MCCURDY’S PAST ALLEGATIONS OF RACIAL HARASSMENT

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**Weekend Calendar**

**Thursday**
- Education Career Fair
  @10 a.m. Russell Union
  Looking for a job or career in the education field? School systems and agencies will be in attendance at this fair recruiting teachers, counselors, information technology professionals, school psychologists, as well as various other majors.

**Friday**
- International Conversation Hour
  @11:30 a.m. Russell Union Ballroom
  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**
- LSAT (Law School Exam)
  @8 a.m. Cone Hall
  Registration form: www.lsac.org For directions see the Office of Testing Services website at georgiasouthern.edu/success/testing. Then select directions.

**Sunday**
- Swim the Sunbelt
  @ RAC Aquatics Center
  Swim the Sun Belt is a swimming program designed to get participants into shape by combining their love for football with swimming.

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**Organization Spotlight**

**Justice Studies Club**
We network and organize meetings with local, state, and federal justice officials to give students opportunities to further their career interests in their desired fields. Not only does Justice Studies Club host fun events like ridealongs, murder mystery dinners and prison tours, students get first-hand knowledge of how to get involved with the community and build network connections. Contact us at hercampus.com/georgiasouthern

**Tips to Enjoy Fall**
- Go to your local apple farm
- Get a pumpkin flavored treat
- Have a bonfire
- Go to the mountains
- Go to a festival

By Morgan Copeland

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**#PETSBORO**

Alexa Blanding and Brownie

Alexa is a junior film and production major, and Brownie "enjoys sunbathing outside on our porch when the weather is nice."

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

Our photographers went out on campus and snapped some photos depicting life at Georgia Southern. Come back every week or follow our Twitter, @SeenAtSouthern, to see if you have been spotted!
Last Week’s Winner

“Ugh Not Again!”
By Staff

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Dan Betor: “Georgia Southern has had a good season. I am ready for an exciting match. It is a great way to spend a Sunday.”
@TheGeorgeAnne

“What are your thoughts on today’s match?”
Dr. Thad Clayton: “I am excited about our opportunity to compete for a conference title. It has been a good season for the Eagles.”
@TheGeorgeAnne

“What are your thoughts on today’s match?”
Brandon Deane: “I expect a lot of intensity. There are a lot of talented players on the field, both offense and defense.”
@TheGeorgeAnne

And I struck down the dragon with my mightiest blow I have ever landed...

And that was the best d20 roll that ever existed.

Comic by Coy Kirkland
A response to the 'Masculinity Panel.'

On Monday, Nov. 5, four men with various affiliation to Georgia Southern spoke about masculinity in 21st century America. The topic is essential and needs to happen. Whether we like it or not, men exist and have existed for all of human history. Men — across seemingly every culture we have an anthropological record of — have been the primary perpetrator of murder, rape and theft, three crimes that are usually unanimously deplored. Even today, about nine out of 10 incarcerated persons are men. The current cultural wisdom says that men and women are "basically" the same. I do not see that conclusion as immediately self-evident, and it would seem that the panel’s mission of exploring the problems of masculinity, especially toxic-masculinity, would be an admission of a contrary nature between men and women.

There seems to be two views of men. There’s the patriarch, the one that overwhelmingly win public office, start businesses, hold upper-level managerial positions, and dominate the STEM fields. Then, there’s the masses of men, the men who are playing more video games than ever before, the men moving out of their parents’ houses and becoming independents later and later in their lives, the men that continue to kill themselves in rising rates, the men that have attention problems, the men that drop out of school and the men that shoot them up. Are men the problem or do men have a problem?

The panel supposed that men are the problem, that masculinity is something inherently bad and too much of it, i.e. hyper-masculinity, is destructive to society. The panel then suggested that men who fit the traditional mold of masculinity (Think of the “Dos Equis” guy, even Jones) are the men that fit the physical incarnation of hyper-masculinity. We must use words so slovenly, so let’s look at Brock Turner. He first rose to infamy when he was 19. He had never worked a hard job in his life, he had been previously arrested for underage drinking, and when police confiscated his phone, they found considerable evidence of him using LSD, ecstasy and marijuana recreationally. I’ll end with this question: Are the Brock Turner’s of this country products of superimposed masculine ideals or are they little boys in men’s bodies that live in a state of perpetual adolescence?

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THE GEORGE-ANN JONES LETTER TO THE EDITOR

TREVOR WRIGHT

Trevor is a senior early childhood education major from Augusta, Georgia.

In our recent editions of The George-Anne, we covered many stories, specifically this semester, about different incidents of Georgia Southern University students and staff throwing around racial slurs.

To my surprise, many students that see these stories in the paper, and don’t actually read them, say that we as reporters are just "being a dead horse." What also surprises me, is that most of these students are actually African-American.

In response to those comments, racism is far from dead. What makes this statement factual, is the recent incidents of blatant racism on and off our campus.

RACISM ON CAMPUS

It started with triggerish, which was a national attention-grabber. The incident happened over the summer, and my George-Anne team jumped right on the story. The incident made its way to many blogs and made its way to many blogs and many people are reading us, so let’s look at Brock Turner.

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A DEAD HORSE?

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Before coming to GS, I attended a Historically Black College or University, Clark Atlanta University, while attending undergraduate. I noticed that I was so much campus involvement with different organizations at the institution. I know, black students being involved on an HBCU campus is the inevitable. However, GS student population is made up of 26.3 percent of African-Americans and with such a large amount of black students I find it odd that those same numbers did not match up with the attendance at the prior protests nor with those students complaining on social media.

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Opinions columnist written by you truly about the events that transpired this past summer.

However, as soon as my article made its debut, one of the first comments it received on Twitter was accusing our paper of beating a dead horse.

Fast forward to now. Many of you know about the other situations on campus involving professors using the N-word and posting offensive GIFs and memes on their social media accounts.

However, there were other marches that took place last year, it’s still pretty evident that there are too many people becoming comfortable with using such racial and offensive terms.

What makes me so uncomfortable with these situations of racism on campus is not so much the doing but the fact that after reporting these incidents, students will complain about how mad they are on social media but do little to nothing to fix the issue.

ARE STUDENTS DOING ENOUGH?

Sure we had some protests, but how many students actually showed up to these protests? From what I can recall, the NPHEC had a good turnout from students. They chanted loud and proud as they marched throughout the streets to the RAC, where the GS swim team was holding their first swim meet. I was so proud of our student body for coming together and letting themselves be vulnerable. I was so proud of how respectful and march and chant along with them, but because of my unbiased reporting, I stayed to the side and captured the moment.

organized by three students here at GS. This march did not have as good of a turnout as the first.

Though I did not attend the march, I heard from other spectators that there was only about 15-20 people that attended and participated in that protest.

WHAT’S THE PROBLEM?

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The Statesboro Food Bank feeds members of the Statesboro community who cannot feed themselves for various reasons. The food bank also feeds students if they come with their Eagle ID.

### How members of the local community can receive food

To receive food, you have to be a Bulloch County resident and bring all of the following:
- Photo ID
- ID for any minor children
- Social Security card
- Birth certificate
- Medical insurance card
- Any necessary referrals

### How students can receive food

All students need their Eagle ID to receive meals from the Food Bank. They can be served from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

“We try to base it on three meals per day, per person, and we try to base it on the USDA MyPlate requirements,” Brannon said.

The George-Anne staff serves students brown bags filled with items such as:
- Bread
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Canned beans
- Fruit

Brannon said about 25 to 30 students found the food bank and use it regularly as a resource.

“I've actually had a lot of people on their senior year, because at some point in their Georgia Southern career, it’s not uncommon for one quarter for somebody to have a brain spazz and they run out, and they’ve figured out a way to pay for their classes and pay for their books but can’t sustain themselves,” Brannon said. “For me, those are real special, because I’d have to see somebody on their last quarter drop out because they can’t feed themselves.”

### Where the food comes from

The Statesboro Food Bank receives a majority of their food from Walmart, BI-LO and Benbow Bread Company, Brannon said.

“Many of the food items the food bank gives out are perishable and have not been sold at local supermarkets in town,” Brannon said. “We pick up about 10,000 pounds of food a month.”

### How to get involved

Anyone is welcome to donate perishable food items to the Statesboro Food Bank, located at 400 Donnie Simmons Way, within operation hours.

Statesboro Food Bank welcomes volunteers to transport perishable goods from the grocery stores to the bank.

### Georgia Southern ponds beginning to see return of species

Georgia Southern University’s ponds are beginning to see a return of wildlife diversity in their waters.

The ponds on the Statesboro campus were dredged this past December to clean them out and make room for more wildlife growth.

“Dredging refers to removal and/or relocation of sediment from a channel, river or lake,” Emily Kane, assistant professor of biology said in an email. “In ponds, like the ones on campus, this is done to allow the pond the space to continue accumulating sediment and prevent it from accumulating in other areas, such as drainage culverts.”

Before dredging, there were at least 19 species of fish present on campus, the most common being the Mosquitofish. Kane said that most of the fish found on campus belong to the Centrarchidae family, which includes sunfish and largemouth bass.

“We’ve also seen less common fishes, such as Florida gaz, bowfin, swamp darters, pygmy sunfish, pickerel, chubsuckers and American eel,” Kane said. “Amphibians and reptiles are also common, and we’ve seen siren, amphiuma, several species of frogs, pond sliders, snapping, mud, musk and softshell turtles.”

Some faculty and students from the Biology Department worked to sample the ponds before dredging began, observing species diversity and attempting to relocate some fish. All caught fish were relocated to the drainage area on the south side of Forest Drive near Lot 33.

After dredging, the diversity in the ponds is beginning to build back up, and the Biology Department is hoping to see more progress in spring of 2019.

“In spring, many of the pond’s residents may be more active, and therefore more likely to be encountered either visually or in traps,” Kane said. “Mosquitofish are one of the first fish to colonize a new habitat, but are still not present in Lakes Ruby and Wells.”

Kane said Mosquitofish, redbreast sunfish and siren are some of the common species that will indicate the return of wildlife diversity.

The dredging project is funded by student sustainability fees, Kane said.
Georgia Southern professor received demotion for racial harassment allegations years prior to using N-word in class

BY TORI COLLINS
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University Professor Karen McCurdy received a demotion in 2012 as a result of a complaint filed accusing McCurdy of racial harassment.

McCurdy was recently accused of using the N-word in class in October, however on April 26, 2012, Latoya Jenkins, the then assistant director of the political science department, filed a complaint with GS’ Diversity Services Office accusing McCurdy of using the N-word in class.

In the complaint filed, Jenkins said McCurdy created a hostile environment for the African American student workers in the office.

"She makes comments like 'When you think of prisons you think of blacks,'” Jenkins said in the complaint.

In the complaint filed, Jenkins said McCurdy was being verbally abusive and discriminatory toward staff members.

“1. McCurdy be consoled or sanctioned for her inappropriate communication with student workers as deemed appropriate by her superiors.
2. McCurdy participates in some type of program to improve her interpersonal communication skills within her work place.

THE INVESTIGATION

Emails obtained from public records, shows the university conducted a fact-finding investigation of the accusations made against McCurdy.

Following the investigation, Gavel found that it was likely that McCurdy did violate the university’s policies prohibiting racial harassment.

“On the basis of the fact-finding investigation, it is more likely than not (preponderance of the evidence standard) that Dr. McCurdy engaged in behavior that violated the University policy prohibiting racial harassment,” Gavel wrote in a statement to the then Provost of Academic Affairs William Moore.

Moore said in an email sent to the then GS President Brooks Keel, that McCurdy did violate the policy against racial harassment.

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According to public records, on Feb. 13, 2013, McCurdy received an email from then GS President Brooke Keel stating that she had been demoted from a supervisor of the political science department to a political science and international studies assistant professor, which is the position McCurdy currently holds at GS.

Professor Karen McCurdy is currently a political science and international studies assistant professor at Georgia Southern University.

“...His intellectual abilities, says to an older white man, 'You just think I'm a n**er,' the voice in the video said. "If at was earth-shattering, right? In a way that that statement doesn't have the same sense for this age group, because it's a word, just as another word, that we used all the time, that was used all the time, that I actually didn't hear until I got to college."

Nugent said in a previous article McCurdy was also used the N-word in class on Oct. 19. Nugent said Department Chair Barry Balleck had met with McCurdy was asked to attend sensitivity training at the Armstrong campus and was under supervision.

McCurdy was reached by email but did not comment on the past complaint filed against her.

Interim President Shelley Nickel was asked about McCurdy’s past allegations but did not wish to comment, however, Nickel said there are current ongoing investigations on the allegations against McCurdy and Rebecca Kennerly, associate professor of communication studies, who was accused of using the N-word to a student in fall 2017.

Matthew Enfinger contributed to this article.

RECENT USE OF THE N-WORD IN CLASS

A video posted of what appears to be McCurdy using the N-word during a class lecture on Oct.22 went viral on Twitter.

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LATOYA JENKINS
2012 Assistant Director of Political Science department

“...To contact the news editor, email ganewsed@georgiasouthern.edu

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Diversity and inclusion modules to be added to Georgia Southern core curriculum

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

Georgia Southern University is working to add diversity and inclusion to its curriculum. After the passing of a diversity and inclusion resolution by the GS Student Government Association on Nov. 3, GS is planning to implement diversity and inclusion modules as well as an array of assignments into its First- and Second-Year Experience courses.

"We would like to integrate diversity and inclusion throughout the curriculum to reinforce the importance of this at many levels of the curriculum," Carl Reiber, Ph.D., provost and vice president for Academic Affairs said in an email. "Not just a single course."

All GS students are required to take First- and Second-Year Experience courses as part of their core curriculum.

"We will embed the new elements into the First-Year Experience courses in the spring term with full implementation in the fall," Reiber said. "Second-Year Experience courses will be developed with the new content integrated for the full term."

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**Health Services reports 28 scooter-related incidents since October**

**BY SHIANN SIVELL**  
*The George-Anne staff*

Health Services saw 28 patients with Lime scooter-related injuries since Oct. 1.

One student’s painful experience

Robert Wright, senior multimedia film and production major and member of The George-Anne Media Group, was riding a Lime scooter to work when he had an accident.

"There was a pothole on Creek Row that was the size of my wheel," Wright said. "It hit that, and I basically just launched a few feet and then skidded a few feet."

His injuries included scrapes on his arms and head as well as an injured wrist of which Wright, at the time, did not know the extent.

Despite being injured and bleeding, Wright went straight to work following the accident. Health Services was closed during the time of his accident.

Wright went to Health Services the following Monday and received X-rays for his injured wrist, which turned out to be fractured.

"They referred me to an orthopedist," Wright said. "They were concerned with a tendon attached to the bone. That’s vital. I should be fine. It could be as simple as keeping this [cast] on. It could be as bad as surgery. They said it’s according to the tendon."

Wright said he can now move his wrist, though it’s painful when he moves it leftward.

**Safety first**

Meghan Haggan, Lime operations manager for the GS campus, said in a previous interview that students should take their own safety into consideration when riding the scooters and bikes.

"[Lime] is not a helmet-sharing, we’re a scooter and bike-sharing, smart-mobility company," Haggan said. "We do encourage people to follow the safety rules."

Jan Southern, associate vice president of strategic communications and marketing for Georgia Southern University, recently sent out an email on applicable laws concerning the use of Lime bicycles and electric scooters.

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**EVENT: BREAKFAST BINGO**
- **DATE:** November 9th
- **TIME:** 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
- **LOCATION:** Russell Union Ballroom

**EVENT: NO STRESS ZONE**
- **DATE:** November 29th
- **TIME:** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- **LOCATION:** Russell Union Ballroom

**EVENT: CHERISH A XMAS ASIAN**
- **DATE:** November 7th
- **TIME:** 6:30 PM & 8:30 PM
- **LOCATION:** Russell Union Theater

**EVENT: STREET SIGNS**
- **DATE:** November 14th
- **TIME:** 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
- **LOCATION:** Russell Union Commons

**EVENT: LIGHTING OF SWEETHEART CIRCLE**
- **DATE:** December 4th
- **TIME:** 4:30 PM
- **LOCATION:** Sweetheart Circle

**EVENT: LANTERN WALK**
- **DATE:** December 4th
- **TIME:** 4:30 PM
- **LOCATION:** Russell Union Commons

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By Myles Mellor and Susan Flannigan

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Inside Bulloch County's Animal Shelter

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Inside, though, it’s calm. On one side, there is a tall, gray cage where two kittens are looking curiously at bystanders. Next to the counter, people are waiting in line. Some are adopting, some are returning and some are picking up.

This is normal for the Bulloch County Animal Shelter. The BCAS is a kill shelter located in the middle of nowhere, and when trying to find it, you almost always miss it. Trees and shrubbery cover the sign that lets people know where they are.

The current shelter has 30 kennels for cats that are ready to be adopted, 18 for cats in isolation, 24 kennels for dogs that are ready to be adopted, and 24 kennels for dogs in isolation. Isolation can mean that they are sick and cannot be around other animals.

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In fact, one of the biggest problems is the fact that so many animals that are adopted from the shelter are either abandoned or returned to the shelter sometime later.

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“Just like being a college town, I know we deal with it. I know other shelters deal with it. They want them while they’re here, but their parents don’t want them to bring them home, or they have animals at home, or they have animals at home that don’t get along with the new animals and that kind of thing,” Barrett said.

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However, if people are wanting to play with animals, but are not allowed to have them or cannot afford them, they can volunteer at the shelter to help socialize with the animals so that they can get adopted.

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Fall.

Despite all of the seasons bringing different types of joy, fall always seems to lighten the mood of everyone and give us the holiday feels. Perhaps it is because it marks the end of the sporadic heat waves that plague summer, or because it brings us one day closer to pumpkin spice lattes. The leaves change to beautiful hues of vibrant reds and golden yellows, evenings become a little cooler and life gets a tad bit sweeter. For me, fall always seems to lighten the mood. Paired with the warm company really made it a memorable day for her.

Here are a few ways to enjoy this upcoming fall season with friends and family, or just yourself.

Go to your local apple farm.

Many people aren’t aware, but in most states, there are local farms you can visit to pick fresh fruit. During the fall season, crisp apples are in abundance, along with fresh apple cider to sip while you walk down the rows of apple trees. This is perfect for a calm day out with your friends or a romantic date followed by a picnic beneath the stars.

Recently my friend Luna went to an apple farm in Asheville, North Carolina and could not stop gushing over how much fun she had with her family. The beautiful scenery, the yummy apples and the warm company really made it a memorable day for her.

Get a pumpkin flavored treat.

Whether you get your hands on a delicious pumpkin spice latte from your neighborhood coffeehouse, or indulge in a pumpkin-flavored treat, the distinctive taste of pumpkin truly puts you in a more festive mood. Paired with the warm spices of the season such as cinnamon and nutmeg it allows for a delightful interlude from regular coffee. Since these drinks and treats are usually only available during the fall, it makes enjoying them more special and meaningful when you devour them with those you care the most about.

Since the pumpkin drink and treat craze is so popular, there are countless ways to get your fix will fall rolls around.

Have a bonfire.

Since the weather begins to cool down during the fall months, hosting a bonfire is an easy way to stay warm and have fun with friends while being outside breathing in the fresh, night air. Imagine, a slightly brisk evening, wrapped in cozy, wool blankets with a mug of hot cocoa in your hands, and the beauty of the night sky gazing down on you and your friends. You could even make it a small gathering and have live music, dancing, and s'mores.

Go to the mountains.

If you are lucky enough to live near the mountains, you know how amazing it is to witness the leaves change as the season does. It is almost magical. Traveling to the mountains could become an adventurous road trip if you choose to make it one by making stops along the way in the towns you pass through. Once you arrive, you will be in awe at how much peace it brings you to simply exist in nature and take in all of its beauty. You could also rent a cabin in the mountains and make it a weekend trip. Most mountain towns have so many other interesting activities you can do as well, like tubing down a river, mining for gold and other gems, and immersing yourself in a different way of life.

Attend a fall festival.

Celebrate the change in weather by attending a fall festival. Along with Halloween drawing near, this time of year is ripe for vibrant festivals that cater to all ages and offer a wide variety of things to do, foods to try, music to listen to and memories to be made. A quick Google search can uncover tons of festivals taking place in your area, and most of them are free to the public, which is always great.

If you have the desire to become closer with nature, immerse yourself in the thrill of huge festivals, or the gracing urge to fill your belly with bursts of pumpkin flavor, then fall has a lot to offer you. You can never go wrong with allowing yourself to be more present and thankful for all that life has given you and is going to give you in the future.

Sitting on your front porch, with a toasty cup of apple-spiced cider, covered in the cool fall breeze, is one of the best ways to do it.

FUN FALL GAMES

GAMES TO HELP BRING YOU CLOSER DURING THE HOLIDAYS

By Ashton Christianson

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With fall here, there are always fun things to do with family and friends. Here are just a few fun activities that you can try to keep the good times rolling this holiday season. Games are a good way to bring family and friends together with a little friendly competition.

Cornhole

Cornhole is a classic that can always bring joy to those who are looking for an easy game that everyone can play. You can easily purchase the boards on Amazon or at many stores.

Sports

Going out to play games like frisbee, football and other fun sports can help to relax you and your friends, as well as bring a lot of laughter to your group.

Shake Your Tail Feathers

Another fun game to try is Shake Your Tail Feathers. All you need is an empty tissue box, some ribbon and torn-up construction paper, which goes inside the box. The objective is to shake out all the construction paper from the tissue box, which is tied with ribbon around your waist.

“Broke Man” Heads Up

For those who are broke college students, the one thing many of us have plenty of are sticky notes, and these can be used for the “Broke Man” heads up. The only difference in this game is that everyone writes down on sticky notes an object or living thing for each other.

“Mexican Train Domino Game”

“Mexican Train Domino Game” was always a tradition in my house to help us all unwind from a big meal. The game has many different versions, so keeping the rules you choose to go by on hand can help keep the fighting to a minimum.

With the holiday season upon us, there is nothing better than spending time with those you care for. Hopefully, these games can help bring your loved ones closer and create memorable moments filled with nothing but smiles.
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TWO GOALS NOT ENOUGH AS EAGLES FALL TO PANTHERS IN SUN BELT CHAMPIONSHIP

BY KAITLIN SELLS
The Georgia-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern men’s soccer team ended their season Sunday after falling to Georgia State in the Sun Belt conference championship 4-2.

The game started with intensity, both teams firing off shots on their opponents’ goalkeepers. The Panthers tied the game back up just three minutes later off another penalty kick. The Eagles answered to go up 2-1 lead by drilling a free kick into the goal, but the Panthers made a huge impact on the game and helped the Eagles keep the momentum going as they scored just six minutes later.

Aldair Cortes gave the Eagles a 2-1 lead by drilling a free kick into the goal, but the Panthers tied the game back up just three minutes later off another penalty kick. The Panthers reclaimed the lead by scoring again in the 82nd minute and sealed the win by scoring a fourth goal in the last seconds of the game, after taking advantage of a defensive mistake on the Eagles’ side.

“They just had a little more experience on the day,” Head Coach John Murphy said. “They got a couple of breaks, and you’ve got to make your own breaks. I thought we did that getting back into the game with the first goal, then had a well-worked second goal.”

GSU outshot the Eagles 19-15, and by taking the loss, the Eagles ended their season with a record of 7-7-3. The loss also gives the Panthers the lead in the 2018-2019 Southern vs. State rivalry series 4-2.

“It’s tough to lose to them on our home field, but the future is very bright for our program right now. We’re going to continue to move forward,” Murphy said.

Following the match, Carbonell, Gonzalo Talavera and Cortes were all named to the 2018 Sun Belt Conference All-Tournament Team. After the loss, the men’s soccer team season will come to a close, as the team will have nine returning starters and 25 returning players overall for 2019.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN ERASES 20-POINT HALFTIME DEFICIT, DEFEATS GEORGE MASON 98-89

BY RYAN PYE
The Georgia-Anne staff

Georgia Southern saw its first real test of the season on the hardwood Tuesday when they faced George Mason in Hanner Fieldhouse.

The second game of the season did not go as smoothly as the first, during which the Eagles routed Carver. Instead, GS was met with a hot-handed Patriots team and had to make big-time adjustments throughout the course of the game.

The first half was all Patriots, who shot 11-15 from beyond the arc and went into halftime with a comfortable 20-point lead over the Eagles.

Head Coach Mark Byington said his team made countless mistakes during the first 20 minutes, which cost them on the scoreboard. “We didn’t settle into ourselves in the first half,” Byington said. “We didn’t play the right way.”

When the Eagles returned to action during the second half of play, they were a completely different team. “Everything started with our defense,” Byington said. “And the defense played lights out after the break.”

Whereas they struggled to keep the Patriots from knocking down shots early, the Eagles’ aggressive defense in the second half shut down their opponents and allowed them to make an incredible comeback.

Tookie Brown, who led the team with 25 points on the night, said, “I told the guys in the locker room at halftime that we’ve got to just keep fighting.” Their fight undoubtedly showed on the court.

The Eagles opened up on a 10-2 run to start the second half, and that’s when things got energized inside Hanner Fieldhouse. Both Byington and Brown said getting the crowd involved made a huge impact on the game and helped the Eagles keep the momentum rolling in their favor.

Playing some of their best basketball, the Eagles were able to stage a comeback, and then some. At the final buzzer, the Eagles took home another win with a final score of 98-89.

Quan Jackson said there were a lot of lessons to be learned from this game, and they gained a lot out of battling through the adversity of trailing by such a large margin. “Being down 20 ain’t gonna hurt us,” Jackson said. “We’ve just got to do what we’ve got to do and play our game.”

Brown added that the first half’s deficit did not scare him or his teammates. “Basketball is just a game of runs,” Brown said. “We’ve got to just stay focused and keep playing.”

The winner’s mentality that his players showed is what Byington said he was most proud of at the end of the day. “I think the reason we came back in the second half was the leadership of Tookie Brown and Montae Glenn,” Brown said. “Their leadership was tremendous.”

Byington said that leadership from his experienced players goes a long way in terms of the team’s overall success, especially when coming from behind like they did on Tuesday.

The Eagles’ incredible come-from-behind victory puts them at a 2-0 record so far this season, and they hope their momentum will carry over into the next few games.

Their next few meetings will come from outside the continental United States as they travel to the Islands of the Bahamas Showcase. The first of their three-game string from the Bahamas will come Friday, Nov. 16, where they will face off with Florida Atlantic at 5 p.m.
Coastal Carolina looks to clinch first bowl game with win against Georgia Southern

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Just when things were looking up for the Eagles in 2018, things have taken a turn for the worse in their last couple of games. Since their big win against App State, Georgia Southern has dropped two games in a row, which, unfortunately, came against conference opponents ULM and Troy.

On the other hand, the Eagles are now 7-3 on the season with a conference record of 4-2. This past Saturday, the Eagles lost to Troy, ULM, Appalachian State and Arkansas State and have only claimed conference wins over ULL and Georgia State.

While the Eagles have had a tough past two games, coming off a 44-25 loss to ULM and a 35-21 loss to Troy where they gave up a combined 1,027 total offensive yards. These past two losses have come as a shock to most as the Eagles started the season so strong, managing to beat a nationally ranked team.

The Chanticleers hold an overall record of 5-5 but hold a conference record of 4-2, which is crucial to post-season placings.

Before the teams take the field, let’s get to know exactly what the Eagles are up against this weekend.

**Coastal Carolina Defense**

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**Coastal Carolina Offense**

Coastal Carolina holds a 5-5 record so far in 2018, but it hasn’t been completely due to their inability to score. Through their 10 games, the Chanticleers are averaging just under 28 points per game and have numerous play makers the Eagles will have to watch out for.

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One of Jackson’s fellow starters, senior Montae Glenn, was going through the same drills but with more reservation.

Both Glenn and Jackson started most of the previous season, but there were more inquisitive eyes on Jackson, the second-year player who hadn’t been one of the top rebounders in the Sun Belt.

“I’ve got better since last year,” Jackson said. “I can finally showcase that to the fans and teammates that we’ve got stuff for us to win games.”

The showcase Jackson put on was nothing shy of an unexpected spectacle. From scoring the first points of the season to leading the team in rebounds, the freshman Eto Yuminami’s first career points, Jackson was electric.

With 25 points, nine rebounds and eight steals, Jackson’s aggressiveness worked to a point. Pickpocketing different opponents as he passed by, the redshirt-sophomore was just as easy as the scoring did for the redshirt-sophomore.

Many of Jackson’s points came from dunks and lobs—something that Eagle Nation wasn’t completely used to. Jackson, Isaiah Crawley and Trey Dawkins were just a few of the Eagles that rose above the rim to put on a show similar to the Globetrotters.

“I’ve been practicing hard and rehabbing and working hard to get back to this moment,” Glenn said.

The senior showed his moment with 16 points and a team-leading 10 rebounds in just 18 minutes of action. Though he didn’t have the most points on the night, Glenn’s efforts under the rim helped push the pace and create a new, quick offense that wasn’t there last season.

With about five minutes left in the game, the Eagles had reached the 100-point mark, and many fans began frantically searching their record books to see how many the team could break.

The most points scored in prior outings was 199 against High Point in 1955 where they posted 140 on the Panthers. The most points scored since the Eagles moved to Division 1 in 1991 was when they scored 126 on Georgia State in 1994. Both of those marks were within reach, and the crowd held onto its breath with anticipation.

Dawkins broke past the 126-point barrier with a layup created by a Daniel Cooper turnover with just over three minutes to play.

At this point in the game, the starters were already wearing their sweats, and there was little to no chance for them to return to the game. Jackson, Glenn and the gang resorted to all they could do—cheer on their teammates with everything they had left.

Both Glenn and Jackson set tone for best GS offensive performance since 1955.

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Six players to watch during Coastal Carolina game

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The season for the Eagles has started out strong. Only one loss to the Clemson Tigers, an ACC powerhouse, the Eagles found their grind and kept on every advantage. Working hard and raking in wins became something that the team and fans alike got used to within those next couple of weeks. However, the last two weeks have proven that even the best can fall.

With Montae Glenn of the University of Louisiana-Monroe and then another loss to the Troy Trojans this past weekend, there has been a small sense of defeat after each loss, but the members of Georgia Southern football are ready to get back in the game this week in practice and show Eagle Nation that GS is still on top.

Here are six players to watch in this week’s game:

Coastal Carolina Chanticleers

Marcus Outlow, #21 RB

The senior from Norwich, Connecticut, has been at Coastal for a few years now and continues to make his mark. He currently has eight touchdowns on the season and has played in all 10 games this season.

A standout for Coastal, he has had a 666 gain on the season and has attempts sitting right at 133 yards. He will be a challenge for the GS defense and has been preparing for games like the one that we will see Saturday.

Kilton Anderson, #7 DB

With 722 yards on the season Anderson is ready to meet GS this weekend. The quarterback from Naples, Florida has had six touchdowns on the season and is quick to hand the ball to the successful Coastal offense. His longest pass sits at 81 yards and his offense is ready to team up with him to meet the defense GS brings. Fans will more than likely see him start as he has already played in the seven out of the 10 games this season.

Fitz Watley, #20 S

Watley has a total of 53 tackles on the season and is a strong part of the Coastal defense. In his last game played against Arkansas State, he has shown his six solo tackles and one assist.

Over the span of the whole season, Watley is committed to 37 solo jobs that were executed tackles. In the nine games that he has played, he has shown his team of action because he is there to work and he will show audiences more of that on Saturday.

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Raymond Johnson III, #82 TE

As a sophomore, Johnson is a younger player for the Eagles, but he has shown that he has great potential to have immense success as part of GS football. His solo season stands at 12 tackles, but his ability to be an acceptable teammate shows through his 19 assists throughout the season.

Against the Troy Trojans last Saturday, he has shown his team of action because he is ready to see him after this work week and he is ready to do what he does best.

Winfield Kennedy III, #12 WR

Kennedy, a sophomore from Savannah, has been in the spotlight this season, but for the past few weeks, he has not played. With 167 receiving yards on the season, he knows what he is capable of, and Eagle Nation is ready to see him play again.

Adding to his receiving ability, his rushing yards sit at 126 for the season, and when he meets the Coastal defense this Saturday, GS expects those numbers to only grow.

Traver Vlimer, #45 LB

The junior from Midland, Texas has proved that he has a wealth of skills against some of the Eagles’ toughest opponents in the past two years, Auburn and Clemson, he is ready to meet the Coastal defense.

The GS defense, Vlimer included, is where everything starts in terms of energy and he brings it. He has not had that much playing time this season, so Eagle Nation is ready to see him take the field this Saturday against the Chanticleers.
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