BACK ON THE COURT
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 Jiann-Ping Hsu 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.

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.”

SEEEN AT SOUTHERN: APPALACHIAN STATE GAME DAY

Daron Anderson, redshirt-sophomore wide receiver (left), Colby Randolph, 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 Randolph 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.
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Last Week's Winner

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

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Tweetin’ Eagles

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

MUSTACHE?

BY: CHARMONNE C.

Hey!

Cool mustache!

Why, thank you.

The answer is simple really.

But first detective, I must ask you a question.

All your lives, the countless hours you believed there's just one thing I couldn't figure out.

Why?

Why'd you do it.

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Why I voted for... Stacey Abrams

Brian Kemp

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 full of candidates. Each election, we face important decisions that will affect not only us but future generations. As a student in Georgia, I rely on the HOPE Scholarship. Without it, I would be a 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 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, Lindy Miller, Dawn Randolph and Francys Johnson.

And yes, your vote does matter.

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 comes at an alarming time. 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.

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**LIME SCOOTER FOUND FLOATING ON LAKE RUBY**

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

Students woke up Monday morning to find a makeshift pirate ship with a Lime scooter on it floating in Lake Ruby. The scooter was found on an orange raft anchored in the middle of the lake with a small Georgia Southern University flag flying from its handlebars. This is not the first incident involving Lime products, as one involved a bike in a tree and another a scooter on top of the Carroll building.

Lime responded to the recent incidents involving their products, the statement is below.

"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. 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: 1-888-546-3345). 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 BIKES FOUND ON ROOF OF DINING COMMONS**

**BY RACHEL ADAMS**
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Another Lime product has been found, in an odd place 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, freshman 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 I have certainly been entertaining.”

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

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

"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?"

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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 our institutions in such a way 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 also asking questions to improve things and work toward them 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 he 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, coming 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.

“Kampus 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 it’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 process 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?”

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Student-led march and class walkout to take place on Thursday

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.”

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.

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BRIAN KEMP TO HOLD RALLY IN STATESBORO FRIDAY

BY BRENDAN WARD
The George-Anne staff

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

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.

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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

To contact the creative editor-in-chief, email prodmgr@georgiasouthernc.edu
The constitutional amendments

Brett Curry, a political science professor at GS, says that the number of 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 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 and Timberland Properties Amendment, would change the way the Georgia government currently values forest land conservation use property. Instead of using the system that was created in 2008, the amendment would create a new system that would allow the state legislature to pass a law that would allow them to key up to five percent of the land’s value.

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 informed of their accused
• The right to a fair trial
• The right to notification of all proceedings involving that proceeding
• The right to be heard at any proceeding
• The right to a liveable wage

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.

The final amendment on this year’s ballot is amendment five, the School Sales Tax Referendums Amendment. The amendment would allow for school districts with a majority of students in the county to levy a sales for educational purposes.
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 standstill, 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 57 yard bomb that went to a wide-open Darion Anderson for a touchdown, Anderson’s second of the season.

“We knew coming what kind of game it was going to be,” Werts said. “It was going to be a dog fight, so we prepared for that all week. It didn’t surprise me.”

The confidence that Werts had going in was shared by the rest of his teammates who were electric all night, in all three phases of the game. Each defensive snap, the team flew around to the ball, while staying disciplined. Each hit was celebrated for a moment, but then they collected themselves.

As has always been the case in Paulson this season, the players played with a sense of pride, passion and persistence that just hasn’t been as evident on the road.

The celebration after the first score was exciting, but soon became premature as the Mountaineers tied the game just five plays later. The ensuing drive looked to be another GS three-and-out, but then the “Power of Paulson” kicked in.

Redshirt-sophomore punter Magill Baurle punted the ball to App State’s Clifton Duck, whom veared his hand to signal a fair catch. With redshirt-sophomore Dexter Carter Jr. breathing down his neck, Duck muffed the catch, setting the Eagles up with the ball on the App State on the 10 yard line.

The next play, senior running back Wesley Fields bolted into the endzone, untouched, for his first score of the night.

Prior to Thursday, Fields was one of seven true seniors who had never beaten the team from Boone, North Carolina. In post-game interviews, the emotion of beating them set in.

“Coming in my freshman year, just seeing all the older heads working and knowing about the winning tradition and just being a part of a winning program and then the two years being on the downhill, and this year we’re just trying to turn it around,” Fields said, fighting back tears. “To come out here and do this tonight is amazing.”

In his final game against App 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 motivated the rest of the team, putting into perspective how big the victory was.

“When Wesley scored that last touchdown, he kind of teared up a little bit,” Werts said. “I hugged him and told him ‘Bro, we did it.’ 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 cornerback 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.

“With two good corners out there, they might throw to Monquavion [Brinson] and be like ‘Man we can’t throw it over them’ then boom it opens up it up for me,” 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, had to admit it was amazing. In his final game against App State, Fields went for 98 yards and two touchdowns after sitting out last week against New Mexico State with a groin injury.

“Thank you for beating App State,” the student said, fighting back tears of joy. “I’m a senior and to have that happen this year is just the best. So thank you.”

Lunsford smiled, nodded and went to get interviewed by a media frenzy hungry for more quotes.

That senior, every other senior and every other student and alumna knew what that win meant for the program and Lunsford didn’t cast that aside.

But rather than celebrate for weeks like many of the students will, he had a different way to remember the night.

Like he’s done with every win this season, the team put App State’s logo on a folding chair, hung it on the wall and didn’t look back. On to the next one.
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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.

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.

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.
Byrd is the word

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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, and hasn’t looked back since.

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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 in come 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.

Byrd is the word

The Georgia Southern basketball team huddles up before the scrimmage game against Charleston Southern. The Eagles play their first game of the season Nov. 7.

“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 round up against 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.”

The Buccaneers outscored the Eagles 26-21 in the modified first half, with their first half deficit was too much to overcome. The Eagles won the first part of the exhibition meeting by a final score of 79-61.

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 in 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.

We really just focus on what we can control. Yes, it would be cool to be ranked, but just knowing that we don’t control what the votes do, we just go out there and play every game like we can.”

Rashad Byrd
Redshirt-sophomore inside linebacker

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FOUR THINGS WE KNOW ABOUT THE NINTH GAME OF THE SEASON AGAINST LOUISIANA-MONROE

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The 7-1 Georgia Southern Eagles travel to Monroe, Louisiana to take on the 4-4 Warhawks. Accompanying Evans in the suit for the Warhawks this weekend. 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 passing touchdowns. 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.

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 240 attempts in his eight games of work this season. Evans has tossed nine touchdown passes of work this season. Evans has 268 attempts in his eight games against talented playmakers like Evans this weekend.

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.

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

Both teams are at the top of their divisions

As previously stated, GS leads the East division of the Sun Belt at 7-1, with their conference record sitting at a perfect 4-0, tied with Troy. The Eagles have taken down Arkansas State and App State en route to their perfect record, and host Troy in what will likely be the game of the year next week. Sitting at 4-4 on the season, ULM is tied atop the standings with in-state rival Louisiana, with a 2-2 conference record.

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.

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

Warhawks looking for first win against the Eagles since 1991

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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 favorite on the road against the Warhaws, but with an unblemished 4-0 conference record, the Eagles will have a big target on their back to get knocked off the top of conference standings. Holding a 4-4 record, the Warhaws 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 Malone Stadium, here are a few things to familiarize yourself with concerning the next Eagle opponent.

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