Gubernatorial election extends past Tuesday night as additional votes are counted.
Campus Life

Weekend Calendar

Thursday
• Pull Tags from the Holiday Helper Tree! #9 a.m. Russell Union
The Holiday Helper Tree is a Georgia Southern tradition, and this year we are celebrating 25 years of giving back to the local community!

Friday
• Volleyball vs. Georgia State
06:30 p.m. Hanner Fieldhouse
Come watch as the Eagles host conference foe, Georgia State! Single-game tickets are $5 in advance for adults and $6 on game day. Youth tickets, ages 4 to 12, are $3 in advance and $5 on game day.

Saturday
• Football vs. Troy
#1 p.m. Nessmith-Lane Conference Center
It’s Senior Day at Paulson Stadium as Georgia Southern hosts Troy in the final home game of the season. It’s also AG Day. We hope you can make it out.

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
• James Baldwin, The Amen Corner, and Integration at Georgia Southern
@ CAT Black Box Theatre
A Panel Discussion with Moderators and Panelists:
Tushawn Dozier
Dr. David Dudley
Dr. Georgene Bess-Montgomery
Dr. Pat Gillis
Dr. Krystyl Tift

“ What Does Your Vote Mean To You?”
This election season, The George-Anne stood outside the Williams Center on campus and asked the Georgia Southern community to write down what their vote meant to them.

Reflectors

Tips
5 tips to help you put your stress to rest
Stress seems as if it is a part of our daily routine as we tackle classes, extracurriculars and jobs. Worry and anxiety can make us feel like there’s a huge weight on our shoulders. To help with this, here are a few tips to put that stress to rest.

1. Get a Planner
2. Clean
3. Relax
4. Don’t Procrastinate
5. Exercise
When life starts to feel overwhelming or you want to save yourself from future stress, try out one of these tips.
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 mode of transportation to get to you. They have easier ways of getting the product that you want immediately. 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.”

Chinese Club
We bring awareness about the Chinese Culture to the Georgia Southern campus! The Chinese Club wants to solidify and expand our presence in the Georgia Southern community. We understand that we need the assistance of the campus media to achieve this goal. Contact us at hercampus.com/georgia-southern

Grace Anne and Bean
Grace is a sophomore theatre major, and Bean “loves everything, but right now she’s obsessed with kittens. She also uses vegetables as chew toys.”

Want you and your pet to be featured next time?
Post your photo on Twitter with the name of your pet, a bit about you (name, year, and major), Make sure you include #petsboro and tag @seenat南方
Caption This!

Write your caption here and tweet it out to @SeenAtSouthern

Tweetin’ Eagles

"I believe that my role as a white woman is to urge my privilege to show up and support my friends of color in a dismissive educational climate."
-Elisabeth Malloy, junior political science major
@TheGeorgeAnne

"If it’s up to students to stand up and do something about what’s going on, I want to be one of those students.”
-Ashley Strickland, junior sociology and women’s gender and sexuality studies major
@TheGeorgeAnne

Students issued an open letter Thursday to Georgia Southern interim President Shelley Nickel in response to usage of the N-word on campus. The letter listed 12 demands. Full Story: bit.ly/2DncPD

How people spend election night

By Coy Kirkland

Come on west coast! Please?

Scooters

ONE WEEK LATER

ONE SCOOTER LATER

Conner J Kirsch
WHY AREN'T WE MORE ANGRY?

DYLAN CHAPMAN
Chapman is a junior engineering major from St. Marys, Georgia.

I'm going to start this bad beat box beat on a positive note from just a quick Twitter user that I liked, “We're literally going to die because of climate change, so politely ask our politicians to pass climate change policy, and if they say no to respect them and wait 2-4 years to vote. Let's rethink this y'all.” -@rncn90

Now, if you're anything like me, that tweet was a little sobering. I'm sure anyone reading this has heard of the results of the climate report by the UNITED NATIONS. This wasn’t a climate change denier, and if you have to do anything other than recognize that climate change is real and affecting all of us, I'm sure someone has already told you that. However, I think there's an element of the situation that we have to look at.

WHY AREN'T WE MORE ANGRY?

Alex JONES
JONES is a senior journalism major from Augusta, Georgia.

The 2018 midterm elections have been one of the most watched and followed governor elections. Many people have gone as far as to read this has been headlined by how that of the 2016 Presidential Election Between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump. As soon as polls closed yesterday at 7 p.m., students were already getting excited over the election, though I had no academic obligations to keep up with race, I couldn’t turn myself away from the news. But in order to report, I constantly refreshed my Twitter feed and stayed tuned into Stacey Abrams’ live watch party on Facebook. Most readers already know the results of the election, but before I get into my thoughts on its outcome, I wanted to first get into the some logistics of the race.

THE NITTY GRITTY

First off, this political race, despite its outcome, will go down in history. There has been so much talk about how this election is much like the 2016 presidential election. So many people that I know were pushing for Stacey Abrams and not just for her, but also for some ideological change in the state of Georgia, and change is what our country is longing for. Prestigious names such as Oprah Winfrey, and our former President Barack Obama, spoke out for Abrams and showed their support for Georgia’s first black female gubernatorial candidate. Lest we forget, our current idiosyncratic president, Donald Trump, showed the importance of this candidate in the polls. I’m sure anyone like me, that tweet was a little sobering. I’m sure anyone like me, that tweet was a little sobering.

KEMP’S LACK OF RESPECT

Kemp’s actions throughout the midterm race have showed a lack of respect for his opponent. Kemp was very quick to accuse Abrams of supporting illegals to vote. Abrams has had to clarify recent statements that she’s made about individuals voting because of Kemp’s accusations. It seems that Kemp was trying to do the exact opposite of what he said when trying to access to voting. Abrams has touched on her want to end the “exact match” qualifications which states that a voters’ registration be exactly what he or her driver’s license. Something as simple as a comma could hinder an individual’s right to vote. Georgia voters in Atlanta waited in line for hours to cast their votes due to a lack of voting machines. Many had to wait until the polls were closed. Therefore, only 30 percent into reporting, Abrams was quickly catching up to Kemp. I remember at one point, I didn’t think it would be possible for Abrams to make a comeback, and I thought that Kemp really took the victory. I felt so enraged, why are we not made for this change, why can anybody feel comfortable with the state that Georgia is currently in? So far, according to the results, there were Georgia Georgians that would rather keep things the way they are now.

Abrams has yet to concede to Kemp. The two candidates are somewhat neck and neck, but if things were to stay that way, Abrams would lose nearly 50 percent of the vote and Kemp at 50.06 percent. We’re still awaiting the absentee ballots which will reclaim the race.

Opinions

Abras v. Kemp: The race continues

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The Holiday Helper Tree kicked off its 25th anniversary of helping people in the community receive a gift during the holiday season in the Russell Union Commons Nov. 1.

The Holiday Helper Tree is an annual event hosted by the Office of Leadership and Community Engagement to help students, faculty and staff connect with the local community during the holidays, Jordan Wilburn, community engagement coordinator, said.

Wilburn recalled that almost all 800 tags on the tree were filled last year, and she expects the amount to be around the same number this year. The tags represent people in the community who are in need of a gift.

There are 17 local non-profit organizations participating in the event, including Westwood Nursing Center, Children’s Medical Services and Statesboro Head Start.

“We ask them to send us names of individuals who might need some kind of extra encouragement during the holiday season and what kind of gift they might need or want,” Wilburn said.

To celebrate the silver anniversary, the tree has golden tags that have specific volunteering activities students can participate in any time of the year, Wilburn said.

“I think it’s important because it teaches our students not only what they need for their degrees here at Georgia Southern,” Eileen Smith, creator and co-founder of the Holiday Helper Tree, said. “But it teaches them life lessons about giving and helping others, and gives them a hands-on means to participate in those situations.”

When the program was created in the fall of 1994, there were not a lot of programs that catered to the needy during the holiday season, Smith said.

“We were kind of pacesetters with that,” Smith said.

“We want to hear that this is passed on and that it has become a true Georgia Southern tradition,” Smith told everyone at the kickoff.

At the kickoff, the tree was lit and 15 children from Statesboro Head Start sang and danced to “We Wish You a Merry Christmas” and a version of “Jingle Bell Rock.” Tags are available from Nov. 1 to Nov. 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Russell Union stage.
ELECTION RESULTS

KEMP LEADING BUT ABRAMS HINTS AT NOT CONCEEDING

BY MATTHEW ENFINGER
The George-Anne staff

Republican gubernatorial candidate Brian Kemp held a tight lead over Democratic opponent Stacey Abrams Tuesday night, but Abrams has hinted at a possible runoff between the two candidates.

According to results published by the Associated Press, out of the 3,886,414 reported votes, Kemp received 50.5 percent, Abrams received 48.6 percent and Libertarian candidate Ted Metz finished with 0.9 percent.

Despite the 75,386 vote margin behind Kemp, Abrams hinted at not conceding to the results Wednesday morning.

“If I wasn’t your first choice, or if you made no choice at all, you’re going to have a chance to do a do-over,” Abrams said.

USA Today reported that Abrams’ campaign said they were waiting for tens of thousands of absentee and provisional ballots to be counted.

In an article by The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Kemp said he is “confident” that he will win.

“There are votes left to be counted, but we have a very strong lead,” Kemp said. “And folks, make no mistake: The math is on our side to win this election.”

The George-Anne will update this article as additional news becomes available.

Rick Allen wins 12th district
Incumbent Rick Allen defeated Democratic candidate Francys Johnson for the U.S. House seat for the 12th congressional district.

According to politico.com, out of 249,077 votes, Allen received 59.5 percent while Johnson received 40.5 percent. Johnson finished with a 47,107 vote margin above Johnson.

Both candidates took to Twitter to respond to the outcome of the race.

BY MATTHEW ENFINGER
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Secretary of State’s office plans to certify the final results of the gubernatorial election no later than Nov. 14.

According to a press release by the Georgia Secretary of State’s office, Clarke, Fulton, Hall and Gwinnett counties have completed tabulation of their absentee ballots.

Less than 3,000 non-provisional votes remain state wide, according to the press release. County officials have reported less than 22,000 provisional ballots cast state wide.

Counties have until Friday to verify provisional ballots and until Nov. 13 at 5 p.m. to certify their results.

Current standings of candidates

The Associated Press reports 3,919,761 votes were reported.

Republican Brian Kemp still leads with 50.3 percent of the vote, while Stacey Abrams received 48.7 percent and Libertarian Ted Metz received 0.9 percent.

Secretary of State’s office to certify final results of election no later than Nov. 14
Students issue open letter to Georgia Southern president in response to usage of N-word on campus

By Matthew Enfinger

Georgia Southern University students walked out of their classes on Nov. 1 to participate in a protest sit-in at the Carroll Building atrium.

The students later marched to the president’s office at the Marvin-Pittman Building to deliver an open letter of demands to President Shelley Nickel.

The march was co-organized by students Zachary Payne, Joshua Ahiaikwo and Tyler Hicks, in response to the usage of the N-word in the “triggerish” incident over the summer and the recent allegations against professors Karen McCurdy and Rebecca Kennerly.

Sit-in at Carroll

Students began filing into the atrium around 11:11 a.m. GS faculty members had set up a stage and led discussions pertaining to bias and race.

Baker Rogers, sociology professor, brought her “Human Behavior” and “Introduction to Social Services” classes to the assembly.

“I felt it was very important that we come and support this,” Rogers said. “I teach from a social work perspective and one of the values of social work is fighting for social justice and institutional change.”

Sarah Rogers, criminal justice professor and guest speaker, recently compiled research on police brutality and rises in crime among people of color, which she presented at the assembly.

Rogers’ research mainly consists of statistics of the police’s unequal treatment of people of color and the LGBT+ community.

Saba Jallow, political science professor and guest speaker, discussed how, in a racist society, people may be “treated silently.”

“We need to take the time to talk to each other and sometimes we don’t take the time,” Jallow said.

March to Marvin-Pittman

The crowd of protesters left the Carroll Building atrium and walked down the pedestrian, past the Rotunda and through Sweetheart Circle, ending on the steps of the Marvin-Pittman Building. The protesters chanted “Different people, same problem,” and “Love, not hate, will make America great.”

While on the steps of Marvin-Pittman, Ahiaikwo read from an open letter that would be given to Interim President Shelley Nickel.

The open letter contained several demands, including a call for McCurdy and Kennerly to issue a public apology for promoting hate.

Other speakers included Student Government Association Senator KeyShawn Honeyey, Gay-Straight Alliance President Ashley Strickland and Elizabeth Malloy, junior political science major.

Meeting with Nickel

After speaking on the steps of Marvin-Pittman, Payne, Ahiaikwo and Hicks met with Nickel, vice president of student affairs Georj Lewis and the university’s lawyer.

Payne said, after leaving the president’s office, he felt optimistic about the conversation.

“They seemed to show genuine care and understanding for the GS family and like they were trying to truly help us create change on our campus,” Payne said.

“The next steps for us is to continue the conversations we started, not just with the president but between faculty, staff and students. Continue to work on open, honest communication between everyone.”

Of the 12 demands made in the open letter, Ahiaikwo said the conversation only covered nine due to time constraints. Ahiaikwo said there will be further conversations with the university to continue the dialogue on accomplishing the demands listed in the letter.

“All they have done is to agree to try to brainstorm ideas with us because they said they don’t know how to do these things and they need students to tell them.”

Although there is not a set date for the next meeting, Ahiaikwo said he sees the meeting taking place sometime in November.

Nickel sent an email to the GS community Thursday evening in response to the protest, march and open letter.

Nickel said in the email:

“Today I met with a group of students who held a peaceful march on the Statesboro Campus. I continue to be impressed with the student leaders and how they are approaching tense situations with maturity and conviction. We had a meaningful and productive conversation. I heard their concerns and they heard that the University is taking their concerns seriously. We are a university that respects all people and values diversity and inclusion. As we work through these challenging situations together, it’s crucial we maintain a respectful posture and listen. Today was a positive step forward and we will continue the dialogue.”
For more information on accommodations related to access or participation, please contact OSA at 478-7270 at least two weeks prior to the event.

November 9
3:30 pm
Russell Union 2052

Presented by Organization Leadership Consultants:
Austin Mathis & Maria Madrigal

The organization President and 1 additional leader MUST attend a renewal workshop.

Renewal Workshop Dates

Wednesday, April 3 | 5:30 pm | Williams Center Multipurpose Room
Wednesday, April 10 | 4:00 pm | Williams Center Multipurpose Room
Thursday, April 18 | 5:00 pm | Williams Center Multipurpose Room
Tuesday, April 23 | 6:00 pm | Williams Center Multipurpose Room
Thursday, April 25 | 5:30 pm | Williams Center Multipurpose Room

Advisors are strongly encouraged to attend. 2 Wings points will be awarded for Advisors attending.

STUDENT AFFAIRS WEEKLY BUZZ
STATESBORO CAMPUS

HOLIDAY HELPER TREE
OPEN 9 A.M. - 3 P.M. | CLOSES NOV. 16 | RUSSELL STUDENT UNION
LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
Come visit the Holiday Helper Tree in the Russell Union Commons and pull a tag!

FALL JOB FAIR
CRI
Closes Nov. 9 | The RAC
Are you interested in joining the CRI family? The CRI Job Fair and applications for spring 2019 CRI employment will close this Friday!

EMOTIONAL WISDOM WORKSHOPS
COUNSELING CENTER
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Visit - https://students.georgiasouthern.edu/counseling/ for full schedule.

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CENTER FOR SUSTAINABILITY
NOVEMBER 10 | 10:30 - 11:30 AM | MEET AT RU CIRCLE

EDUCATION CAREER FAIR
CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
NOVEMBER 15 | 10 A.M. - 1 P.M. | MESSMITH-LANE BALLROOM

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The George-Anne 11/8/18 Crossword

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2 Place to relax
3 The land of
4 Cake topper
5 Glance over
6 Dundee denizen
7 Trial’s partner
8 Essential
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34 Plumbing problem
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36 Forum wear
37 Feminine suffix
38 Indian coin
39 River to the Mississippi
40 Type of cabin
41 Wildcat
42 Ill temper
43 Across, in verse
44 Beak
45 Sign of frustration
46 Prison guard
47 Time of life
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49 Like the Great Plains
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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

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A Corner of Southern
Director Mical Whitaker brings "The Amen Corner" back to Georgia Southern's theatre

BY SHIANN SIVELL
The George-Anne Staff

Mical Whitaker returned to direct the play despite being retired from the theatre profession. Whitaker was hired by GS in 1981 as the theatre program’s first African-American instructor. His first production was a light musical piece. “It was understood when I was hired that I would do a black theatre piece,” Whitaker said. “I and the faculty decided that I didn’t want my first play to be black. I didn’t want to get pigeon-holed.”

Whitaker went on to direct “The Amen Corner” in 1982 as the campus’s first all-black cast production and the play served as a major step in the school’s integration process, Whitaker said.

James Baldwin, the writer
Whitaker has directed several productions of “The Amen Corner” around the country, two of which Baldwin himself saw. “[Baldwin] went to my show in New York and in Chicago,” Whitaker said. “I was very blessed.”

The play’s themes of church and belonging mirrors Baldwin’s life and experiences with church.

James Baldwin was a child preacher, a prodigy,” Whitaker said. “Then he left church totally and became a writer.” According to Baldwin’s essay “Letter from a Region in My Mind,” he left the ministry due to his growing passion for writing and dissatisfaction with the ministry, which he began to view as hypocritical and racist.

Whitaker said one aspect that he loved of Baldwin’s work was his ability to love himself and mankind despite its flaws.

“[Baldwin] loved being black, he’s absolutely in love with it,” Whitaker said. “He gets angry about it because there’s so many disappointments in [his] brotherhood. At the same time, it has this wonderful sense of ‘Africanical’ love. It’s this love of your own people despite their faults.”

From the pages to the stage
Peyton Rowe, senior political science major, will play the character of Sister Moore, one of the pious elders of the church who acts as a major antagonist.

Rowe describes Sister Moore as someone who is proud to have never been married or given in to the advances of a man. “She has saved herself for God,” Rowe said. “She becomes jealous of [Margaret] because she is a woman who has had kids, married and separated, but she gets to be the preacher in the lead of this church.”

A major aspect of Rowe’s character is her generational differences with the starring character, Margaret Alexander.

Margaret will be played by Deja Moore, one of the pious elders of the church who acts as a major antagonist. Moore will play the character of Sister Moore.

Rowe describes Sister Moore as a pious church elder. A fretful mother, Rowe has a deep and abiding faith that is her lifeline. “She gets to be the preacher in the lead of this church.”

There were a lot of rehearsals, a lot of work with Mical,” Holmes said. “There were ensemble building to build those relationships. I have a son [in the play] so I had to work on that a lot to make the relationship seem realistic.”

Whitaker said that a quote by the character Odessa could sum up the meaning of the play, as well as Baldwin’s own views of religion and humanity. “Maybe I don’t love the lord like you, but I know something else. I know how men and women can come together and make each other happy, and make each other sad. If you only knew a little bit about what people go through in the low, black place they find their feet, you would have a meeting here tonight.”

“The Amen Corner” will run at the Black Box Theatre in the Center for Art and Theatre from Nov. 7 to Nov. 14. All weekday shows will begin at 7:30 p.m. with Sunday’s show beginning at 2 p.m. There will be no Monday show.

Tickets are $12 for general admission, $6 for students, faculty and staff.

For ticket reservation, call 912-478-5379 or buy tickets online at Georgia Southern University Marketplace.

Integrating Southern
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Stress seems as if it is a part of our daily routine as we tackle classes, extracurriculars and jobs. Worry and anxiety can make us feel like there’s a huge weight on our shoulders. To help with this, here are a few tips to put that stress to rest.

get a planner

Trying to keep track of everything you have to do for the day just from memory alone is nearly impossible, especially when you have so many things going on in your life. If you take a few moments and write down in a planner all your assignments and things you have to do over the course of the semester, you’ll save yourself a lot of trouble and missed deadlines. Knowing ahead of time what you have to accomplish everyday will be a huge relief.

clean

A lot of people don’t enjoy cleaning, but the outcome has a lot of benefits. “Clutter bombards our minds with excess stimuli (visual, olfactory, tactile), causing our senses to work overtime on stimuli that aren’t necessary or important,” according to Psychology Today. For many people, the act of cleaning itself can help reduce stress as well. Having a clean living space will give you an environment you enjoy being in. You won’t have to worry about finding objects, tripping over a pile of clothes or having to clear off your desk full of water bottles so you can use it. Something as simple as making your own bed can make you feel better.

relax

As college students, we seem to be constantly on the go. But taking some time out of your day—even just your week—for yourself can do a lot for your mind. Whether it’s taking a bubble bath or reading a book, clear your mind of everything you have going on for a while.

don’t procrastinate

Procrastination is never a good thing. Working on assignments continuously will save you from pulling an all-nighter, where you clutch your coffee and panic as the clock gets closer and closer to your deadline. Know when your assignments are due and plan to do a little bit every day. A planner can help with this.

exercise

Exercising has many great health benefits. “Exercise reduces levels of the body’s stress hormones, such as adrenaline and cortisol,” according to Harvard Health Publishing. Along with this, your self-confidence will improve as you start to achieve your ideal body. As your waistline shrinks and your strength and stamina increase, your self-image will improve,” according to Harvard Health Publishing.

so, whether you decide to relax your mind and body with yoga or channel your inner track star, exercise will affect you in a positive way. When life starts to feel overwhelming or you want to save yourself from future stress, try out one of these tips.

5 tips to help you put your stress to rest

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Starbucks is more than a coffee shop. It is a pick-me-up, a casual meet up and a ‘homework grind’ kind of place. However, Starbucks is an expensive obsession to have. With items on the menu costing you around three to seven dollars a drink, it can really add up, especially if you’re going frequently. To save some cash, here are nine Starbucks hacks.

1. Get the rewards card. It’s very simple, free and super easy to use. You earn points every time you purchase something at Starbucks, and you can be rewarded with free drinks and pastries. You also get a free drink on your birthday.

2. Know your sizes. Tall is the smallest size advertised, but there is a short size available. You can get one short coffee for as long as you desire.

3. Bring your own cup. It might not be very significant, but 10 cents off your drink can add up. It can be whatever cup you want.

4. Don’t neglect the condiments area. You can make your own drinks, and become your own barista. For example, ordering a latte, order a triple espresso over ice in a Venti cup because you need room for half and half or milk. After this, go to the condiments area to fill up your coffee with milk. This will make an iced latte for a fraction of the cost. If you prefer your lattes hot, you can also order a tall coffee with steamed milk, still cheaper than an actual latte or a tall hot coffee in a grande cup.

5. Never pay full price for two drinks during the same trip, if you don’t have the rewards card. You can get a 50 cent refill of hot coffee, iced coffee, hot tea or iced tea, even if your original drink was not brewed coffee or tea. Feel free to fill up on a Pumpkin Spice Latte and get a 50 cent pick-me-up before you leave.

6. Don’t buy a water bottle. Instead, get a venti water. The ice and water used in Starbucks is triple-filtered.

7. Ask for no water when you order any iced tea. It is not a secret that the tea in Starbucks is half-tea and half-water. Also, you can ask for less or no ice in any drink so the ice doesn’t take up a lot of room in your cup.

8. If you have a sore throat, the “cough drop” is a drink almost all baristas will recognize. It’s made with emperor’s cloud, jade citrus mint, steamed lemonade instead of water and a pack of honey.

9. Ask for a sample. If the store isn’t busy, they will happily let you try something before buying it. First we have all bought something and it ended up not living up to our expectations before. Order larger sizes, not extra shots. Save yourself some money the next time you treat yourself, and cut the costs when you’re feeding your coffee addiction.

starbucks hacks

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WOMEN’S BASKETBALL RETURNS TO COURT FOR FIRST TIME SINCE TRIPLE-OVERTIME LOSS

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After a hard working off-season and an influx of fresh faces, the Georgia Southern women’s basketball returns looking to put last year’s 5-25 season behind them.

Ending last season in a heartbreaking, triple overtime 88-81 loss against Louisiana in the first round of the Sun Belt Championships, the Eagles are looking to start things off right. They were projected to finish 10th in the Sun Belt by the 2018-19 Pre-season Poll, where the results were selected by the league’s coaches.

With half of the roster being freshmen, the team is relatively young. There are only two returning starters from last season, Alexis Brown and Nakol Franks, but seven returners overall.

With the No. 38 nationally ranked women’s high school basketball player in the country, Jordan Strange, a player from the international New Zealand U17 team in Tszusba Nisbet, a high school conference champion in Lola Lovitt, and with multiple all state/all region honorees, this freshman class has high expectations for their collegiate careers.

The team will look to upperclassmen offensive leaders Alexis Brown and Nakol Franks for guidance.

Brown led the team with 9 PPG, and Franks led the team in overall points with 267 last season.

These players have a tough schedule ahead of them. The Eagles will not play a conference opponent until Jan. 3, when they will face a strong Texas State. Hopefully, this small gap in the beginning of the season will allow the players to find a rhythm before crucial conference play. Besides battling solid Sun Belt teams, GS will have some big non-conference games, including Virginia Tech, University of Georgia, Mercer University, and Kennesaw State University.

Little Rock, arguably the Eagles’ toughest opponent this season, will play at home with majority of the same players from last season, with three out of five starters returning. In a very close and nail biting game, they defeated Texas State to take home their fourth Sun Belt Championship title, 54-53, last spring. This was their second title in the past four years. They outscored GS 64-34 and 92-52 in both meetings. They are projected to finish first by the Sun Belt Pre-season Poll, rallying 8/12 first place votes.

Texas State, who finished 23-10 last season, will travel to Hanner Fieldhouse on Jan. 3 to play GS for the first time this season. Josuala Leavitt, averaged 17.8 PPG and lifted the Bobcats to victory for both games against GS last season, 81-56 and 60-51.

Appalachian State, GS’ rival, is looking to oust the Eagles once again after a 87-56 victory at home last season. They will depend on breakout junior Bayley Plummer, who led the Sun Belt in rebounds, and welcome back Madi Story from a season-ending lower leg injury.

Ready to bounce back and make the Eagle Nation proud this season, the GS Women’s Basketball team will have its season opener against Wofford University on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Hanner Fieldhouse.

Nakol Franks returns for junior season, looking to put last season’s woes behind her

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Graduating from Wren High School in Greenville, South Carolina with a 4.8 GPA and leading the Georgia Southern women’s basketball team in total points last season, junior Britany Nakol Franks knows a thing or two about making her mark on and off the court.

Coming from an athletic family, Franks grew up with a strong work ethic. With all three of her younger siblings looking up to her, she knows she must be a good example.

Her sophomore season, the 5-foot-7 guard went a month and-a-half without missing one free throw and accumulated a .912 percentage from the line.

“Right now, we’re placed in 10th in the Sun Belt preseason poll, but I think we could definitely finish in the top six,” Franks said.

Coming off of a 5-25 overall record and 2-16 in the Sun Belt last season, the Eagles worked hard during the off-season to improve on the offensive side of the ball.

“Most of our workouts are based around our offense, so we had individual workouts to find different ways to score better,” Franks said.

Nakol Franks scored double digits in 11 games last season for Georgia Southern.

With no seniors on the roster this year, Franks will have to step into the leadership position. With 14 starts and 11 games putting up double digits last season, she is more than capable of taking on this responsibility.

When she’s not leading the Eagles in total points scored in a season or going 52-57 from the free throw line, she enjoys reading mystery novels, cooking any type of breakfast foods and spending time with her family.

“When I think about home,” Franks said, “I think of the 2013-14 Maxpreps Player of the Year for South Carolina, was named to three All-Region teams, was appointed to three All-State teams.

“I chose Georgia Southern because of the atmosphere. It’s not too big here, which I like, because I’m a small-town person,” Franks said.

“Everyone is super kind and it’s the perfect distance from home.”

When asked what advice she would give to any rising female collegiate basketball players, she emphasized dedication and effort.

“Come in ready to work. Don’t come in expecting to be a star,” Franks said. “You have to sacrifice a lot of your time, so be ready for that. To help everybody move along smoothly, take advantage of campus resources. When you have to miss class because of traveling, there are people around campus who can help you stay on track.”

GS ATHLETICS
Senior Alexis Brown averaged nine points per game last season.
RETURNE FOR SENIOR CAMPAIGN, BROWN READY FOR CHAMPIONSHIP RUN

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In perhaps one of the biggest scares of the off-season, Georgia Southern’s star point guard Tookie Brown initially decided to declare for the NBA draft. But after long and careful consideration, he decided to come back for his senior season as an Eagle.

Brown said a lot of thought was put into the decision, and even though his decision to play in the NBA could enhance his job market, he feels he made the right choice.

“I GET TO COME BACK AND GET MY DEGREE, AND PLAY WITH MY BROTHERS AGAIN.”

Tookie Brown
junior point guard

Brown made it very clear on what he wants to accomplish during his final go around in Statesboro.

“While I’m at school, I’m just trying to have fun and enjoy it like everyone else,” Brown said. “But my goal for my senior year is to try and win a Sun Belt Championship.”

Brown has had quite the career at GS, from his favorite memory of nailing the buzzer beating shot against Arkansas-Little Rock last season, averaging nearly 18 points per game and being an outspoken team leader both on and off the court.

“As a point guard, you’re always gonna have to be a leader and be vocal,” Brown said.

And his coach, Mark Byington, recognizes Brown’s athletic abilities and tough mentality day in and day out. He even referred to him as the team’s engine and unquestioned leader.

“Coach Byington always gave me the keys to be a leader,” Brown said. “So I took the job and am just trying to get guys better.”

Getting better, both individually and as a team, is in fact all that Brown is worried about. He even goes as far as going “ghost” on social media, where he does not access any of the popular pages until the season comes to an end.

When asked about the motives and reasoning behind this, Brown said, “I did it last year as well. I just try and focus on basketball to improve and help my game.”

Brown has a history of being doubted. From being called too small to succeed, or being on a team that is deemed the underdog, he simply finds a way to prove everyone wrong.

In response to pre-season polls showing the Eagles finishing behind Georgia State and Louisiana-Lafayette in some cases, in the ‘Sun Belt, Brown responded just as you would anticipate.

“We don’t worry about the polls,” Brown said. “All the stuff is gonna show on the court.”

Doubted, and yet proven to be one of the league’s best all around players, Brown and the rest of the Eagles set out to overcome the final obstacle left in the senior’s illustrious career, a Sun Belt Championship and birth to the NCAA tournament.

GLENNA LOOKING TO CONTINUE DOMINATION ON THE BOARDS IN SENIOR SEASON

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Bouncing back from injury is no easy task, but Georgia Southern’s Montae Glenn made it clear he’s going to be at full strength when the season rolls around. The senior forward said he’s put in a lot of effort and care into getting back to 100 percent in the off-season, and has high hopes for the team in his last campaign as an Eagle.

A simple, yet encouraging quote sums up what Glenn wants for his team in 2018-19.

“I want to make it the best one I’ve had since I’ve been here,” Glenn said.

Since he has been on the squad, the team’s tryout as close as possible, but they’ve not been able to win the Sun Belt Conference Championship. That is something Glenn wants to change during his final season.

Glenn was the team’s leading rebounder last season, but he credits the rest of the team and coaching staff with all of his success on the boards.

“We worked hard on boxing out and pursuing the ball,” Glenn said. “I just had a good vision where the ball would land once it hit the rim.”

Gathering so many rebounds was crucial to the Eagles’ success last year because the team was vastly undersized compared to many of their opponents. This year, Glenn will have some new, taller guys to help in the rebounding area, but even with his extra help, Glenn doesn’t plan to switch up his gameplay.

“I want to keep the same mentality and go out there aggressively and get the ball,” Glenn said.

Even with the key additions to the lineup for the upcoming season, many pre-season polls predict the Eagles to finish, at best, second in the Sun Belt.

Most people would think that rankings like that would anger players and the team, or at least draw some attention, but Glenn says it’s exactly the opposite with the Eagles.

SUN BELT FOOTBALL STANDINGS

CONFERENCE OVERALL

EAST

TREY UNIVERSITY 5-0 7-2
GEORGIA SOUTHERN 4-1 7-2
APP STATE 4-1 6-2
COASTAL CAROLINA 2-3 5-4
GEORGIA STATE 1-4 2-7

WEST

LOUISIANA MONROE 3-2 5-4
ARKANSAS STATE 2-3 5-4
LOUISIANA LAFAYETTE 2-3 4-5
TEXAS STATE 1-4 3-6
SOUTH ALABAMA 1-4 2-7

Montae Glenn returns for his senior season after a strong junior year.

“We don’t even look into that kind of stuff,” Glenn said. “We just go out here and work.”

Continuously working hard is what makes Glenn such a crucial part of the Eagles’ roster, and it was worth some time for him to reflect on the memories he has made in three years on campus.

He couldn’t single out any one moment he preferred over countless others, so Glenn described his favorite memory as going out, practicing and just having fun with his teammates every day, saying that is what has made his time at GS so great.
Four things we know about the tenth game of the season against Troy

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The Eagles are going into their 10th game of the season and their final game at home. Here are four things we know about the upcoming game against Troy:

Both teams are 7-2
The Trojans hold an overall record of 7-2 like the Eagles, but the Trojans are undefeated in the conference being 5-0. Their only other loss is to No. 22 Boise State and Liberty University.

The Trojans have also pulled over wins over teams like ULM, Coastal Carolina and Georgia State. On the other hand, the Eagles will be looking to bounce back after ULM beat them 44-25.

The Eagles are 6-11 against the Trojans
First meeting in 1934, Troy has taken most of the wins against the Trojans are undefeated in the season against Troy. Having the Power of Paulson will be a big part of the Trojans' defense. The Eagles have not been defeated by the Trojans since 2008.

It's senior day for the Eagles
Along with it being the last home game of the regular season, GS will honor their seniors Saturday.

SIX PLAYERS TO WATCH WHEN THE EAGLES HOST THE TROJANS

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Coming off of a tough loss to University of Louisiana-Monroe, the Georgia Southern Eagles are on to the next work week. The team remains focused on taking things week by week, and the game this week against the Troy Trojans will be no different.

Sitting at No. 2 in the Sun Belt, the Eagles still have goals that they plan on attaining, and their momentum will not be stopped. The Eagles are adamant about their ability to get to the ball and grind out another win.

With that being said, there are a few players to watch in the upcoming week:

TROY

KALEB BARKER, #7, QB
With two interceptions on the season and 1,013 passing yards Barker has made his statement and continues to do so. The junior from Decatur, Alabama has made 10 touchdowns this season and only had two interceptions, making him a big part of the Trojans’ offense. There will be plenty to see from him when his arm is up against the GS defense.

DAMION WILLIS, #15, WR
In his last game, against Louisiana-Lafayette, Willis racked up 213 yards and was ready for the ball anytime the game-clock was running. In that game alone, he managed to have 10 complete catches and performed like his coaching staff expected.

CHRIS HARRIS JR., #32, LB
In his last game against ULM, he had a total 14 tackles and 10 solo tackles. Harris has seen him emerge in the passing weeks. In his game against ULM, he had a total of 23 receiving yards. He is getting ready to take on the Eagles and, as a freshman, has much potential to shine. A leader since his playing time in high school, as he grows into his position as an Eagles, fans will start to hear his name more and more.
Five takeaways from women’s basketball’s 81-65 loss to Wofford

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With a young team, the Georgia Southern women’s basketball team started their season by hosting the Wofford Terriers. A quick start from Wofford set the tone for the game, in which GS would never lead in the effort. Here are five takeaways from the season debut:

The team was lacking on defense and rebounds

Wofford dominated the Eagles, producing a lead as large as 26 points in the fourth quarter. On several occasions, Wofford players were left unguarded, and three out of the five players in the starting lineup ended in double digit point values over fifteen.

For Wofford, Chloe Wanink, remained mostly untouched and closed out the game with 30 points (12-18 FG, 5-7 from the three-point line) while most rebounds were grabbed by Jamari McDavid, who led the game with 12 rebounds. Sarah Moore led GS with six rebounds.

There was little ball movement by GS, which Wofford took advantage of

The Terrier defense figured out GS offense pretty early and put pressure on them in the paint. On offense, there were multiple moments of offensive confusion and Wofford was responsible for eight steals. GS gave up four turnovers in nine possessions in the third quarter.

Brown alone in fighting effort

Alexis Brown was a standout player as expected, but a poor game from last season’s offensive star Nakol Franks left her fighting on her own. Brown was low aggressive, but the Eagles willed the game with 14 points, two steals, one assist, and three rebounds. Franks went 2-8 in FG and 1-6 from the three. It is crucial for these two to work together and find a rhythm. Junior Hailey Dias-Allen stepped up to the plate and put up 14 points, one assist and four rebounds.

Eagles started slow and Wofford pounced

The Eagles allowed Wofford to set a rapid pace of the game within the first two minutes, leaving them looking frazzled and unprepared. Besides some spurs in the second quarter by GS, Wofford had control of the game and showed their aggression.

GS tried to play catch up in the entire game and called seemingly multiple back-to-back timeouts to reset their strategies. Wofford scored 13 points from GS turnovers alone.

Women’s basketball drops first game of season

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The women’s basketball team started their season off with a 81-65 loss to Wofford at home Tuesday night.

The Eagles started the first quarter slow as they missed many of their shots and their possession game showed to be sloppy. Wofford took advantage of that and ran up 12 points in consecutive three pointers to start the game.

The Eagles gave Wofford more room to score as the Terrier’s were more than happy to take advantage. Wofford was able to increase their lead as the Eagles trailed 49-46 heading into the fourth quarter.

The Eagles fell even further in the first half of the final quarter of the game as Wofford said to gs able to put up a mere 20-point lead. GS continued to fight and cut the deficit, but it wasn’t enough, showing the result of an 81-65 loss.

Wofford showed accuracy in everything, especially when it came to three-pointers as they averaged a three-point field goal percentage of 33.

“We have to learn to fight through those times when you aren’t shooting very well,” Head Coach Kip Brown said.

GS went 5-20 from three tonight so when they weren’t making shots, you have to keep playing through that and I didn’t feel like we did that in some spots.”

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