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BACK ON THE COURT

JAREN STEPHENS/STAFF
Weekend Calendar

Thursday
• Graduate School Fair @ 10 a.m. Russell Union
  This event is for students looking to further their education in graduate school. Graduate programs from colleges and universities across the region will be in attendance to discuss program requirements, program benefits and application deadlines.

Friday
• International Conversation Hour @ 11:30 a.m. Russell Union
  International and American students, as well as faculty and staff, are invited to drop in during this time to visit with each other, and with members of the university and the community.

Saturday
• Blue and White Gala @ 6 p.m. Nessmith-Lane Conference Center
  The Center for Addiction Recovery at the Juan-Ping Hou College of Public Health is celebrating its 10-year anniversary with a gala event, dinner and silent auction. All proceeds will support the center.

Sunday
• Warm Clothing Drive @ Human Resources, Student Union, the RAC, Henderson Library, Dining Commons and all residence halls.
  Please consider donating new or gently used cold-weather clothing and accessories that you no longer need. All sizes of coats, hats, gloves, scarves and warm clothes are accepted.

Monday
• CRI Job Fair @ The RAC
  Check out the CRI Job Fair from October 22 - November 9, 2018. We have a ton of positions available and would love to have you be a part of our team. View the jobs available on the and apply online at GeorgiaSouthern.edu/SEC. #LiveYourBestLife

Organization Spotlight
Her Campus
Mikayla Valenzuela and Oliver
Mikayla is a sophomore theatre major and Oliver “likes to sit by the windowsill and meow at anything that passes by."

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

REFLECTOR TIPS
Books Every College Student Should Read
As a young adult, it’s easy to get caught up with school, work and social obligations. We’re learning how to balance our lives, and we easily find ourselves stressed and overwhelmed. Reading is a great way to clear our minds, learn something new, and help us unwind when we need to take a break.

1. “Dear John” by Nicholas Sparks
2. “House of Spies” by Daniel Silva
3. “Milk and Honey” by Rupi Kaur
4. “This Will Only Hurt A Little” by Busy Philipps
5. “Self Care For The Real World” by Nadia Narian

By Alexi Simpson

WHAT’S GOOD GSU? Why do you think it is easier to support corporate businesses versus local ones?

Taylor Neloms (Right)
“Honestly I feel everybody supports corporate businesses better because they have easier ways of getting the product that you want immediately. They have that way local businesses unfortunately do not have the funding or they can’t exactly be everywhere at once to get you the products you want immediately.”

Anthony Morris (Left)
“Corporate businesses have a lot more other franchises that kind of built into their funding so it’s less upon them to have to supply the same product as much as a local business person.”

Seen at Southern: Appalachian State Game Day

Daron Anderson, redshirt-sophomore wide receiver (left), Colby Ransom, redshirt-junior wide receiver (middle), and Malik Murray, redshirt-sophomore slot (right), watch the Appalachian State game from the sidelines.

Redshirt-junior wide receiver Colby Ransom celebrates the 34-14 victory over Appalachian State.

The Georgia Southern University student section cheers on the Eagles during their 34-14 victory over Appalachian State.
Caption This!

Write your caption here and tweet it out to @SeenAtSouthern

Last Week’s Winner

“Local Cheetah Escapes and becomes a *cool* dad.”
by Micheal Houston

For a chance to be featured give us your best caption either online or in print. Tweet us @SeenAtSouthern

Tweetin’ Eagles

Alexis Mikeis beaming at tonight’s game shortly after another touchdown for the Eagles! @TheGeorgeAnne

Cathryn Stenger at tonight’s game, getting pretty enthusiastic about the game and hanging out with some friends. @TheGeorgeAnne

Cameron Matris, who kept me and some other grateful peeps dry at tonight’s game with some much appreciated ponchos. @TheGeorgeAnne

MUSTACHE?

BY CHARLYNNE C.

HEY!

Cool mustache!

Why, thank you.

All your crimes, the countless lives you ruined, there’s just one thing I couldn’t figure out.

Why?

Why’d you do it?

The answer is simple really.

But first detective, I must ask you a question.

What would you do for a Klondike bar?

@JDMcCutcheon

Page designed by Coy Kirkland
EDUARDO DELGADO
Eduardo is the president of the Georgia Southern Young Democrats.

My name is Eduardo Delgado and I serve as the president of the Young Democrats of Georgia Southern, as well as the vice president of the Political Science Club. The election is on Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018. This election comes at an alarming time. We are told every election year, “This election is the most important election of your lifetime.” This election just so happens to actually be the case. This year we elect our congressperson and governor, along with other state-wide offices.

As a student in Georgia, I rely on the HOPE Scholarship. Without it, I wouldn’t be at GS. I rely on the politicians who not only want to keep the HOPE Scholarship, but want to expand it. Stacey Abrams is one of those people.

As a citizen paying taxes, I am concerned how all Georgians are benefiting from my tax dollars. It is clear that Leader Abrams wants to expand Medicaid. Not only will that add jobs, more people will be covered. I find it critical to clarify that this will not raise anyone’s taxes. We will only be accepting money that was already allocated to Georgia by the federal government. Stacey Abrams will ensure that rural hospitals stay open.

These two issues, to me, are the most important.

As a student who is reading this, you will think, “Why should I participate?” Let me make it absolutely clear. One, it is your right to vote. Many brave people, like Georgia Congressman John Lewis, have been beaten for your right to vote. Two, not voting only suppresses your voice in your government. You should have a voice in who should represent you and your peers in our government.

Three, the governor appoints Board of Regents members to seven-year terms. The Board of Regents are over all public universities and colleges in our state, including GS. I know many students are frustrated with the board’s steps in the past two years. Four, you can be a part of history. We could elect the first black, female governor in United States history.

The listed four reasons are suggestions, but I believe everyone should take them seriously. We can change the way our state is run. Vote for Stacey Abrams, Sarah Riggs Amico, John Barrow, Charlie Bailey, Fred Swann, Janice Laws, Otha Thornton, Richard Keatley, Linda Miller, Dawn Randolph and Francys Johnson.

And yes, your vote does matter.

Brian Kemp

BLAINE SALTER
Blaine is the chairman of the Georgia Southern College Republicans.

I want to start by saying how important it is to get out and vote. Since fall of 2017, I have voted in each election no matter if it was a ballot with one question or a ballot full of candidates. Each election, we face important decisions that will affect not only us but future generations as well. I believe that elections aren’t about the past but about the future.

That’s why I will be casting my vote for Brian Kemp, Congressman Allen, and all the Republican candidates down the ballot on Nov. 6.

The main reason why I’m voting for Brian Kemp is his plan for Georgia. Brian Kemp’s education in agriculture and experience in agribusiness reassures me that people in South Georgia will have a voice under the Gold Dome. Brian understands that in order for our great state to prosper we must grow together in both Metro Atlanta and rural areas including South Georgia. His plans to improve health care, education and the economy will make South Georgia a better place to live and to do business. Since he has so much detail in plans, I suggest that you visit www.KempForGovernor.com to see how he will strengthen all parts of our state.

An important reason I’m voting for Congressman Allen is his work on education. As a member of the House Education and Workforce Committee, Congressman Allen understands that education and workforce go hand in hand together. In fact, one of the first pieces of legislation that he crafted on that committee was the Strengthen Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act. This law reduces the federal role of K-12 education and strengthens education by returning the power to the parent and the local school systems. He also played an important role in The Strengthen Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act that President Trump signed into law earlier in August of this year. The Strengthen Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act connects our businesses and students that want to pursue a career path in technical programs. This new law will have lasting impacts in years to come in this country.

The election is on Nov. 6 and early voting only happens in your part. I have done my part and I encourage you to do yours!
**LIME SCOOTER FOUND FLOATING ON LAKE RUBY**

**BY RACHEL ADAMS**
The George-Anne staff

A Lime scooter was found floating in the middle of Lake Ruby on Monday morning. This is not the first incident involving a Lime product, as a bike was found in a tree by the University Bookstore and another scooter was found on top of the Carroll Building.

**LIME BIKE FOUND ON ROOF OF DINING COMMONS**

**BY RACHEL ADAMS**
The George-Anne staff

Another Lime product has been found, this time on the Statesboro campus.

Students found a Lime bike sitting on the roof of the entrance to the Dining Commons Wednesday morning, presumably put there by a group of students the night before.

Erin Donaldson, a new student psychology major, said in a direct message, that she and her roommate were walking out of the Dining Commons and saw two males carrying a Lime bike around the back of the University Store. One male managed to scale the side of the building, and the other handed the bike to him.

“The one guy walked away and we didn’t see the guy on the roof come back down because we left,” Donaldson said. “This is definitely not what I was expecting when I came to Georgia Southern for my first year of college, but it has certainly been entertaining.”

Students were certainly surprised to see a bike in such an odd place, and some voiced their thoughts about it.

“I think that this whole Lime situation, in general, is a bit much,” Alexis Hampton, sophomore nursing major, said. “But if I had to choose between the Lime bikes and Lime scooters, I would probably choose Lime bikes. The scooters, in general, are just too much, like, there was one on the lake the other day, there was one on top of the Carroll Building. Why don’t we just keep them on the ground?”

Lime gave a statement regarding the recent incidents involving their products in a previous George-Anne article.

“Out of the scooters and bikes Lime has across the country, only a few have been vandalized, which is consistent with the low rate of vandalism and theft, less than 1 percent, we experience nationwide, Erika Scholz Van, account director for Lime said in an email. “If anyone sees a Lime scooter that they suspect is being tampered with or vandalized, we’d ask that they please immediately report it to our 24/7 customer service team, available through the app, email (support@limebike.com), and phone Call: 1-888-LIME-345 or Text: 1-888-LIME-345 or text: 1-888-345-3455). We actively employ someone to patrol campus daily on foot to monitor and prevent theft and vandalism, and are currently working with the university to retrieve the misplaced scooter.

Lime has recalled some of its scooters because of the chance that the batteries could catch fire.

According to an article by CNN, Lime has recalled scooters in Los Angeles, San Diego and the Lake Tahoe area, the three places where the affected scooters were in service.

Lime uses batteries from many different manufacturers, including Segway Ninebot, a segway company, in its scooters. The George-Anne reached out to Lime about the safety of Georgia Southern University’s scooters but only received a link to a blog post by Lime regarding the situation in general.

According to the blog post, Lime learned of the battery malfunctions in August.

“The issue arose in one of the two batteries housed in early versions of the scooter. In several isolated instances, a manufacturing defect could result in the battery smoldering, or in some cases, catching fire,” the post said.

According to the blog post, Lime worked with Segway Ninebot to develop software programs to offset and identify the defective batteries. Lime also developed sturdier scooters that were more durable and resistant to damage.

The post also detailed what Lime is doing to fix the situation:

- All Segway Ninebot scooters will now only be charged at Lime’s scooter storage facilities and will no longer be available to juicers for after-hours charging until we are satisfied that there are no remaining issues with these scooter models.
- Lime storage and charging facilities globally will be staffed 24/7 by employees specially trained for the safe handling of these particular batteries.
- We have initiated a new daily diagnostic testing program for all scooters in all of our global markets regardless of manufacturer, to constantly monitor battery health and efficiency.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF LIME
DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION EXPERT GIVES KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT GEORGIA SOUTHERN

BY RACHEL ADAMS
The Georgia-Anna Staff

A national expert on diversity and inclusion gave a keynote address Oct.26 in the Carol A. Carter Recital Hall in response to multiple incidents that have taken place over the course of the semester.

Damon Williams, Ph.D. gave a keynote address titled “From Awareness, to Action, to Innovation: Empowering Leaders Through Inclusive Excellence” to the Georgia Southern University community.

“Georgia Southern was good,” Williams said to kick off his address. “It is absolutely my pleasure and privilege to be with you today, to be with you and have a chance to be a part of the journey that you are on each and every day toward this idea we refer to as inclusive excellence.”

Williams begins his address

Williams proposed one main question to the audience to begin his keynote address.

“How do we help, how do we make, how do we inspire, how do we lead and educate our students in a world that they are inclusive and excellent for each and every one of our students, our faculty and our staff, which are citizens of our institutions?”

Williams stressed the importance of not only being aware of diversity and inclusion but being proactive to take action on these matters but also asking questions about how innovation could help society progress in such matters.

The importance of innovation

Williams said that while society as a whole is talking more about such topics as diversity and inclusion, there is still an issue of some parts struggling to embrace the idea of innovation itself, and that makes it harder to improve.

Williams discussed what makes good research when studying these matters and how important it is to get to the root of the problem. Williams went on to explain five main points that make an innovator, something he said would be useful in the weeks to come as GS strives to make improvements in innovation:

• Asking questions
• Looking for solutions
• Knowing that innovation doesn’t happen in a vacuum
• Having a bias toward action, experimentation and doing
• Moving ideas forward

Williams also said that sometimes there is a sixth characteristic not mentioned above that tends to appear when it comes to innovation in the matters of diversity and inclusion, something that holds back innovation if it is not present, the idea of leading with courage.

“Courageous to have the difficult conversations of race,” Williams said. “Courageous to have the difficult conversations of privilege, connecting to have the conversations that center around multiple different identities, courageous to allow individuals to be in a conversation even if they don’t have all of the language.”

Williams further stressed the importance of asking questions when moving forward and becoming innovative.

“Once again, I believe that our lives and our careers, even beyond the academic world, are defined by burning questions,” Williams said.

Diversity and inclusion

Williams said that in order to truly talk about diversity and inclusion, it must be a wide-spread, honest conversation where every group has a voice.

“Even those who are conscious and ‘woke’ need to talk about it and to engage in the idea of diversity and inclusion,” Williams said.

Williams also mentioned that it is important to remember that not all issues are the same, but all issues are important, and accountability is essential. Williams stressed the importance of understanding privilege and taking care when it comes to interacting with people in today’s world, especially in such an age of technology.

“We live in a world that, even as we’re becoming more connected, we’re becoming more tribal, as we move further and further away from a shared conversation,” Williams said. “None of us is perfect. Each and every one of us is grappling with our privilege in some way, shape or form. Each and every one of us is hopefully trying to get better each and every day.”

How technology has affected today’s society

Williams said that in today’s world, there are no secrets because of technology, and it is one of the causes of evolving cultures, policies, diversity and inclusion, as well as social activism. Williams called the generation after millennials, “Centennials.” Williams also mentioned the use of social media in politics, particularly the presidency.

“We saw the dynamics that play out each and every day as President Trump is the first president not just to run for election through social media, but the first president to govern through social media,” Williams said. “And as a result, there’s a consistent and powerful compression of his ideology upon us each and every day.”

Moving forward

Williams said that institutions and campuses across the country are more racially charged than ever as people try to decide what to do and where to go next.

“Campus activism and protests are at an all-time high, leaders trying to manage the diversity crisis of the day and at the same time trying to figure out, ‘How do we move forward proactively?’” Williams said.

Williams said that it was important to implement plans and move strategically to make sure that things were actually moving forward and making progress over time. Williams said that students must be educated on these matters and how to be leaders.

“If we don’t take time to educate our students to be leaders in this diverse and mobile world, then we’re not setting them up for success,” Williams said.

The importance of working together

Williams compared institutions dealing with diversity to cheetahs. Institutions waiting for an incident to happen and dealing with it then instead of being proactive and trying to prevent it from happening in the first place is like a cheetah waiting for its prey to appear before sprinting after it.

“The challenge that we have is that everything is happening in so many different ways that’s fast, and we’re seeing these different dynamics play themselves out, and we want action,” Williams said. “We want things to happen differently. But they’re nested in this very complex system that has to be unfurled.”

Williams said that it is more important to be proactive and preventative and work in coordination rather than react only when there is an active crisis. It is better to collaborate and appoint good leadership than to wait until something actually happens to deal with it.

Williams ended his address with a few words of wisdom that showcased what he will be helping GS with over the next few months.

“Difficult will be the process of making excellence inclusive,” Williams said. “Proceed forward with caution.”

At the end of his address, Williams took questions from the audience.

On the “Triggerish” and “N-word” incidents

While Williams did not mention either incident by name in his address, he did comment on the situation at large.

“They are very complex and every instance has to be evaluated on its own merits, that’s one thing,” Williams said. “The second thing I would say is that there’s a part of it that’s ‘What do we do when those instances happen?’”

Williams mentioned his address, which had primarily dealt with how people can be proactive to prevent incidents from happening whenever possible.

Williams said, “There’s always going to be something that happens, but how can we do more work on the front end to help folks to have less incidents and help us to have a stronger community?”
were to unlock vehicles. In were “forced entry” and 238 were a total of 289 “entering auto” reports on the GS campus, an email from Geoffrey Carson, GS student Zachary Payne, who said he is working to mobilize student leaders across campus. He also wrote the letter shared on Twitter. “What we are trying to accomplish is to advocate change and change happens from the top down,” Payne said in an email. “If we can establish open and honest communication with the administration and show the administration that change is what is needed on this campus, that is the right place to start.”

The march is a response to previous incidents that have happened this year, including the “triggerish” incident and GS professors Karen McCurdy and Rebecca Kennerly being accused of using the “N-word” to students. “Nobody deserves to deal with words of hate from the institution they chose for their education,” Payne said. “And nobody deserves to fight the injustices alone. We are doing this protest to show the administration, faculty and fellow students that we will not give up this fight, and we will not bow down, until change has been implemented.”

BY RACHEL ADAMS
The George-Anne staff

A student-led “Protest Against Hate” walkout and march has been organized for Thursday morning on Georgia Southern University’s Statesboro campus.

According to a tweet by GS student Tyler Hicks, the walkout, sit-in and march will begin at the Carroll Building and end at the Marvin-Pittman Building on Sweetheart Circle. The tweet asks those participating to wear all black. Students are then asked to walk quietly out of their classes at 11:11 a.m. and meet in the Carroll Atrium for a sit-in.

At 4 p.m., students will gather to march from the Carroll Building to the president’s office at the Marvin-Pittman Building. The march was organized by GS student Zachary Payne, who said he is working to mobilize student leaders across campus. He also wrote the letter shared on Twitter. “What we are trying to accomplish is to advocate change and change happens from the top down,” Payne said in an email. “If we can establish open and honest communication with the administration and show the administration that change is what is needed on this campus, that is the right place to start.”

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Statesboro PD strives to decrease vehicle break-ins

BY RACHEL ADAMS
The George-Anne staff

The Statesboro Police Department has been attempting to lower the number of vehicle break-ins in 2018 by using Twitter.

On March 15, Statesboro PD posted its first tweet regarding locking vehicles at 9 p.m. to help prevent theft, using the hashtag #lockyourcar. Since this initial tweet, the SPD has tweeted periodically at 9 p.m. to remind people in Statesboro to lock their cars.

SPD Chief Mike Broadhead said in a previous George-Anne article that in 2016, there were a total of 289 “entering auto” cases, of which 51 were “forced entry” and 238 were to unlocked vehicles.

In 2017, there were a total of 212 “entering auto” cases, which 38 were forced and 174 were to unlocked vehicles.

Since the beginning of 2018, there have been a total of 190 “entering auto” reports in Statesboro, an email from Broadhead said. Of those reports, 27 were forced, and 163 were to unlocked vehicles.

Additionally, there have been a total of 14 “entering auto” reports on the GS campus, an email from Geoffrey Carson, Associate University Counsel, said. Of those reports six were forced, five were to unlocked vehicles, and three were unknown.

So far this year, there have been 85 fewer “entering auto” reports than in 2017. Of those, there have been 18 fewer forced entries and six fewer to unlocked vehicles.

There have been eight fewer “entering auto” reports than in 2017. Of those, there have been five fewer forced entries and 70 fewer to unlocked vehicles.

According to Statesboro PD’s Facebook page, 71 of the car break-ins in 2016 and 2017 involved the theft of firearms.

Broadhead said that since the beginning of 2018, there have been a total of 17 cases that included the theft of a firearm from a vehicle, 54 fewer than the past two years.

“This includes 16 handguns and one rifle. In each case of a stolen firearm, the vehicle was non-forced,” Broadhead said.

If you witness any vehicle break-in, contact Statesboro PD at (912) 764-9911 or Georgia Southern Police Department at (912) 744-6131.

BY BRENDAN WARD
The George-Anne staff

Republican gubernatorial candidate Brian Kemp will hold a rally in Statesboro Friday. Kemp will be holding his rally at 8 a.m. in the Anderson General Store on 23736 Us-80. According to Kemp’s website, the rally is part of the Georgia Republican Party’s “Road to Victory” Bus Tour. Along with Kemp, the rally will include:

• Lt. Governor nominee Geoff Duncan
• Attorney General Chris Carr
• Other statewide Republican candidates
• Local elected officials

Kemp will also hold a rally with Vice President Mike Pence Friday at 5 p.m. in Savannah at the Savannah Convention Center.

People interested in attending the Savannah rally can RSVP on eventbrite.com.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF BRIAN KEMP CAMPAIGN FACEBOOK PAGE

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Housing Application Open Now

Housing Open Nov. 1
Housing application is open now for both new and returning students on both the Armstrong and Statesboro campus for Fall 2019.

Graduate School Fair

Career and Professional Development
November 1 | 10 AM - 1 PM | Russell Union Ballroom
To register, visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu/careernet

Holiday Helper Tree Kickoff

November 1 | 10 AM | Russell Student Union
Leadership & Community Engagement
Deadline to drop off gifts will be November 26th

Emotional Wisdom Workshops

Counseling Center
Held Every Tuesday | 5 PM | Counseling Center
Visit - https://students.georgiasouthern.edu/counseling/ for full schedule.

Shuttle to the Mainstreet Farmers Market

Center for Sustainability
November 3 | 10:30-11:30 AM | Russell Union Circle

For more information on the Division of Student Affairs or its units please visit students.georgiasouthern.edu
The George-Anne 11/1/18 Crossword

Across
1 Partner of void
5 Brake part
9 West Pointer
14 Claim
16 Critical
17 Malings
18 City-like
19 Throngs
20 Hideous
22 Unexciting
25 Attention-getter
26 Highway division
30 Enthusiasm
31 Self center
33 Ticket costs
35 Zippy taste
36 Bell and Barker
37 Largish combo
38 Short-handled receptacle
41 Primitive calculators
45 Suffix with ideal
46 Kind of collar
50 Pristina locale
52 Mouth piece
54 Bozos
55 British verb ending
57 Stock
58 Look like a creep
59 Partiality
62 Spa feature
65 Turncoats
70 Map within a map
71 It’s short on purpose
72 Cubic meter
73 Cravings
74 ___does it!

Down
1 Arrest
2 It’s a free country
3 Hallucinogen
4 Furry-footed rodent
5 Ticket part
6 Strikes
7 “Ah ha!”
8 Come after
9 Veil
10 Man-made fiber
11 Nickname
12 Capt’s prediction
13 Half a score
15 Crucifix
21 Swindle
22 Check for accuracy
23 Miss. neighbor
24 Prospector’s need
25 Antagonistic
27 Take steps
28 Born
29 Extreme suffix
31 Outback runner
32 Heating fuel
34 Ely of Tarzan fame
38 Army unit, briefly
39 Last Greek consonant
40 Current unit
41 Alias precder
42 Slough
43 Botanist Gray
44 Medical examiner
46 Abandon
47 Pathlet ___
48 Little wriggler
49 Havana residue
51 Engine need
56 Squid
57 Upside-down sleepers
59 Fence part
60 City on the Rhine
61 Horned goddess
62 Start of a cheer
63 After fire or harvester
64 Don’t want's
66 Quique, e.g.
67 Spanish aunt
68 Hesitant sounds
69 Hog heaven?

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

Level: Easy
Features

ELECTION DAY IN STATESBORO

Where to vote, who’s on the ballot and more

BY TANDRA SMITH
The George-Anne staff

Many Georgia Southern University students will be heading to their local polling places next week to cast their vote for the next governor of Georgia, Secretary of State, state senator and more.

Turnout on Nov. 6 is unlikely to reach the numbers it did two years ago during the presidential elections, but that doesn’t mean that there aren’t any important offices and constitutional amendments to vote for this time around.

The governor’s race

A huge draw to the polls for many will be the race for governor. Brian Kemp, Republican gubernatorial candidate, Stacey Abrams, Democratic gubernatorial candidate and Ted Metz, Libertarian gubernatorial candidate, are all on the ballot in Georgia this year. Kemp’s campaign is centered around four key points aimed at all on the ballot in Georgia this year.

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The constitutional amendments

According to Ballotpedia, there are five constitutional amendments that land on the ballot each election year often varies. You basically have things that are referred out as resolutions out of the state legislature,” Curry said. “Whether there is X number this time or X number that time, is a function of what is produced by the legislature.”

There are five constitutional amendments on this year’s ballot ranging from wildlife protection to rights for crime victims.

The first amendment, the Portion of Revenue from Outdoor Recreation Equipment Sales Tax Dedicated to Land Conservation Fund Amendment, focuses on the establishment of the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund.

If passed, the amendment would allocate up to 80 percent sales tax on sporting goods to a create a fund that would protect water quality, wildlife habitat and parks in Georgia, according to the bill.

Amendment two is focused on the state judiciary. The amendment proposes the creation of a statewide business court, as well as the creation of procedures and rules for the court.

Amendment three, the Forest Land Conservation Amendment, would focus on the establishment of the Land Conservation Fund Amendment, which proposes the creation of a statewide business court, as well as the creation of procedures and rules for the court.

Amendment four is arguably the most well-known of the five amendments this year. The Marsy’s Law Crime Victim Rights Amendment proposes to give victims of crime-specific added rights including:

• The right to be treated with fairness, dignity and respect
• The right to notice of all proceedings involving the alleged criminal
• The right to be heard at any proceeding involving that release, plea or sentencing of the accused
• The right to be informed of their rights

According to Ballotpedia, there are already five states in the country that currently have an amendment like this in the books: California, Ohio, Illinois, North Dakota and South Dakota.

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Georgia Southern ends three game losing streak to No. 25 Appalachian State with 34-14 blowout

BY MCCLAIN BAXLEY
The Georgia-Anns staff

Earlier in the week, first-year head coach Chad Lunsford asked his players to raise their hands if they had ever beaten Appalachian State. Only a handful were eligible to do so.

After Thursday night’s 34-14 pummeling of their rivals, all of the Eagles will be able to raise their hands high.

The game began as a defensive standoff, but on the second play of the second quarter, everything that redshirt-sophomore quarterback Shai Werts had been hoping for began to fall into place.

Werts stood in the pocket and launched a 37 yard bomb that went to a wide-open Darion Anderson for a touchdown, Anderson’s second of the season.

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As Werts kneeled to end the game, he kind of teared up. “To come out here and do this tonight is amazing,” Werts said, fighting back tears. “That’s what we’re all about.”

The Eagles were also all about the defense Thursday night. Once again, the GS defense held an opponent to under 20 points—the fifth time they did that.

Junior corner back Kindle Vildor added two more interceptions to his growing collection of seven on his career. Each one was from a different quarterback.

And though he had as many tackles as he had interceptions, Vildor was quick to give credit to the rest of his secondary.

“When two good corners are out there, they might throw to Monquavius [Breunin] and be like ‘Man we can’t throw it over them’ then boom it opens up for Vildor,” Vildor said. “Without the safeties, we couldn’t do it.”

Briefly, Lunsford tried to underplay what his team had just done. But even he, with the clock looming closer and closer, was forced to admit it was amazing. In his final game against Appalachian State, Fields went for 98 yards and two touchdowns after sitting out last week against New Mexico State with a groin injury.

The captain and vocal leader of the senior quarterback just did not look back. To on the next one.
WE WON...
NOW WHAT?

MCCLAIN BAXLEY
The George-Anne staff

With a 48-31 win over New Mexico State, the Georgia Southern Eagles earned their sixth win of the season and are now bowl-eligible for the second time in school history. This is the same GS team that went 2-10 just a season ago.

The excitement of clinching a bowl game is fun, but then the question of what bowl comes into play. Here are the bowl games that the Eagles are eligible for.

NOVA HOME LOANS ARIZONA BOWL

The furthest trip Eagle Nation would have to make is to Tucson, Arizona on Dec. 29. The Eagles would be matched up against a Mountain West team, a conference they haven't played against since moving to FBS.
This game would be the most marquee bowl game possibility for GS. It’s in Orlando, Florida against an American team. The American conference is the best Group of 5 team and GS would be matched up against South Florida, Memphis or Cincinnati probably. The Cure Bowl is also played on Dec. 15.

The New Orleans Bowl will be played in the Mercedes-Benz Superdome on Dec. 15. This game is a Sun Belt team versus Conference-USA team and would be the Eagles’ second trip to Louisiana in 2018.

Montgomery, Alabama is the site of this game played between a Sun Belt team and a MAC team. The Camellia Bowl is one of the younger bowl games, this just being its fifth game. The game will be played on Dec. 15 from the historic Cramton Bowl.

Eagle Nation is familiar with this bowl because it used to be the GoDaddy Bowl, where GS beat Bowling Green 58-27 in 2015. The Dollar General Bowl pits a Sun Belt team against a MAC team and is played on Dec. 22. The game is in Mobile, Alabama and would be the Eagles’ lone game of 2018 in the Heart of Dixie.
Byrd is the word

BY BETHANY-GRACE BOWERS
The Georgia-Anne contributor

Rashad Byrd is a name that Georgia Southern football fans have learned to remember, especially this season. The redshirt-sophomore inside linebacker from North Augusta, South Carolina has made his mark in Paulson and continues to play to his fullest. Byrd was looked at by other universities but on Feb. 3, 2016 he committed to be an Eagle and hasn’t looked back since. His record quickly escalated, but on Feb. 3, 2016 he committed to be an Eagle and hasn’t looked back since.

With 17 solo tackles and eight assists on the season, Byrd has learned his way around the field. With a hungry spirit, he is ready to fully return to play after being out for the last three weeks due to injury. Byrd has the ability that defensive players should possess, he gets to the ball. If nothing else, that is his one objective and making sure that the offensively stronger teams that GS has come in contact with, do not enter the red zone.

“We gotta make sure that we got our mind right,” said head coach Chad Lunsford. “One game at a time, trying to figure out how to go 1-0 this week.”

This is the mentality that Lunsford has instilled in each of his players, and for people like Byrd, it is taken very seriously. He makes sure that no other weeks matter, only the game ahead and the upcoming opponent.

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GS EXHIBITION GAME AGAINST CHARLESTON SOUTHERN

BY RYAN PYE
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The Georgia Southern men’s basketball team saw their first action of the season with an exhibition win over Charleston Southern on Tuesday.

The event, called “Hoops Fan Fest” by GS’ Athletic Department, donated all proceeds to the American Red Cross to benefit people affected by recent hurricane damage. In their return to the hardwood, the Eagles came out looking sharp to impress the fans in attendance. The Eagles had the hot hand offensively in the first half, sinking five of their first six shot attempts to jump out to an early 11-4 lead.

Once they got out in front, the Eagles kept fire shooting the basketball, and went into halftime with a 58-33 lead over the Buccaneers.

“I thought in the first half we played at a really high level,” GS Head Coach Mark Byington said. “In the second half, we didn’t come out with the same intensity.”

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Redshirt-sophomore Quan Jackson lead in scoring for the Eagles, putting up 17 points in his 29 minutes of play. After the second half’s conclusion, the teams played another 12-minute period in which the score was reset back to 0-0.

In the final section of the game, CSU outscored the Eagles 26-23. A positive takeaway for GS though, is that the final 12 minutes of play gave Byington ample opportunity to give younger, and more inexperienced guys on the team plenty playing time.

“It was a great learning experience for our guys, especially our new guys,” Byington said.

Senior starting point guard Tookie Brown was happy with his team’s performance, and quite thrilled with the fan turnout inside Hanner Fieldhouse, saying he definitely didn’t expect such a large crowd for a preseason game.

“We know what we need to work on,” Brown said. “Now we can work hard on getting better every day.”

Quan Jackson, who also started for the Eagles, was happy with their performance in the first half, but was disappointed in the team’s second half effort.

“In the second half, we came out a little sluggish and had to make some adjustments,” Jackson said. “We’ll work on that and get better.”

Overall, Byington was really proud with the way his team came out and performed.

“These guys have been working really hard in the off season and really hard in the preseason,” Byington said.

“This was kind of their reward.”

The Eagles coach was thrilled to get back in front of the fans in Statesboro, and was really pleased with the amount of people who came out to support his team.

Outside of the game itself, and frankly what he was most excited about, Byington was happy to know that his team helped play a role in the effort to raise money for hurricane relief.
FOUR THINGS WE KNOW ABOUT THE NINTH GAME OF THE SEASON AGAINST LOUISIANA-MONROE

BY RYAN PYE
The Georgia Southern

Coming off one of the biggest wins in program history at the FBS level, the Georgia Southern football team is sitting at a 7-1 record, but they’re set to square off against another tough opponent at Louisiana-Monroe on Saturday.

GS opens up as a seven-point underdog, but with an unblemished 4-0 conference record, the Eagles will have a big target on their back to take on Louisiana, so this matchup could very well be a preview of the inaugural Sun Belt Championship.

Here’s four things to know:

**ULM Offense**

Through eight games in 2018, the ULM offense is averaging 24 points per game behind their talented dual-threat quarterback, Caleb Evans. The junior quarterback has thrown for nearly 1,800 yards on 248 attempts in his eight games of work this season. Evans has tossed nine touchdown passes while racking up a total of 169 rushing yards. Evans is essentially always a threat to take it the distance with his legs as well, carrying the ball more times this season than any running back on the Warhawks roster. With 86 carries, Evans has racked up five touchdowns on the ground, with over 400 yards rushing.

Accompanying Evans in the backfield for ULM is the team’s leading rusher Derrick Gore. With just over 80 touches on the year, Gore has tallied up over 430 yards rushing alongside, tied for the team best, five touchdowns on the ground. GS’ defense has looked very strong as of late, but the road will not get any easier for the Eagles when the face-off will not get any easier for the Eagles when the face-off.

**ULM Defense**

The defensive side of the ball has not been the strong suit for the Warhawks this season. Throughout their first eight games, opponents are averaging over 35 points per game, and have had success in both their respective running and passing games.

A predominantly run-heavy offense, like that of the Eagles’, should give ULM headaches, considering the team has not been able to stop the rush all year. Teams are putting up nearly 200 yards per game running the football against the Warhawks this season and have accounted for 19 touchdowns on the ground alone.

Though GS doesn’t tend to throw the football too much, this weekend may be a good time to do so. ULM’s pass defense frankly hasn’t been any better than their attempts to stop the run in 2018. Opposing quarterbacks are averaging over 280 yards per game in the air when facing the Warhawks, while racking up a total of 16 interceptions.

Facing off against a weaker defense than they have in previous weeks, the Eagles have an opportunity to have a big day offensively against their Sun Belt foe ULM.

**Kickoff from Monroe is set for 3 p.m. Eastern on Saturday.**

By Ryan Pye
The Georgia Southern

A week after knocking off No. 25 Appalachian State at home, Georgia Southern travels west to take on Louisiana-Monroe in a conference game with a lot of importance.

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Both teams have a loss to a Top-25 team.

GS’ only loss of the season came when they traveled to Death Valley and lost to No. 2 Clemson. The Eagles were beat by 31 points in the game, but forced four turnovers during the course of the game.

As for ULM, their top-25 loss came on the road at Texas A&M.

ULM’s defense has struggled at times.

With last week’s resurgence in the GS offense, the Eagles will look to exploit a ULM defense that has struggled at times, giving up a lot of points in the process.

The Warhawks have given up 46 points or more three times, including 70 to an Ole Miss offense that has struggled this season.

If the Eagles are going to win the game, it will be on the back of the offense.

Both teams could be bowl-bound.

GS already punched their ticket to the post-season. Now sitting at 7-1, they look to improve their bowl location. ULM sits at 4-4, and with four games remaining, the Warhawks only have to win two to have a post-season of their own.

It’s very likely that the two teams will find the post-season in 2018.

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The Warhawks are desperately trying to reach bowl eligibility and may give the Eagles some trouble on their home turf. With a big match up on the way from Monroe on Saturday, here are a few things that could very well be a preview of the inaugural Sun Belt Championship.

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