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Weekend Calendar

Thursday
- Penny Wars @ Russell Union Rotunda 11 p.m.
- Screaming Eagles Lip-Sync Competition @ Russell Union Ballroom 7 p.m.

Friday
- Volleyball vs. Texas State @ Hanner Fieldhouse Area 6:30 p.m.
- Women’s Soccer vs Troy @ Eagle Field 7 p.m.

Saturday
- College of Business Homecoming Tailgate @ Allen E. Paulson Stadium 1:30 p.m.
- Football vs. South Alabama @ Allen E. Paulson Stadium 3:30 p.m.

Sunday
- Volleyball vs. UTA @ Hanner Fieldhouse 12:30 p.m.
- Women’s Soccer vs Texas State @ Eagle Field 1 p.m.

Monday
- Swim the Sun Belt @ RAC

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!

Contact us at ml04878@georgiasouthern.edu; Facebook: @RFL.GSU; Twitter: @RFL_GSU; Instagram: @rfl_gsu

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

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

Want you and your pet to be featured next time? Post your photo on Twitter with the name of your pet and a little bit about you (name, year, and major). Make sure you include #petsboro and tag #SeenAtSouthern

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My Anime Roommate Pt. 5

Hey Kimiko, we're going to a party!

What's the gas mileage on that thing?

Hey, can I ask you something?

I'm studying for midterms!

What's the gas mileage on that thing?

Good, you can do.

Hey, you can do.

I'll be easy. Just like last year.

Midterms

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

From now on you will say nothing ever.

Conner J Kirsch
Opinions

Student response to N-Project word

ASHLEY JONES
Ashley Jones is a senior journalism major from Augusta, Georgia.

This wraps up phase three of the N-Project word. Phase three was an extension of the initial phase which was publishing the cards in The George-Anne newspaper. For four days, straight, myself and other members of The George-Anne showcased four styrofoam boards filled with the collected cards plastered on the front and the back of the boards. We received over 300 cards during phase three. After going into phase three, the project was gaining much attention some good and also some bad. There were students that did not support the conversation. While others helped push the conversation.

“I'm not a real words person. I feel like words have power if you give power to them. I feel like people shouldn't say it, but if people do say it but if I don't give you the power to let it affect me, then it won't affect me.” Cecilia Robinson, senior marketing major.

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NOTICE: Unauthorized removal of material will result in loss of membership in the student media organization, the Student Media Advisory Committee, and the Student Activity Board. This week wraps up phase three. The N-Word project was gaining much attention some good and also some bad. There were students that did not support the conversation. While others helped push the conversation.

“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.

“I personally have said it, but I'm black. I don't use it much anymore because I've grown into the point of why do I need to say it?” Courtney Wood, junior psychology major.

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Construction of Hanner Health and Kinesiology Research Center begins

BY RACHEL ADAMS
The George-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 facilities 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 George-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.
GEORGIA SOUTHERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES FACULTY MEMBER PRESENTED WITH MEDAL FROM HOME COUNTRY

BY SHIAANN SIVELL
The Georgia-Anne Staff

Georgia Southern University French professor Olga Amarie, Ph.D., recently received the Alexei Mateevici Commemorative Medal. The medal was bestowed upon Amarie for her translation work and promotion of Moldovan cultural values abroad.

The medal was actually created this year for the anniversary of Alexei Mateevici’s birth,” Amarie said. “This medal is for literary and religious studies because Mateevici was a poet and a priest.”

Alexei Mateevici (1888-1917) was a poet, Greek language teacher and priest from eastern Bessarabia who served in WWI. Bessarabia was once part of the Russian Empire but is now part of the Republic of Moldova.

One of Amarie’s transcribed works, “The Word: The ABC of the Young Creator,” features poems by Mateevici, one of which caused some controversy in Moldova.

“It was censored by the communists,” Amarie said. “One of the stanzas [was] removed because it said ‘Our language is sacred.’ [The communists] want to deal with any religious associations.”

After WWII, Moldova switched alphabets from Latin characters to Russian-imposed Cyrillic characters. When the Soviet Union broke apart in 1991, Moldova switched back to Latin characters.

“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.”

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“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.

By Emma Smith
The Georgia-Anne Staff

Birds found dead on Statesboro campus after flying into buildings

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.

Chandler has found dead birds outside every building on campus but has noticed a significant number outside Henderson Library, the Nursing and Chemistry building and the Biological Sciences Building.

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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BY RACHEL ADAMS
The George-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 George-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.”
Homecoming 2018
A Southern Masquerade

You are cordially invited to the
Homecoming Parade
Friday, October 5 at 4 p.m.
Sweetheart Circle

OCTOBER 6, 2018
5K starts at 8:00am
Kiddie Run starts at 8:45am

True Blue 5K
8/13 - 9/14  9/15 - 10/5  10/6
Students  $15  $20  $25
Faculty/Staff  $20  $25  $30
Community  $25  $30  $35

Register online at crtsutrueblue.0un or the Member Services Desk in the RAC.

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5K

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CAMPUS RECREATION
AND INTRAMURAL
The George-Anne 10/4/18 Crossword

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12 Pandemonium
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15 King toppper
16 Trunk
17 Yen
18 Field of work
20 Cop
22 Piqued state
23 Faint
26 Dash gauge
27 It’s waiting to get out
28 Laudatory lines
29 Artist’s asset
30 Milk supplier
32 Parachute material
34 Safe at the motel
38 Murdered
39 It may be perfect
41 Impecuniosity
43 Permissive
44 Large edible ray
45 Young fellow
47 Energy
49 Kind of tax
50 Baffled
54 Hamster’s home
55 Guinness Book suffix
56 Night prowler
57 Cell phone accessory
60 Priests’ vestments
61 Old 45 player
62 Take it easy
64 Loser at Antietam
67 Hawaiian strings
68 Busy places

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1 Make a scene?
2 Journalist’s question
3 Corn serving
4 Nothing special
5 Floodgate
6 Dry out
7 Head start
8 Big game
9 Model material
10 Cupcake topper
11 Casual attire
12 Mellow

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Across

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5 Wray of “King Kong”
6 Gets into
7 Tennison poem
8 Free-for-all
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11 Canal
12 Lilliputian
13 Possess
14 Aardvark’s tidbit
15 Squid’s squirt
16 Needle
17 Legendary creatures of the Himalayas
18 Darjeeling, e.g.
19 Football lineman
20 Bad impression?
21 Variety
22 Lecture
23 Louisiana “county”
24 Bird-to-be
25 Gauczi
26 Guern fabric
27 Crayola color
28 Beer buys
29 Eating places
30 Fish bait
31 Scouting outing
32 Agitate
33 Bygone greeting
34 Yellow, for one
35 Sugar amt.

Sudoku
Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9X9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3X3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column, and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9. Puzzles come in three grades: easy, medium and difficult.

By Myles Mellor and Susan Flannigan

Level: Difficult

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Level: Easy

8 5 7
3 8 2
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6 3

2 8
4 9

8 1

3 9 4 7

9 1 3 6 2 8

5 1 6

2

9 8

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To contact the creative editor-in-chief, email prodmgr@georgiasouthern.edu
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 on campus,” 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 that all of the halls are equipped for students with emotional support animals to reside in.

“We do not do anything for students that bring emotional support/service animals that we do not do for all our students,” Blutreich said in an email.

Some halls might have more students residing inside of them with their emotional support animals because of better access to outside areas or less stairs.

**Better Together**

Kayleigh Heard, sophomore psychology major, lives in University Villas with her emotional support animal, a dog named Sunny. This is Heard’s first year having her animal on campus.

“I got Sunny because I didn’t want to hole myself up in my dorm room and not get out. I mainly got [Sunny] so I wouldn’t isolate myself and it has worked tremendously,” Heard said.

Sunny has forced Heard to become more social and interact more with her settings. Getting Sunny wasn’t because she had a school work problem, but a mental health and socialization problem Heard said.

When it came to getting Sunny registered to live on campus with her, Heard said that the whole process was rather simple. After expressing interest in living with an emotional support animal, housing instructed her to get a letter from her therapist outlining why having an emotional support animal would help her at school.

“My therapist wrote up a letter and basically the letter included things like 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.

Guy and his wife, Jennifer, raised Harbin through Southeastern Guide Dogs on campus. Rhodes raised him for over 12 months. Though there is not one set place for students with emotional support animals to live on either campus, Blutreich said that all of the halls are equipped for students with emotional support animals to reside in.

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Online Registration
Sept 17 - Oct 9
Tournament Date
October 12 @ 1 PM
$25 per golfer fee, includes: cart fee, green fee, lunch, and a gift
Individual tournament open to all faculty, staff and students
Register at IMLeagues.com/GeorgiaSouthern
SHOW OF STRENGTH
RAC Fitness Center
October 13th
10AM
Join us for the weightlifting event of the year!
compete in the squat, bench press, and deadlift
Taking on a service animal isn’t cheap. It can cost well over $1000 and take many months.
Services through Canine Companions are free of charge for the recipient, according to their website.
Canine Companions for Independence is an organization that helps train assistance dogs ranging from service dogs to hearing dogs.
During their training, the dogs will learn how to open a door or drawer, turn off and on lights and much more.
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CARBONELL, DAVIE SHINE AS MEN’S SOCCER BEATS FLORIDA ATLANTIC

BY KAITLIN SELLS
The Georgia-Ann-s 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 moved around with momentum.

The momentum build 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 forward pressure.

As the score remained 2-0 for the majority of the half the game grew to be an aggressive one as they 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 night. Led by sophomore Gonzalez Talavera and junior Justin little, the pair provided a solid line of defense with only one hiccup as FAU was able to find the back of the net in the last 10 minutes of play.

“I think we saw a response,” GS Head Coach John Murphy said to gsaeagles. “We weren’t happy with our effort the other night at Mercer, which stings a little bit because it’s a rivalry game and we should be better prepared for it. The kids came out with the right application and attitude tonight and they deserve all the credit.”

Overall the Eagles had the edge over the Owls in shots 17-9, eight from 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 MCCLEAN BAXLEY
The Georgia-Ann's staff

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Jaguars come to Statesboro looking to put last year’s blowout behind them

BY RYAN KOSTENSKY
The Georgia-Anne Staff

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 home 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
The Georgia-Anne Staff

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.

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Photo courtesy of GS Athletics. The men’s golf team won their first tournament of the year. Senior Steven Fisk won his second consecutive tournament.
**BY BETHANY-GRACE BOWERS**

The George-Anne contributor

It was a game that everyone had been anticipating since last season, and Saturday night in Paulson Stadium, the Eagles accomplished a big task. Georgia Southern came out on top with a 28-21 win over Arkansas State who was predicted to win yet another conference championship.

Here are five takeaways from Saturday’s victory:

**Overcoming Arkansas State for the first time**

For the first time being placed in the Sun Belt Conference, Georgia Southern won against Arkansas State despite being underdogs. With ASU being a team that has previously won conference championships, there were questions in the air about how the Eagles would perform.

This was a test of mental strength for the team. With all the negativity and doubt that comes along with losing games, they had to find focus again.

“Each day is a work day for us,” senior running back Wesley Fields said. “We knew coming in that this team was going to be tough.”

Every part of Saturday’s game was about stripping everything down to basics and fundamentals.

“It gave us time to prepare for everything that Arkansas State was going to throw at us,” Werts said pertaining to time since the loss at Clemson.

**Secondary locks down in biggest test so far**

There was no way that the ASU offense was going to run over the GS backfield. Since the players went into the game with a strategic mentality, each play was focused on individually.

Junior corner back Monquavius Brinson showed Eagle Nation just what they wanted to see. With 11 tackles during this game, he meant business and did not stop until that whistle was blown. Brinson’s four pass breakups were essential to keep a strong ASU offense from gaining momentum.

There was always a sense of awareness during the game that aided the backfield in pushing harder and harder for that win.

ASU only had four passes that exceeded 20 yards and even those were difficult for them to lock down. The secondary kept the Eagles in the game by playing their hardest.

**Consistency in the option**

Having the set mentality of working hard through every play helped when it came to the Eagles’ side of the ball. Tuning everything out showed in each play executed by the offensive line.

Play after play, the ball was driven by a determined offense that refused to back down. The running game was the golden ticket Saturday and with players like sophomore running back Wesley Kennedy III, yardage racked up.

“We believe in each other more and we’re honestly playing for each other,” Kennedy said pertaining to work during bye week and preparing for ASU.

The constant power from driving rushing yards got GS major points. It was all about teamwork, believing in one another’s power and the fire on the Eagles’ side of the ball.

**Defensive line has stellar night**

Tackling the ASU offense was one of the main goals going into Saturday’s game. ASU has had a powerful offense in recent weeks and the boys on the other side of the ball had to ensure that nothing got passed them.

The defensive line held ASU to 3 points during the first half of the game. There were a total of 6 sacks and defensive end Logan Hunt had three of them.

“Just paying attention to execution on plays,” Hunt said when asked about the keys to success.

Coach Lunsford has reminded them to do this during practice for the past two weeks and it seems to have worked. The guys are taught that after every play it is time to focus on the next with just as much power.

“We just know when adversity hits we gotta reset and go play the next place because it’s in the past,” Lunsford said.

Breaking it down and taking each play as it happens helped our d-line to stay focused and strong against an ASU offense that was said to be powerful.

**Werts continues to have MVP-caliber campaign**

Quarterback Shai Werts is a powerhouse. However, he proved again, why he is a multi-dimensional player.

Not only can he throw the ball, throwing a 61-yard pass that Wesley Fields ran for a touchdown, but Werts rushed 113 yards for the game.

Focusing was his main goal. It is not a time to worry about the opponent.

“When you come in here in Paulson, you got to be ready to play,” Werts said. And that is exactly what the Eagles did.

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**EAGLES MOVE UP TO NATIONALLY RANKED NO. 64 IN THE CBS SPORTS 129 POLL**

**BY KAITLIN SELLS**

The George-Anne staff

Starting the season ranked No. 198, 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

BY MCCLAIN BAXLEY
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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 DPOY honors, joining senior inside linebacker Tomarcio Reese after his performance against South Carolina State.

PHOTO COURTESY OF SUN BELT CONFERENCE
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

BY RYAN KOSTENSKY
The George-Anne staff

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.”

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GS Receiver
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