that things don’t have to be routine or how they always have been. It taught me that change is good. I joined The Circle that year. And I changed my major. I don’t regret it one bit.

My junior year taught me that hard work pays off. I made the Dean’s List two semesters in a row, and worked my way to being Content Editor for The Circle. But the most rewarding thing about my junior year was learning that people from many different backgrounds can come together. I joined Phi Sigma Pi that semester, and made friends that I’ll cherish forever. #PeaceUpATauDown

Now that my senior year has come to an end, I’ve been able to be Editor-in-Chief of a division I’ve seen grow tremendously. I’ve taken some of the hardest classes of my life, but got through them and learned so much along the way. “Sings” Finessoserrrrrr. It hasn’t fully hit me that I’m about to have a degree and step foot into the “real world.” But I’m ready, or at least I hope so.

My senior year has not only taught me how to be a leader, but it taught me how to believe in myself. I know that anywhere I go, I’ll be ready for the obstacles that come. So now, Georgia Southern, it is time for me to say goodbye. Thank you for everything you’ve taught me. I’ll never forget you, and I hope you never forget me.

Yours Truly,
Tamara Price

**PEACE OUT, GEORGIA SOUTHERN**

**ELEXIS MOSLEY**

Mosley is a senior public relations major from Stockbridge, Ga.

“Whatever doesn’t kill you makes you stronger.”

This year I have overcome the biggest obstacle of my life...Being pregnant. Never in a million years did I think I would be pregnant during my senior year of college, but it turned out to be the best thing to ever happen to me. My baby girl is literally the greatest feeling in life. I was motivated before to graduate, but my baby girl motivated me even more to graduate this semester. I have accomplished so much this year, a lot of things that I didn’t even think possible. From joining the absolute greatest sorority in the world, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. to having a mini ball of perfection that is my child! This has been a year of learning indefinitely. I have learned so much about myself. Being at Georgia Southern has taught me many things. From chugging a beer to planning a campaign to finish. I’m grateful for the experience and thankful for the memories. During my time here I’ve met some of the most amazing people and some of them have become like family to me. I am forever grateful for that. Some of my favorite memories came from doing stuff I would not normally do. Second piece of advice, failures and mistakes happen. It is apart of life and college. They are meant for you to learn from them. Third piece of advice, when you see me cross that stage just know I did for myself, my baby girl and my family. Peace out and HAIL SOUTHERN!
**MVP'S**

**MEN'S SOCCER**

**JAVIER CARBONELL**  (junior)

The midfielder led the Sun Belt in assists per game (.53) earning him Sun Belt Newcomer of the Year and First Team All-Sun Belt honors. Carbonell also picked up four goals which was second on the team.

**WOMEN'S SOCCER**

**SARAH PRICE**  (senior)

Though she didn’t lead the team in scoring, Price came in clutch in the Sun Belt tournament with a game-winning goal in the quarterfinals against Troy. The forward finished second on the team in goals with four and game-winning goals with three.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

**ALEXIS BROWN**  (sophomore)

The first team All-Sun Belt guard led the league in scoring with nine PPG and 3.7 rebounds per game. Brown also had a great performance in the Sun Belt tournament first round game against Louisiana with 17 points and going 5-8 from the free-throw line.

**WOMEN'S GOLF**

**ELLA OFSTEDAL**  (sophomore)

The sophomore from England leads the team with a .76 season average and has three top 10 finishes.

**SOFTBALL**

**HANNAH FARRELL**  (junior)

Farrell leads the team with a .333 batting average and has hit eight home runs. She also has 17 RBIs for the Eagles.

**BASEBALL**

**MASON McWHORTER**  (sophomore)

McWhorter has picked up where he left off last season with a team leading six home runs and 25 RBIs. He also is second on the team at batting percentage with .368.

**FOOTBALL**

**MONDUAVION BRINSON**  (sophomore)

In a down year on defense, the cornerback still had a great season leading the Sun Belt in interceptions with five. The second team All-Sun Belt player also finished second in the league in pass breakups with 12.
NO. 22 RAGIN CAJUNS UNABLE TO SWEEP THE EAGLES

Georgia Southern Softball visited the #22 ranked Ragin’ Cajuns of Louisiana over the weekend. Despite dropping the series, the Eagles were able to come away with one win over the ranked Sun Belt foe.

Game One: GS 0, UL 2
The Eagles dropped game one of the double header Saturday by a narrow margin, despite a great outing from freshman pitcher Rylee Waldrep, who held the nationally-ranked team to just two runs.

The Eagles offense was unable to muster up any runs, getting stifled by the Ragin’ Cajun pitching.

Game Two: GS 3, UL 2 (Final/8)
Georgia Southern came away with their first road win against a nationally ranked team in program history during the second game of Saturday’s double header.

Sophomore Shelby Wilson provided a solo home run in the top of the first inning, setting the tone for the Eagles. In what was a back and forth battle, GS saw their lead diminish in the bottom half of the first, trailing 1-2. In the third inning, however, they would get that run back and tie the game.

In the eighth inning, the first extra inning of the affair, junior Hannah Farrell drove what would be the game-winning run with a double.

In the winning effort, the Eagles had great pitching by the senior Kierra Camp.

Game Three: GS 0, UL 9 (Final/5)
In the final game of the three game series, the Eagles were unable to get any runs or stop the Ragin’ Cajun offense.

All nine UL runs were scored in the second and the third innings. In the second inning, five runs were plated and in the third, four runs were plated. Despite the loss, the Eagles still took one game in the series, which can help with momentum going into the tournament.

What’s Next?
The Eagles host arch-rival Appalachian State with a double header on April 28, and a game on April 29. The final home series of the season is set to start at 1 p.m. Saturday.
This weekend, the Georgia Southern track and field team competed in the Georgia Tech Invitational in Atlanta. This was one of the final events for the Eagles before the Sun Belt Tournament on May 11 and the team did very well.

Junior Sholonda Snell started the successful weekend for GS by placing third in the 800 meter race with a two minute, 11.12-second run. This was her third top 10 finish in the event this season.

In the same event, Sophomore Elunde Montgomery finished 14th with a two minute, 16.28-second run.

Later on in the meet, Snell continued to shine with a four minute, 43.85-second, top 20 finish in the 1,500 meter run. Montgomery earned a top-30 finish in the same event with a four minute, 49.85-second run.

Off the track, junior Detrich Lodge earned a top-5 finish in the long jump with a personal best 5.60 meter jump. Senior Eugenia Tan also placed nineteenth in the event with a 5.29 meter jump, one of her worst of the season.

In the shot put, junior Alexis Gant finished ninth with a 13.08 meter throw, her second best of the season and senior Jamelia Owens had the best discus throw of the season with a 13.58 meter throw, earning her tenth place.

The Eagles will travel to Philadelphia to compete in the Penn Relays hosted by the University of Pennsylvania which begins Thursday, April 26.

Women’s team
After their upset of Louisiana in the first round of the Women’s Tournament, the Georgia Southern women’s tennis team saw their season come to a close at the hands of Troy Friday.

The Eagles fell behind 1-0 after dropping the doubles matches, and saw things increasingly get worse in the early goings of singles play when the Trojans were able to extend their lead to 3-0.

Sophomore Paula Boixader dropped her first set in singles, but battled back to take her match to cut the Troy lead to 3-1. Freshman Mila Hartig made it a 3-2 contest after picking up a clutch victory on court six, but that would prove to be all the Eagles had left in the tank.

Troy clinched the match with another singles victory and claimed the 4-2 victory over the Eagles.

The loss ends what was one of the most successful seasons in Georgia Southern program history, where they end the year with a 14-7 overall record, and can look forward to returning seven out of the eight girls that played this season.

Men’s team
Friday afternoon marked the end of the Georgia Southern men’s tennis team’s season, where they were defeated 4-3 in heartbreaking fashion by Troy in the Sun Belt Championship Tournament.

The day started as well as the Eagles could have hoped for in doubles play, where they were able to claim wins on both courts and head into the singles matches leading the Trojans 1-0. Sophomores Stefano Di Aloy and Murphy Mzoulough carried on the blue and white’s momentum, extending the Eagle lead to 3-0 following their victories in their respective matchups.

GS needed just one more point to clinch their victory, but the Trojans were not backing down, they battled back from behind, gathering up enough points with their late singles victories to send the Eagles home with a loss.

The loss marked the end of a 13-13 season for the Eagles, but one in which they can be proud of, defeating rivals, specifically Georgia State, who they had not beaten in over 20 years.

“Troy was a tough opponent, but I’m proud of our team and what we accomplished this year,” Head Coach Sander Koning told gseagles.com.

Koning was also named Sun Belt Co-Coach of the Year this season, his fourth with the team.
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