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Organization Spotlight

Georgia Southern
Relay For Life/Colleges Against Cancer

RFL/GSU is an organization designed by the American Cancer Society to involve college students in the fight against cancer. RFL/GSU services our fellow students and community by way of cancer education, survivorship, advocacy awareness, fundraising and research. We are dedicated to making our House a Cancer Free house!

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Brandon Collins won the GSU Idol with his outstanding performance throughout the night

Brandon Collins

Winner: Brandon Collins

Georgia Southern University Idol

Six Scary Movies to Watch for Halloween

In just a few short weeks, everyone will get ready to celebrate the spookiest time of the year. Kids get to go trick or treating, teenagers get to go to a Halloween party and people are carving pumpkins. There are decorations, festivities and memories to be made. An all time favorite activity to do during October is binge-watch horror films, and there are certain movies you shouldn’t miss.

1. Halloween
2. IT (2017)
3. The Insidious movies
4. Haunting in Connecticut Two
5. Nightmare Before Christmas
6. The Boy

By Alexi Simpson

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My Anime Roommate Pt. 5

Hey Kimiko, we're going to a party?

You doing anything tonight?

Good, you can do.

I'm studying for midterms!

Major Slacker 2

It's homecoming week! Have some free candy and don't forget to vote April for queen!

Take a free T-shirt and vote April for homecoming queen!

Free jetski! Vote for June!

Did you remember to vote?

Vote for what?

Midterms

Hey! How are midterms going? Why are you on the roof?

From now on you will say nothing ever.

Conner J Kirsch
QUEER BAITING

Reeling in Gay Stereotypes

Pros and Cons

I recently learned that the core of queer baiting actually outweighs the pros. In most television shows or movies there is a stereotype created by queer baiting: gay men are usually portrayed as very feminine or promiscuous. As for gay women there often exemplified as masculine. Most of the time actors that play a gay role usually aren’t gay. If anything the act of queer baiting is bringing people back to that closed mindset. Reiterating popular gay stereotypes is what keeps America from moving forward. At one point in time there was a misconception that all gay men had AIDS. Now, it’s the misconception that gays don’t act like the sex they were born as. Now that I think about it, how is a male “supposed” to act? How is a male “supposed” to walk and talk? In my opinion these are stereotypes we’ve built over time. At the end of the day, a gay person is still a person. Queer baiting is no different than the black girl character to get more attention from the black community. I would’ve been more likely to watch, because I am a black female. Here’s what some members of the Gay-Straight Alliance had to say about the topic.

Your View:

“It depends on the context, for the sole purposes of soliciting gay viewership, I think that gay baiting isn’t a front to the culture. But, I think as far as the portrayal of gay people on television, I think that it’s kind of aiding and moving us in the right direction as a country, and so I guess there can be two sides of it. It just depends on the extent to which these people are exploiting the gay community,” Cesar Maceira, academic advisor for the College of Arts and Humanities said. “I think the only positive of queer baiting is that it makes for a good plot line. Everybody wants the drama of, ‘Oh are they really or are they not?’ and another good thing is that, with kids shows you can’t always be clear and evident with the fact that they are gay or queer in any way and so queer baiting kinda gives you the avenue to have representation without having the executive criticism put on you.” Ashley Jones, associate professor of Communication at Georgia Southern University, said. “I was raised not to say it. I’m black. I don’t use it anymore, because I’ve grown into the point of why do I need to use it?”. Courtney Wooden, junior psychology major

“I definitely feel like it should be used with caution. I don’t want people outside of my race to use it. I do use it sometimes but I definitely wouldn’t use it around people outside of my race.” Cameron Wiring, freshman math major

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“I was raised not to say it. My biggest opinion is anything can say what they want to say, I’d rather no one say it if someone had to say it to you to understand where it came from.” Rebecca Williams, freshman electrical engineering major

“You have some black people who are use to white people saying it, because they grew up in those environments. Another barrier is we get mad at people singing it, but you have people of our culture who keep pushing it in their music.” Lavonnda Houston, senior, health education major

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A RUNDOWN OF GEORGIA SOUTHERN’S SUSTAINABILITY RESOURCES COMPARED TO OTHER CAMPUSES

BY RACHEL ADAMS
The Georgia-Anne staff

Colleges across the country are working hard to become more green by adding a variety of sustainability resources to their campuses.

Georgia Southern University, Georgia State University and the University of Georgia share several resources, but some are exclusive to Georgia Southern.

Georgia Southern

Only Georgia Southern has separate containers for approved materials, such as mixed paper, aluminum cans, cardboard and mixed metal and plastic. Georgia State and UGA use the same bins for all recyclable materials.

Georgia Southern also participates in GreenFest, which is a sustainability celebration held every year in downtown Statesboro that highlights the importance of sustainability and educates visitors about going green.

This year’s GreenFest will take place on Oct. 6. Last year, the event garnered over 1,700 visitors, Lissa Leego, director of the Center for Sustainability, said.

Georgia Southern has several ways students can get involved with sustainability and going green. There are separate containers on campus for approved materials, such as mixed paper, aluminum cans, cardboard and mixed metal and plastic.

Georgia Southern also has numerous ways students can get involved with sustainability and going green.

“We have a whole variety of ongoing programs, like our campus community garden program, where students can grow their own food right in the middle of campus,” Leego said.

Other sustainability opportunities include a seminar series every year, where sustainability speakers from all over the country are brought in to teach Georgia Southern students about the subject, and No Impact Week, which takes place in April and stresses the importance of sustainability awareness.

Shared resources

Georgia Southern and UGA are certified Green Ribbon Schools. The Green Ribbon award, established in 2011, recognizes schools that work to make their campuses more sustainable and energy-efficient.

Both campuses have bike repair stations on their campuses for students to fix issues such as flat tires and broken chains.

Construction of Hanner Health and Kinesiology Research Center begins

BY RACHEL ADAMS
The Georgia-Anne staff

Construction of the new Hanner Health and Kinesiology Research Center began on Sept. 24 at the Hanner Complex, with the old pool building in the complex being renovated to make room for the center.

The center is being built to provide more space for labs and research.

“We have some space limitations with our current labs. The new labs allow us to expand opportunities for faculty and students,” Barry Joyner, dean of the Waters College of Health Professions, said.

“Additionally, the current biomechanics laboratory is located in a gym that could be better utilized by academics and athletics if we could convert back to a gym.”

According to an email from Matthew Shingler, director of facility planning design and construction, the completed center will be 10,000 square feet.

The construction will cost an estimated $5 million dollars, and the capital funding is coming from the Board of Regents, the email said.

Construction is expected to be complete by June 2019.

FIRST PRESIDENTIAL ALERT TEST SENT NATIONWIDE

BY MATTHEW ENFINGER
The Georgia-Anne staff


According to fema.gov, at approximately 2:18 p.m. an alert was sent nationally to cell phones that are connected to wireless providers participating in Wireless Electronic Alerts.

The message read, “THIS IS A TEST of the National Wireless Emergency Alert System. No action is needed.”

More about the Emergency Alert System

According to fema.gov, the WEA is a national public warning system that requires WEA participants via radio and television broadcasters, cable systems, satellite radio and television providers and wireline video providers to provide President Donald Trump with the communications capability to address the nation during a national emergency.

In the event of a national emergency, a Presidential WEA would be issued at the direction of the President and/or his/her designee, and activated by FEMA.

Only EAS compatible cell phones that are switched on and within range of an active cell tower and whose wireless provider participates in EAS will be capable of receiving the test message, according to fema.gov.

According to fema.gov, users cannot opt out of receiving the WEA test.

The EAS is based upon the War Powers Act provision of the Communications Act of 1934, which provides presidential access to commercial communications during “a state of public peril or disaster or other national emergency.”

The test will only be in English as WEA currently only supports messages in English at this time, according to fema.gov.

The public can send FEMA comments on the nationwide EAS-WEA test to FEMA-National-Test@fema.dhs.gov.

For more information visit fema.gov
Birds found dead on Statesboro campus after flying into buildings

BY EMMA SMITH
The Georgia-Anne Staff

Birds have been found dead on Georgia Southern University’s Statesboro campus as a result of flying into the windows of buildings. The GS biology department first tweeted about the issue on Sept. 20 saying the campus needs bird-friendly glass.

Any type of glass can be a threat to birds, but larger buildings are the biggest threat since they are the most reflective, Ray Chandler, an ornithologist and biology professor said.

“Any type of glass can be a threat to birds, but larger buildings are the biggest threat since they are the most reflective,” Chandler said. “The degree to which [the glass] is reflective, different things that essentially cut down on the number of glass on campus. Bird-friendly glass is glass with reduced reflectivity, which helps reduce window kills, Chandler said.

“One solution to birds flying into windows is for the university to install bird-friendly glass on campus. Bird-friendly glass is glass with reduced reflectivity, which helps reduce window kills, Chandler said. “You can change the chemical composition, you can coat the glass, you can do a lot of different things that essentially cut down on the degree to which [the glass] is reflective,” Chandler said. “That makes it look less like a mirror and therefore less likely for birds to fly into it.”

Scott Courdin, a curator at the Center of Wildlife Education, said people have tried several methods to reduce incidents like this. “People will put decoys like Great Horned Owls or Red-tail Hawks on buildings to keep birds away,” Courdin said. “The most common way [to keep birds away] is applying things to the windows, like stickers, decals, that type of thing.”

Courdin said despite these efforts, birds flying into buildings is an age-old issue that has never been completely resolved. “Reflections and clear glass are an issue for birds,” Courdin said. “If there’s glass and a bird can see through it, it thinks it can fly through.”

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Georgia Southern foreign languages faculty member presented with medal from home country

BY SHIANN SIVELL
The Georgia-Anne Staff

Georgia Southern foreign languages faculty member Olga Amarie, Ph.D., recently received the Alexei Mateevici Commemorative Medal.

“Language is [still] a very sensitive topic for Moldovans,” Amarie said. “People were divided. They didn’t know which language to speak. Half of the country would say that they speak Moldovan, where the other half would say they speak Romanian.”

Amarie said she did not know that she was going to receive the medal and that she felt honored. “It gives me energy every time I think about my country, my home,” Amarie said. “If I recite one of [Mateevici’s] poems, it gives me wings to work and do something.”

Recently, Amarie translated “Soulful Travels through Childhood,” an autobiography by Ioan Găină, with assistance from Margaret Geddy, a graduate English major at GS.

“As she was translating [the book], she would send me the English version,” Geddy said. “I would go through it sentence by sentence and smooth out any of the confusions that happen when you translate from a different language.”

Amarie and Geddy said they are currently looking for a publisher in the United States to publish the autobiography.
**Dog Park Grand Opening Set for This Weekend**

**By Tori Collins**
The Georgia-Anne Staff

Blue Mile and the Humane Society of Bulloch County will open a new dog park in Statesboro Saturday morning. The 1.83-acre park will have two fenced-in sides for both large and small dogs, as well as water stations and exercise equipment for dogs. Different features are still in the works. “We were fortunate enough that the Blue Mile Foundation that won the America’s Best Community award sponsored the fence,” Allen Muldrew, executive director of the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority, said. “And then we were fortunate enough to partner with the Humane Society, and they’re selling bricks to help raise funds for things like water and signage and things like that.” Youth Leadership Bulloch is also sponsoring two pavilions, which should be built by the end of the year.

Visitors can either visit the park by walking down the Blind Willie McTell trail or by parking on-site at 20 East Cherry St.

There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony to open the park, at 11 a.m., and the event will be hosted by Main Street Statesboro.

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**Georgia Southern Biology Alumna Conducting Research in Iceland**

**By Tori Collins**
The Georgia-Anne Staff

A Georgia Southern University biology alumna moved to Iceland to conduct aquaculture research and earn a master’s degree at Hólar University.

Amber Monroe is a 2016 graduate who moved to northern Iceland in May to fulfill a childhood dream of conducting research in the field of aquaculture and fish biology research. “I absolutely love attending Hólar. It is a small university, so we know each other well, and we often get together to do group activities such as swimming and hanging out at our local pub,” Monroe said. “We are also supportive of everyone’s research projects, so we often work together to help each other out.”

The experiments Monroe conducts are designed to understand the growth and metabolism of lumpfish and coldwater fish that help control sea lice. “This is important because a few studies on other fish species have suggested that low levels of ammonia can actually be beneficial to the growth of the fish. Additionally, if lumpfish are shown to tolerate higher water levels of carbon dioxide and ammonia, it is potentially useful for higher stocking densities in aquaculture programs,” Monroe said.

Monroe says lumpfish are resilient creatures, and that they are unbothered by carbon dioxide in the water. “I think it will be interesting to observe how the carbon dioxide and ammonia interact when used together,” Monroe said. “I’m looking forward to working with them in this new project.”
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Register online at crtsu/truebluerun or the Member Services Desk in the RAC.
The number of emotional support animals being registered on college campuses is on the rise and Georgia Southern University is no exception.

According to records obtained by the GS records department, spring 2018 saw the largest number of emotional support animals in the residence halls since 2013. Twenty-six emotional support animals and two service animals made one of eight Statesboro campus residence halls their home last year.

The first emotional support animals were admitted to GS in Fall of 2013, according to an email sent by Peter Blutreich, executive director of University Housing.

Housing and the Student Accessibility Resource Center often work hand in hand when it comes to looking over applications for emotional support animals.

“University Housing works to provide a safe and comfortable living environment for all our students,” Blutreich said in an email. “We want to set the foundation for students’ success when students live with us on campus.”

Though there is not one set place for students with emotional support animals to live on either campus, Blutreich said in an email, “We want to actually know what the issue is that we’re accommodating.”

“People think that emotional support animals are the same as service dogs but about all types of assistance animals,” Tumminello said.

“The importance of all assistance animals, including emotional support animals. We try to educate the public on why specifically a dog would be a good fit, what kind of issues I was having, how a dog would alleviate those issues, stuff like that,” Heard said.

Housing approved it within a week, according to Angel Tumminello, president of STEP. Said. “They think that animals are the same as service dogs and they’re not,” Iesha Murphy, vice president of STEP.

“The SARC and University Housing aren’t the only places on campus dealing with emotional support and service animals. The Service Dog Training and Education Program club takes the idea of raising puppies a step further by raising them to be service animals.”

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KELLY WOODRUFF
Director of SARC

“The SARC is a one stop shop for all things dealing with accessibility, including emotional support animals.”

According to Kelly Woodruff, director of the SARC, that’s what most students come to the center for.

“A lot of times many of the students who request an ESA, that’s all they want from our office. Now occasionally we get students who would also like test accommodations but the vast majority of students who ask for an ESA, that’s all they want,” Woodruff said.

Emotional support animals are often dogs and cats, but have been lizards, mice, rabbits and even a chameleon in the past. The only animals that are not allowed to be in housing are animals classified as exotic by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, according to Woodruff.

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The SARC doesn’t have a minimum or maximum amount of emotional support animal or student applications that they have to see a year. Woodruff encourages anybody who is interested in emotional support animal accommodations or any other accommodations to reach out to the office.

In most cases, applications for emotional support animals are approved in a day or two. The most common reason why applications are rejected is because the letters from doctors or therapists are too vague.

“A doctor can’t just write,’this person has a medical condition’, we have to actually know what the issue is that we’re accommodating,” Woodruff said.
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CARBONELL, DAVIE SHINE AS MEN’S SOCCER BEATS FLORIDA ATLANTIC

BY KAITLIN SELLS
The Georgia-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern men’s soccer team pulled out a hard fought 3-1 win over Florida Atlantic University Tuesday, breaking their two-loss slump. The Eagles looked a little shaky in the beginning of the first half as they had trouble possessing and keeping control of the ball. They played a panicked game which cost them to lose possession to FAU who were passing circles around the Eagles for the first 15 minutes of play.

A quick one touch goal from freshman forward Adam Davie in the 2nd minute of play seemed to snap the Eagles out of their funk as from there GS marched forward with momentum. The momentum build paid off as senior forward Javier Carbonell found the back of the net off a quick use of his shoulder to finish a corner kick in the 30th minute of play.

The score remained the same throughout the first half and the Eagles headed into the locker room with a 2-0 lead over FAU. The Eagles came out in the second half with the same momentum they finished the first with, this time being the ones passing circles around their opponent. They were sharp on the ball and quick to play all while building the final score.

As the score remained 2-0 for the majority of the half the game grew to be an aggressive one as the referee had to speak to many players separately and gave out two yellow cards in the second half. Carbonell sealed the Eagles’ win when he tallied his 12th goal of the season off a one-on-one breakaway shot with at the 77th minute of play.

The Eagle defense was solid throughout the match. Led by senior forward Javier Carbonell, three from both Davie and freshman Samuel Mayer and one a piece from Talavera, sophomore Kareem Gharbi and freshman Joshua Deane.

The Eagles will be back in action Saturday as they travel to Howard for their first Sun Belt match of the season.

WITH NEW HEAD COACH AND RETURNING TALENT, SWIM AND DIVE HOPES FOR INSPIRED SEASON

BY MCCLAIN BAXLEY
The Georgia-Anne staff

When head swimming and diving coach Amanda Caldwell took the job at Georgia Southern in May, there was a new sense of buzz around the program. Caldwell came to the Eagles from Rice University where she helped the Owls win three Conference-USA titles.

“I was very intentional when I was looking for jobs, I knew I wanted to be a head coach,” Caldwell said.

“We had a lot of meetings,” Caldwell said. “We had a team retreat that we started off after the first week of school. A lot of that was learning how to communicate—communicate with each other, communicate one’s needs, how to talk about your fears, set your own goals and boundaries.”

Caldwell lamented in the low goal setting of the team. Coming from a team that had rotating swimmers on the podium, Caldwell knew she had to plant a belief in the Eagles of how great they could be.

And it started with the athletes buying into what the new coaching staff was trying to do.

“The majority of my team has a lot of experience, especially the seniors and juniors. They want to know why we’re doing what we’re doing,” Caldwell said. “And that’s the most important question every human being has is, ‘What’s it in for me?’ So them being able to ask those questions and being able to figure out what’s going on, they get more buy in.”

With such a veteran team, Caldwell has already seen growth in many of the swimmers, both in and out of the pool. Once Caldwell had the values and mindset right with her team, the focus was shifted to in-pool action, where again the older swimmers are expected to play important roles.

“Our senior class is very talented and there’s a lot of scorers in there coming back,” Caldwell said. “I’ve been really pleased with Anna Kassis and Anna Moore with their training over the summer. They stuck around and I got to meet six of them over the summer. I’m really excited in what I’ve seen in training from Brie Stuart and Courtney Schafer. They’re ready to go hard already and we have time.”

The schedule lends itself to success with their first meet this weekend against a talented SCAD team. Caldwell made sure though to keep a familiar competition on the schedule by adding Conference-USA’s Tulane.

“They have a new coach as well - she came from the University of Florida,” Caldwell said. “They are someone who is toward the top of their conference.”

The Eagles start their season in Savannah against SCAD, but their first home meet isn’t too far down the road with UNC-Ashville coming to the GS Aquatic Center Oct. 19 for a CCSA competition. GS travels to Campbell the following week for another stout CCSA school.

“UNC-Ashville and Campbell are two teams that have good coaches with some studs on their team and that’s going to really get our girls to level up,” Caldwell said.

“This GS team has experience in the water, on the boards and now has a self-belief in themselves. It’s going to be a long season with the CCSA Championships not until mid-February but Caldwell is pleased in the maturity shown from her team so far.

“We have a lot of personalities on the team, which keeps it interesting, keeps it fun,” Caldwell said. “We have the talent there. We just have to believe it.”

I wanted an opportunity to step in somewhere and grow it. Amanda Caldwell
Head Coach

After finishing no higher than third in the Coastal Collegiate Sports Association in the past six seasons, there was noticeable room for improvement with the GS team. Fortunately for Caldwell, there was a base of talent and experience facing her in the locker room.

With 16 juniors and seniors on the 2018-2019 roster, the talent was there, but the new head coach wanted to first boost her team’s character and mentality before heading to the water.
Jaguars come to Statesboro looking to put last year’s blowout behind them

BY RYAN KOSTENSKY

After their thrilling win at home against Arkansas State University, a game that went back-and-forth and down to the wire until the very end, the Eagles look to continue their winning ways as they welcome in Sun Belt foe, South Alabama University.

South Alabama travels to the friendly confines of Paulson Stadium leading the West Division of the conference, despite a 1-4 record, and look to slow down the upstart Eagles.

Georgia Southern leads the all-time series 4-0, including a 52-0 drubbing of the Jaguars by a then winless GS team in Statesboro in 2017. Under new Head Coach, Steve Campbell, South Alabama has played better on the offensive side of the ball as compared to the defense. The offense is ranked 100th out of the 130 teams in Division-1 FBS football, averaging 24.4 points per game. The Jaguars are led by senior quarterback Evan Orth, who’s thrown for 1014 yards with six touchdowns to just two interceptions. Most of the yards on the ground are gained by running back Tra Minter and wide receiver Kawaan Baker. The duo has combined for over 300 rushing yards and eight touchdowns. Baker also leads the team in receiving touchdowns with three.

South Alabama comes into the game ranked 127th out of the 130 teams on the defensive side of the ball, allowing on average 44 points per game. In three of their losses, the opponent scored 50 or more points, including at No. 25 Oklahoma State, where they lost 55-13, Group of Five powerhouse Memphis, where they would lose 52-35, and the Sun Belt front-runner, Appalachian State University, in which they lost 52-7.

In order to stop GS’ ground-and-pound option offense, the Jaguars need to force all running plays up the middle, versus outside towards the sideline, while being cognizant of the arm of Shai Werts, which has been on display much of the season.

Fisk and freshmen run away with Hummingbird Intercollegiate title

BY RYAN PYE

Following the first two rounds of the Hummingbird Intercollegiate from Cashiers, North Carolina, the Georgia Southern men’s golf team found themselves atop of the leaderboard with one round of play remaining.

In the second round on Monday, the Eagles shot 272 as a team, one shy of the school record set in the 1980 Gator Invitational.

The Eagles were led by freshman Ben Carr, who shot a pair of 68s in the first two rounds, and freshman Wilson Andress, who posted a 69 and a 67 on the day. Both Carr and Andress were tied for third place heading into the third and final round.

GS continued their superior play in the third round on Tuesday, where freshman Mason Williams fired a tournament-best 65, putting an exclamation point on the Eagles ultimate victory.

The Eagles topped the second place finisher, Morehead State, by a whopping 13 strokes.

GS senior standout Steven Fisk impressed with his play yet again, finishing the tournament at -10, and claiming his second straight win. Fisk’s win from Cashiers marks his fifth career win while at GS.

The Eagles will look to build on their strong performance from North Carolina for when they make the trip to Warren Golf Course in South Bend, Indiana, this weekend for the Fighting Irish Invitational.

Eagle Nation should be very proud of the determination in this group, and I believe the best is yet to come.”

Carter Collins
Head Coach

The men’s golf team won their first tournament of the year. Senior Steven Fisk won his second consecutive tournament.
Eagles move up to nationally ranked No. 64 in the CBS Sports 129 poll

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Starting the season ranked No. 118, Georgia Southern has been on a steady rise as they’ve reached ranking No. 64, despite the small setback after falling to Clemson.

The Eagles are now the third highest-ranked Sun Belt team, falling behind No. 30, Appalachian State and No. 48, Troy.

GS passed the then No. 70 Arkansas State Red Wolves after beating them in a close game 28-21 and the Red Wolves dropped to No. 75.

Now, with a 3-1 record, the Eagles will have their homecoming game hosting No. 120, South Alabama Saturday, Oct. 6.
LOGAN HUNT earns Sun Belt Defensive Player of the Week honors

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Georgia Southern senior defensive end Logan Hunt was named the Sun Belt Defensive Player of the Week this week for his performance against Arkansas State University. Hunt totaled a career-high nine tackles against a potent Red Wolves defense. The senior also sacked Justice Hansen three times, another career-high.

Hunt and the defensive line swarmed the ASU offense all night totaling six sacks after entering Saturday’s game with 3.5 total sacks through the first three games.

This is the second GS player to end DPOTW honors, joining senior inside linebacker Tomarcio Reese after his performance against South Carolina State.

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Senior defensive end Logan Hunt had nine tackles in Saturday’s win over Arkansas State.

NOW WITH A WALK-OFF TOUCHDOWN IN HAND, KENNEDY III PLANS TO CONTINUE HIS ROLE AS SLOTBACK

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Behind Georgia Southern’s resurgence are many individuals getting their chance to better the team on both sides of the ball. Among the playmakers on the offensive side of the ball is sophomore receiver Wesley Kennedy III. Kennedy III attended Benedictine Military School in Savannah, and has been involved in sports his entire life. He talked about his involvement in sports since just a young age.

“I played flag football since I was four,” Kennedy III said. “I ran track, played basketball and baseball.”

The sophomore has emerged as a force in the GS offense, gaining 131 yards on the ground and 140 yards through the air in just the first four games of the season, but Saturday was Kennedy’s breakout party. The slot back rushed for 105 yards on eight carries, including a 47-yard sprint to the endzone off of a reverse, giving the Eagles a narrow victory over Arkansas State University.

The touchdown was Kennedy’s first of the season, but he reminisced on what his favorite run was up to that point. In 2017, when GS traveled to Louisiana Lafayette and pulled off the upset, Kennedy broke off a 77-yard run, saying the moment was a special one for him.

Through their first four games, GS is 3-1 with that one loss coming from national powerhouse Clemson. Along with his teammates, playing in Death Valley was a cool moment for Kennedy.

“It was fun. It was a big stage,” Kennedy III said. “It was kind of my first time playing at a bigger school like that, so it was just a good experience.”

Wesley Kennedy III looks to play a big role in helping the Eagles achieve their goals in 2018, but even looking into the future of the program, things are looking up.

“WE’RE JUST TRYING TO KEEP WORKING EACH DAY AND LET THEM KNOW THAT WE’RE NOT PLAYING ANYMORE AND GEORGIA SOUTHERN IS BACK.”

Wesley Kennedy III
GS Receiver
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