**Weekend Calendar**

**Thursday**
- **All Fired Up Holiday: Exhibition & Sale**
  @ 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. Averitt Center
  Student Made has joined Averitt Center for the Art’s “All Fired Up” to provide students the opportunity to showcase and sell their artwork.

**Friday**
- **Georgia Southern University Department of Music presents Dominik Fields, Viola**
  @ 11:30 a.m. Russell Union Ballroom
  Georgia Southern University Department of Music Graduation Recital.

**Saturday**
- **GACE Exam**
  @ 8 a.m. Cone Hall
  The Office of Testing Services is administering the GACE Exam, a certification exam. Register for the exam at http://gace.ets.org/. No walk-ins, date change or center changes allowed.

**Sunday**
- **Midnight Breakfast:**
  @ 6 p.m.
  Burning the midnight oil in preparation for finals? Take a break, and swing by Dining Commons, Lakeside or The Galley for a late-night pick-me-up!

**Organization Spotlight**

**Collegiate 4-H**

Collegiate 4-H promotes leadership and service on campus and within the community. If you are looking to get more involved on campus, Collegiate 4-H is a great opportunity for you.

Contact us at gsucollegiate4h@gmail.com for more info.

**Game Day Rituals**

“Georgia! Southern!” “Whose House? Our House!” “Wings Up, Eagle Nation!” are some phrases just about every student at Georgia Southern University knows by heart. Game days at Southern are always filled with school spirit, gold, blue and white. It’s a time where everyone becomes best friends with other students around them for a few hours. There are so many events that happen on game day, and these rituals remind us why we are the best team in America.

1. Freedom’s Flight
2. “All I Do is Win”
3. Chanting with Gus
4. Game Day Entertainment
5. Fireworks and a canon after a touchdown
6. Singing Southern’s alma mater and “It Is Well” when the game is over

By Alexi Simpson

**REFLECTOR**

**Sofia Perez and Kirby**

Sofia is a junior pre-med psychology major, and Kirby “is known for his wiggles, love for worms and his desire to grow big and strong.”

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

Sofia Perez and Kirby
#PETSBORO

**@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!
Caption This!

Write your caption here and tweet it out to @SeenAtSouthern.

Last Week’s Winner

“They travel in herds”
By Staff
For a chance to be featured, give us your best caption either online or in print. Tweet us @SeenAtSouthern.

I really don’t see how y’all are cold this is nothing

Still.... Not..... Cold.

This just in, the illustrator of this comic results to low quality due to the stress of finals

Comics by Coy Kirkland

CTNetwork
IT’S BEEN ONE YEAR, BUT THE DIVISIONS NEED TO GO

Matthew Enfinger
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Wait for the perfect parking spot at Henderson Library

Any spot on that front row of the Hendy parking lot is solid gold. It’s so perfect that someone on the end will always try to make an extra spot by parking on the sidewalk. Honestly, if all the spots are taken, just take a lap. There’s no way in hell you’re going to settle for a second row spot. It messes with your attention! It should be a rematch of App State and Troy, two nine-win teams that have gained attention nationally for years. A much more exciting game than what SBC fans “get” to experience in Boone Saturday.

Hydrate
Everyones knows the key to a well-functioning mind is some quality H2O. Everyone also knows that the cure to an intense study session is a good cold beer. Take a break and crack shot, who knows.

Read this article
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Opinions

Eight things to distract you from studying for finals week

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It’s hosted by the top school, which is awesome for the fans. This joins the trend of the team with the top conference record having the privilege of being able to host the game. Also, having a championship game in general raises SBC’s prestige as far as a conference goes. It creates excitement and gives the two schools an extra game to prepare for.

But with any other decision in sports, the decision to have an SBC championship had its flaws. The biggest flaw being the layout of the East and West divisions.

At first glance, it makes perfect sense. Teams that are west of Troy, Alabama are in the West division and teams that are east of Troy, Alabama are in the East division. So, yep, geographically, it seems like a good move.

In the light of talent and good football, however, it’s shameful. For the inaugural championship game, 9-2 Appalachian State that was ranked in the AP poll earlier this season, will be taking on 7-5 Louisiana that lost by 18 at home to a 5-7 Coastal Carolina.

The Mountaineers are 1.63 point favorites Saturday against the Ragin’ Cajuns. This is the second highest spread for championship weekend this season behind the ACC championship, where No. 2 Clemson is a 23.5 point favorite over 7-5 Pittsburgh.

What should happen in the Sun Belt’s case is tear down the division barrier and have the top two records battle in a neutral site. They could still maintain rivalries like App State-Georgia Southern and Troy-South Alabama by having every team play every team.

“But divisions are so fun and place more importance against in-division opponents.”

This is the exact situation the Big 12 does currently and has done since their reinstitution of a championship game in 2017. Every big game still gains the attention it should, but at the end of the season you have the two best teams, No. 5 Oklahoma and No. 14 Texas, playing in arguably the most important game of the weekend.

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Visit every bathroom on campus

Honestly, this is a bucket list item and why not knock it out when you should be studying? From Russell Union to the Nursing Building, hit up every bathroom and find your #1 spot to go #2.

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University of Georgia until he discovered Miller Lite. So, give it a shot, who knows.
East Georgia State College to return to Georgia Southern’s Statesboro campus

BY RACHEL ADAMS
The Georgia-Anne Staff

East Georgia State College’s Statesboro campus is expected to relocate to the Georgia Southern University (Old Statesboro campus) by spring of 2021.

The Nessmith-Lane Conference Center on GS campus will house EGSC, and the GS Continuing Education Center, which currently inhabits the space, will move to the current EGSC campus.

Dean of Libraries confirms reports and treatment of bed bugs in Henderson Library

BY RACHEL ADAMS
The Georgia-Anne Staff

Dean of Libraries Bede Mitchell has confirmed reports of bed bugs in Henderson Library but says treatment has been used to remove the bugs.

Mitchell confirmed the reports in an email Wednesday morning.

“Some bedbugs were reported, so we removed the furniture where the bugs were observed and Knox Pest Control came to treat the area,” Mitchell said. “We are on the alert for other bugs, but none have been found so far.”

According to an email from Georgia Southern University student Franchette O’Neal, library staff members removed a number clares from the second floor of the library after finding one infested with bed bugs.

“My friend, who sat on the chair, was instructed to go home and wash the clothes she was wearing twice and dry them in high heat,” O’Neal said. “He also said that he actually found another bed bug on his backpack.”

Mitchell said that this is the first time this semester reports of bed bugs in the library have been confirmed.

“Relocating to the GS Statesboro campus may allow our students to co-enroll in more GS classes,” Mitchell said. “EGSC students will be better prepared to transfer to GS with this arrangement.”

Georgia Southern fraternities placed on interim suspension pending investigation

BY MATTHEW ENFINGER
The Georgia-Anne Staff

Two Georgia Southern University fraternities located on Creek Row have been placed on interim suspension pending investigation.

Jennifer Wise, director of marketing and communications, confirmed that fraternities Kappa Sigma and Delta Tau Delta were placed on interim suspension, however, the cause for investigation was not made available.

“Georgia Southern University has placed the fraternities on interim suspension pending a full investigation,” Wise said. “The safety of our students is our highest priority and we do not tolerate unsafe practices and behaviors that jeopardize our students’ well-being.”

Below is an excerpt for GS’ Student Code of Conduct that defines interim suspension:

“In certain circumstances, the Associate Vice President/Dean of Students or designee, in consultation with the System Director for the University System of Georgia, may impose a University or Residence Hall suspension prior to a hearing.

During an interim suspension, students may be denied access to the Residence Halls and/or to the campus (including classes) and/or all other University activities or privileges for which the Student might otherwise be eligible, as the Student Conduct Officer may determine to be appropriate. The Student will be responsible for working with Faculty Members to make up any missed work (if possible).

An interim suspension should only occur when necessary to maintain safety and should be limited to those situations where the respondent poses a serious and immediate danger or threat to persons or property. In making such an assessment, the University should consider the existence of a significant risk to the health or safety of the alleged victim or the campus community; the nature, duration, and severity of the risk; the probability of potential injury; and whether less restrictive means can be used to significantly mitigate the risk.

If an interim suspension is imposed, the notice and hearing should follow within ten (10) Days.”

The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and both Presidents of Kappa Sigma and Delta Tau Delta were emailed for comment but have not replied.

The Georgia-Anne has requested documents as part of the investigation under the Freedom of Information Act and will update this article as more information becomes available.
Two Georgia Southern University students received multiple injuries after being struck by a car on Nov. 16 while crossing Fair Road on a Lime scooter.

According to a Georgia State Patrol police report, GS students Daniel Cooney and Taylor McCullough were believed to be traveling west on Catherian Avenue on a scooter.

Driver Christopher Cutter was traveling north in the left lane of Fair Road in a 2009 Chevy Impala LTZ when Cooney and McCullough failed to yield. According to police reports, at the time of the crash, Cutter was looking down, and after looking back up, noticed the scooter and its passengers crossing into his path.

According to police reports, Cutter could not avoid the collision and struck the scooter with the front of the vehicle. After the impact, both Cooney and McCullough were ejected from the scooter with one or possibly both striking the windshield of the car. Cutter traveled approximately 135 feet 5 inches before coming to a stop, according to police reports. The scooter’s passengers landed in the left northbound lane, approximately 23 feet 9 inches from the front of the vehicle. Cutter was not injured, however, both Cooney and McCullough were flown to a hospital in Savannah following the crash, Ginger Robins, Georgia State Patrol Officer, said.

According to a gofundme post, McCullough has undergone surgery to relieve pressure and blood from her brain. McCullough also suffered broken cheek bones, a broken pallet and a broken leg. The current condition of Cooney is unknown. The George-Anne will update this article as information becomes available.

“Prayers and hopes are needed for her and her family,” the gofundme account reads. “If there is anything beyond this that you might be able to help out with monetarily, please help by donating to her gofundme page to help her family with her medical expenses.”

Donations to McCullough can be made at https://www.gofundme.com/angels-for-taylor. McCullough’s goal is currently set at $50,000.

Friendship Baptist Chatt Hills Church continues to post updates on McCullough’s condition on its Facebook page. According to a post made on Nov. 20, McCullough was able to speak on the phone and no longer requires a breathing tube.

“The first thing she said was to tell the church how thankful she is and she knows that she is only here because of your prayers,” Friendship Baptist Chatt Hills Church’s post reads. “Thank you so much and please continue to pray for her as she goes through her reconstructive surgeries.”
HIV TESTING
HEALTH SERVICES
NOVEMBER 29 | 11 AM - 4 PM | RUSSELL UNION COMMONS
1 in 8 people infected with HIV don’t know they have it. CDC recommends that everyone between the ages of 13 and 64 be tested for HIV at least once as part of routine health care. A general rule for those with risk factors is to get tested annually. Get tested for free at the following clinics sponsored by Health Services, the Department of Public Health and the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA).

BOULDERING NIGHT OUT
CAMPUS RECREATION AND INTRAMURALS
NOV. 16 | 7 - 8:30 PM | SHOOTING SPORTS EDUCATION CENTER
Bouldering Night Out (BNO) is a monthly event that Southern Adventures hosts at our bouldering cave the last Thursday of each month during the semester. Each BNO has a different theme and we strongly encourage individuals to dress to the theme (we usually have a best-dressed prize)! This event is open to all ranges of experience, whether you are an experienced climber or a first timer this event is fun for everyone. Prizes are raffled and food is served at each BNO, but you must be participating in the event to get the goods. No sign up is needed for BNO, just show up at 7:00 the last Thursday each month for a great time at the bouldering cave.

GOOD LUCK ON YOUR FINALS!
This year will mark the highest number of reported cases of sexual assaults at Georgia Southern University and in Statesboro in the past few years. Although reports were not provided from the Teal House, Caldwell, states that the number of reported sexual assaults is increasing. Out of every 1,000 cases tried, approximately 995 offenders walk free of their crimes, according to RAINN. Not only that, but out of these 1,000 cases, nine of them will be referred to a prosecutor and only five of them will probably lead to a felony conviction. This, however, does not mean that people should not stop reporting rapes or sexual assaults that occur, because rape cases can be difficult to prosecute for several different reasons. Some reasons can include that the forensic evidence was lacking, the victim could not remember everything, he or she was intoxicated or could also be in a consensual relationship with the defendant. Also, with the forensic evidence, there has to be proof of whether or not there was consent, too, and sometimes, that can be difficult, too.

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Out of those 1,000 cases of rape, 46 of those actually lead to an arrest of the offender, and only 230 out of 1,000 of those cases are actually reported to the police.

In many of these cases, the assault not only takes place in the victim’s residence but also by someone that the victim knows. In fact, according to RAINN’s website, 93 percent of all sexual assaults that are reported to law enforcement are actually committed by someone the victim knows.

Furthermore, 70 percent of the cases of rape are committed by someone that the victim knows. This means that it is not impossible for a sexual assault or rape to be committed by a stranger; but it is more likely to happen with someone that the victim knows. “They don’t present like a sexual assailant. They’re already in the victim’s world circle, and that’s how the assailant gains access to them,” Caldwell said.

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BY THE NUMBERS

REPORTED CASES OF SEXUAL ASSAULTS AT GS AND IN STATESBORO ITS HIGHEST IN YEARS

BY TARA BAILEY
The Georgia-Anne Staff

This year, through incident reports obtained through several FOIA requests to GS’ Office of Public Safety, Title IX Office, and Statesboro Police Department, there were a total of 31 cases of sexual assault, six cases of rape and two cases of sexual battery in 2018. The number of reported cases of rape were at the lowest with a total of six in 2018. The highest was in 2016 with 16. This is not to say that these numbers are truly representative of all sexual assaults and rapes that occur on campus, but rather ones that have been reported to the Title IX Office, the Statesboro Police Department and the Office of Public Safety. These numbers do not include the Teal House: Sexual Assault and Child Advocacy Center’s numbers. This non-profit organization offers services and programs to Bulloch County and its surrounding counties, such as free forensic examinations, counseling sessions, support group sessions and a 24-hour crisis hotline.

These reports included various areas because some do not even report to law enforcement at all. This is because some will go through other places, such as the Teal House or the Title IX Office instead because it is not such an invasive process.

However, some will not report at all. According to the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network, three out of four sexual assaults are never reported. Jodi Caldwell, who is also the director of the GS counseling center and is also a chair on the Sexual Assault Response Team, or SART, explains that many victims do not report for several different reasons. “So, a lot of victims will choose not to report for one, yeah, it’s embarrassing,” Caldwell said. “It’s re-traumatizing. Victims often face repercussions from people they know.”

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The George-Anne staff
Football, Family and Faith
The Life of Chad Lunsford

BY NOELLE WALKER
The George-Anne Reflector staff

When I walked into the lobby of The Ted Smith Family Center at Paulson Stadium, one thought stood out over all the others: This is a school that’s proud of its football. The Ted Smith Family Center is home to football head coach Chad Lunsford’s office. Straight in front of whoever walks inside the building is a wall made of windows, as if it is framing the “prettiest little stadium in America.” GATA is in big letters above the wall of glass. It’s a beautiful day in Paulson. The sun is shining, illuminating the football field. One person runs from endzone to endzone on the field below me. As always, it’s a good day to be an Eagle.

The team’s national championship title plaques are proudly displayed in the lobby. Part of a wall is showcasing the Bill W. Nelson Hall of Fame. As I waited to interview Coach Lunsford, I sat on a blue couch in front of trophy cases holding Southern’s GoDaddy Bowl trophy from 2015 and the Sunbelt Conference Championship trophy from 2014.

Lunsford has held an array of positions, including jobs at Georgia Military College, Appalachian State, Griffin High School, Auburn and Georgia Southern University. He has always gravitated towards football growing up. He played the sport in little league, middle school and high school. While he claims he wasn’t very good at it, he loved and enjoyed football. His biggest influences were his high school coach and all the coaches he’s worked with throughout his career.

“I just try to take everybody as far as how they handled things, how they did things, and just try to learn the situation they were in,” Lunsford said.

Lunsford thought he wanted to coach, but he didn’t make up his mind until he was in college.

“Once I jumped into it, I knew that’s what I was meant to be,” Lunsford said.

I asked Lunsford to describe how he felt when GS won against App State. He said it was emotional, but he felt more emotional for the seniors because they had never beaten Appalachian State, and he did not want them to leave without that victory. He said them being able to get that made it the most special.

There are several moments throughout Lunsford’s career where he thought, “This is why I want to be a coach.” One that jumps out at him was the final game of 2016 against Troy at Paulson. It was senior night. They had a successful senior class, but it wasn’t a good year—the team was 5-7. When Southern won, he saw how emotional the players were after the game, and a lot of them hugged him and told him they appreciated Lunsford sticking with them.

I asked Lunsford what obstacles he’s had to overcome to achieve success at Southern today. Lunsford said it was going through the hard times and not losing faith or sight of what GS is.

“Georgia Southern is a very proud and successful program, and when it’s down, there’s a lot of negativity, and I think being able to overcome that - not just me, but our whole football team and our whole staff, and just being able to create a positive environment, was the biggest obstacle,” Lunsford said.

At the time of the interview, GS was in contention for the Sunbelt Championship. I asked Lunsford, from the perspective of coaching, how did he go from a losing season last year to a bowl-eligible team in contention for the Sunbelt Championship. Lunsford said that is starts with culture. He said they’ve always had a strong brotherhood with their players - it’s a close, tight-knit group. Lunsford thought it was important in the off-season to build a positive environment. He said they are still held accountable but with a positive spin on everything.

“You got to get the kids to know you care about them and love them. And love equals time, so you got to spend time at it. And I think it was very important because our guys spend time together, our coaches then spend time with them, and it just became a big bond,” Lunsford said.

I asked Lunsford to describe his relationship with the players. He said he’s a player’s coach.

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**LUNSFORD continued**

His positivity has an effect on all of those around him. Kindle Vildor, a junior sports management major, is a corner back for the GS football team. “I feel like it’s more of a team, more of a family compared to last year. I feel like now we have a good brotherhood, and not only with the players but also with the coaches,” Vildor said.

Shai Werts, a redshirt sophomore sports management major, is a quarterback for the GS football team. “He tries to always find the positive in things instead of flashing the negative or always pointing out the negative stuff, so I feel like that always puts out a positive vibe. Positive energy that comes with Coach Lunsford,” Werts said.

I asked Werts what the atmosphere this year compared to last year. He said there’s a lot more positive energy, and he said that he feels this is what has allowed the team to have the season they have had so far.

Vildor and Werts both described Lunsford as a player’s coach. One thing his wife, Tippy Lunsford, learned from him was to be positive. She said that, in a relationship, there’s always one person who’s stronger at certain things over others. “He’s like that with everything. If I’m going to say the glass is half empty, it’s half full to him,” Tippy said.

The most important thing to Lunsford when it comes to the team is the guys knowing he cares about them. There are five core values they all try to work towards daily: servant leadership, honesty, humility, accountability and blue-collar work ethic.

I asked Werts how Coach Lunsford impacted his life, and he said he could tell so many stories. The biggest one was about his decision to attend the university. Werts said he had some recruiting, and Lunsford had called him after he had made a different decision. Werts said they talked for about an hour or hour-and-a-half about a lot of things—not just football. After that, he changed his decision. Werts said Lunsford is probably one of the biggest reasons he decided to go to Southern.

Werts said that Lunsford always told him that his time was coming, and, even when it did, he told Werts that he was proud of him, and no matter what, he would always stand behind him.

“The he’s never went away from that word,” Werts said.

Vildor described Lunsford as a player’s coach, saying he gets along with every single player and has a relationship with each and every one. “I feel like a lot of coaches, they probably want to just make it strictly about football, with very little for winning, winning winning. But he cares about more than that. He cares about how our family is doing, how we’re doing and, if we need anything, be sure to go to him for it,” Vildor said.

Lunsford and defensive coordinator and safeties Scott Sloan have coached together for nine years at three different previous places: Griffin High School, Georgia Military College and GS.

“In this business, you don’t get a lot of opportunities to work with someone that you’re that close to. During the course of your career, any time you get a chance to cross paths again with somebody you’re good friends with, it’s kind of hard to turn down,” Sloan said.

I asked Sloan how it is working with Coach Lunsford. He said they have a good working relationship, and he thinks the fact that they know and trust each other as much as they do helps. He said they have open communication in both directions and they sometimes use each other as sounding boards. Sloan explained they keep it professional even though they are close.

“The fact that we’ve got such a good trust and good communication lined back and forth, I think helps it be a good working relationship as well, Sloan said.

I asked Sloan what the players mean to him. He said they mean everything. Being able to mentor young guys as they’re in a huge transitional stage in their life and being able get the opportunity to build and equip them for the real world is important to him.

“Each guy has a different thing, I think, in their life that needs [to be] touched on, and so I think as a coach, if you can identify that and touch on it, then really you’ve done your job as far as the position of being a coach,” Sloan said.

Sloan has no doubt Lunsford shares this same philosophy. If he didn’t, Sloan wouldn’t have come back to GS.

“Football is way bigger than just X and O’s and the schemes that you put together, the plays and things of that nature. It’s really about developing a culture, building a close-knit group of players and coaches,” Sloan said.

I asked Sloan how Lunsford resolves conflict.

Tippy said the football team as a whole is like an extension of Lunsford’s children. “When I hear him talking to them in the game or in his office or wherever, it’s almost like they could be a part of our family,” Tippy said. “He cares about them, he works with them and teaches them and disciplines them all the same way. It’s kind of weird.”

Lunsford and his wife met in college, and they have been married 16-and-a-half years. The couple has three children. “I liked his confidence, I liked his athletic ability, his brains. He just had the whole package, and he had a good Christian heart too. It was just perfect for me,” Tippy said.

When asked to describe her husband, the first thing she said was that he’s a very Godly man. She also said he’s a great leader of their family, has a good sense of humor, and is a loving, caring and devoted husband.

She said she would probably describe him in the same way as a coach, just towards the team, players and coaches. Lunsford’s father didn’t have to have a family dinner most nights because of obligations like football practices and the children’s sport events, so Lunsford’s family starts out every single day they are home with a family breakfast at 6 a.m.

Tippy said that family is the most important thing to her husband, just under his Christian faith. She knew Lunsford would be a good father before they had children, saying they both have a desire for adventure, and he was like a kid at heart. “I would think that if he treated them the way I was treated by him, he would be a good father,” said Tippy.

Lunsford does bring his work home with him on occasion, said Tippy. She said it’s like his hobby, and she enjoys it too. After every game the team plays, they go home and watch it together again on the TV. If he has a lot of work he has to do and hasn’t been home though, he’ll try to bring it home just so he is present.

Sloan said this line of work is competitive, especially when the stakes get higher. He said sometimes the job can consume you, but you can’t stay here 24, 18, or 19 hours a day. At some point, Sloan said, you have to push yourself and get home and pick up where you left off the next day. Sloan said Lunsford was good for him and really showed him that perspective.

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(below) Redshirt-sophomore wide receiver Darion Anderson caught a 38-yard pass to complete the first touchdown of the game and to increase the Eagles’ lead to 10-0 over the Panthers.

(above) Redshirt-junior kicker Tyler Bass was good for two field goal attempts during the game, completing a 39-yard kick and a 49-yard kick.

(below) Redshirt-sophomore quarterback Shai Werts and senior offensive lineman Curtis Rainey celebrate after Werts rushed for an 18-yard touchdown.

(below right) The Eagles celebrate with fans after their 35-14 win over the Panthers and taking the point in the rivalry series for the year.

(bottom left) Georgia Southern cheerleaders line up to welcome the Eagles onto the field before the game.

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Eagles stifled with first loss of season to ETSU

BY AMANDA ARNOLD
The George-Anne contributor

In their first outing since winning the Islands of the Bahamas Showcase, the Georgia Southern Eagles lost to East Tennessee State University, 69-64, for the team’s first loss of the season.

GS started off strong in Hanner, building a seven point lead within the first three minutes of play. A quick ETSU timeout resulted in the Bucs changing their offensive strategy, eventually taking the lead.

“I thought we showed toughness, I thought we battled,” Head Coach Mark Byington said. “This game will come back to help us later on.”

Both teams struggled with shot accuracy, with GS shooting just 16.7 percent from the field during regulation. The Bucs utilized this weakness to score on multiple fast breaks. Several missed shots and consecutive sloppy possessions caused the Eagles to go into halftime down 32-27.

After the half, GS started playing with more intensity, narrowing the deficit to one point. Eventually, GS took the lead multiple times, Quan Jackson finished with 13 points and six rebounds, and Tookie Brown had 16 points and four rebounds, critical to getting the team’s momentum back on track.

Montae Glenn, the 6’8” powerhouse from Carrollton, was held scoreless in the first half due to being double-teamed by the Bucs but finished with four points.

“It was a struggle tonight, because they had more than one guy on him,” Brown said. “It frustrated him a little bit, but overall I think he played well.”

On a more positive note, Iowa State transfer Simeon Carter touched the court for the first time as an Eagle and was welcomed with thunderous applause from the stands. Carter contributed four points, one rebound and a block.

While both teams are extremely talented, the game was laden with mistakes. The match really came down to the last few minutes, but the poor time management in the last 50 seconds and a lapse in defense caused the Eagles to be handed their first loss of the season.

EAGLES PICK UP WIN OVER THANKSGIVING BREAK, IMPROVE TO 2-4

BY AMANDA ARNOLD
The George-Anne contributor

Over the holiday break, the Georgia Southern women’s basketball team fell to Stony Brook University but prevailed against the Bethune-Cookman Wildcats. They are holding on to a 2-4 record. Here’s what you missed.

After bringing home the first win of the season behind a strong performance against Savannah State on Nov. 15, the Eagles made a lengthy trip to Stony Brook, New York to take on the 2-1 Seawolves on Nov. 20.

Behind a sloppy first half on defense, 21 turnovers and too many missed shots, GS went into halftime in a 32 point deficit. Alexis Brown had a team-high 14 points and Nakol Franks finished with eight points and eight rebounds.

The two attempted to propel the team during the second half, which resulted in 19 points scored in the third quarter, but GS fell short to lose 77-43. The Seawolves scored 26 points from GS turnovers alone and had a solid game on offense, with 40 points from the paint.

Returning home after the holiday on Sunday at Hanner Fieldhouse, the Eagles hosted the Bethune-Cookman Wildcats. Brown was spectacular with a 27-point game, and it was a spot-on day for Hailey Dias-Allen with 17 points and nine rebounds.

A fast break by Franks in the final seconds was what the Eagles needed to triumph 77-76. Franks’ flight for the final shot showed her aggression during this game, sealing in her five defensive rebounds.

The Wildcats’ standout guard, Angel Golden, was allowed 32 points by the GS defense and went head to head against Brown. With 17 lead changes, this game was the most exciting game for the Eagles yet.
**LUNSFORD’S SUCCESS REWARDED WITH CONTRACTUAL INCENTIVES**

Head coach Chad Lunsford gets swarmed by fans following the win against Appalachian State. Lunsford has accumulated $15,000 this season in bonuses.

**BY MCCLAIN BAXLEY**

Tuesday marked a year since Chad Lunsford was officially named head coach of the Georgia Southern football team. His initial contract provided him with an annual base salary of $650,000 and an $85,000 buyout.

The contract also includes incentives and bonuses contingent on the team’s success. With the team having many successes this year, several different bonuses will appear on Lunsford’s inaugural head coaching paycheck.

The first incentive that Lunsford succeeded is $6,000, for the team winning seven games. The seventh game was won with a victory over Appalachian State on Oct. 26.

Lunsford also earned an additional $2,000 worth of bonuses with wins eight and nine against Coastal Carolina and Georgia State, respectively.

Lunsford will likely pick up another $5,000 for his team being selected to a bowl game Sunday, which brings his total incentive sum to $15,000 this season, and there are still opportunities for more.

Should Lunsford win Sun Belt Coach of the Year and/or National Coach of the Year, he’ll be rewarded $5,000 for each award.

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**FINAL NATIONAL BOWL PROJECTIONS FOR THE EAGLES**

**BY MCCLAIN BAXLEY**

After the season finale win against Georgia State, the Eagles concluded their season at 9-3 and 6-2 against Sun Belt teams. This week, the Cure Bowl and Arizona Bowl were taken off the table, so it’s likely down to two Alabama bowls.

Now all that’s left to do is wait for the bowl schedule to come out Sunday to find out who and where GS will play its second bowl in program history.

For the final time of 2018, the national media has turned in their final bowl game projections:

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