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EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS

**STUDENT EMPLOYMENT JOB FAIR**
This event provides students a place to meet and discuss employment opportunities with on-campus departments.

*Thursday, Jan. 17 at 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.*
Russell Union Ballroom

**DROP/ADD ENDS SPRING SEMESTER**

**POSTER SALE!**
The poster sale is back for the spring semester. You can find posters of any kind to decorate your spring dorm.

*Tuesday, Jan. 22 at 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.*
Tech Corner Training Room

**SPRING 2019 ‘BORO BROWSE**
The ‘Boro Browse gives campus departments, Statesboro area businesses and non-profit agencies an opportunity to visit campus and share information about their goods and services with Georgia Southern students, staff and faculty.

*Wednesday, Jan. 23 at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.*
Russell Union Rotunda & Commons

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Weather

63°/45°
Thursday

65°/52°
Friday

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Sunday

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Kayla Dunn, Dylan Chapman and Zora

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!
We asked The George-Anne Reflector followers which movie or TV show they were most excited about and these were the results.

G-A Reflector Magazine
@ReflectorGSU

What do you want to accomplish in 2019?

36% Good grades
37% Good health
22% Good friendships
5% Other (reply below!)

99 votes - Final results

Up is Down Comic by Chase Taylor

Comic by Coy Kirkland

Look away. What is it? Just don’t look or else.

2019 is gonna be my year! I’m gonna get so much work done, I’m gonna work out, I’m

Alright, who took all my chips?

Resolutions

Gal Nevermind!

Conner J Kirsch

@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!

ISIS MAYFIELD/staff
There is a new art display at the Center of Art & Theatre by Lily Kuonen! Her work, Playntings, is a combination of both paintings and plays! Her art will be on view until February 8! Check it out!

GAME WINNING SHOT by Quan Jackson (@Qjacks13)
Congrats on your 100th win Coach!
BY COY KIRKLAND
The George-Anne staff

The Blue Mile Committee announced in Dec. 2018 the “Creek on the Blue Mile” project, a development plan for a lake reservoir, creek and linear park in Statesboro. The project will also include an entertainment zone and possibly bring new developmental interest to Statesboro.

Keely Fennell, co-chair of the Blue Mile Project, said the new project would allow up to 75 acres in the county to shed flood waters. The heavy rain water that would flood around the area would instead flow into a designated reservoir that is built for the storm water surge. With a central water source located near the Blue Mile, the area would be free from the effects of flood water build up and would be open for new commercial development.

Inspiration
Keely reached out to Andy Burns, one of the developers for the Market District construction project. After asking Burns to meet and come up with some ideas, Burns referenced a project that was used to create Carroll Creek in Frederick, Maryland. Carroll Creek was created in order to help control the adverse effects that the city’s 100-year flood plain had on their community much like Statesboro. Today, more than $150 million in private investing is underway or planned in new construction, infill development or historic renovation along the park according to the City of Frederick’s website.

Practicality
Currently the committee has spent the last 12 to 14 months in the financial and planning stages of the construction process. The Blue Mile Foundation paid for a feasibility study that would consider the physical and environmental concerns relating to wetland mitigation and permitting requirements to modify Little Lotts Creek, constructing a regional detention pond, solving potential utility conflicts, modifying roadway crossings and addressing floodplain issues. The “Creek on the Blue Mile” project has many potential obstacles such as the project corridor crossing main roads including South College Street, Norfolk Southern Railroad, South Main Street, Fair Road and Zetterower Avenue, according to the feasibility study. The project also requires property acquisition and may have potential utility concerns. Despite these difficulties, the project could yield even greater opportunities and benefits according the study. The developmental land that will be reclaimed will allow an influx of businesses, investors and recreational development to help connect historic downtown Statesboro to Georgia Southern University.

Sources of Revenue
The process to get the project running began when Fennell and Darron Burnette became partner co-chairs of The Blue Mile Project, which started in 2012. In the process of achieving this goal, Fennell and Burnette decided on entering in a competition called America’s Best Community. The contest was built around the city’s ability to show the potential for community revitalization impact while also leveraging the individual communities’ resources, talents and other assets to achieve progress within the 11-month period. By demonstrating those qualities of Statesboro, the Blue Mile committee was able to secure $1 million of funding for the project.

“We get back to Statesboro with $1 million and we think how can we make a difference on a Blue Mile with a million dollars,” Fennell said. “Now, $1 million seems like a lot of money but in really it’s not that much money.” Fennell said.

The Blue Mile Committee then made a request for any help that Governor Nathan Deal could give and ended up gaining a gift of $5.5 million to build a park and reservoir.
Fennell and Burns said they were both very grateful when Governor Deal also agreed to give a low interest loan to the city of 2 percent or less for 30 years for a balance of $15 million which could be used along with designated storm water funds and for the rest of the “Creek” and The Blue Mile.

“So all of a sudden we have a loophole of money that we are grateful for the governor’s office for and now we have a creek in progress,” Fennell said.

The funding for the linear parks will come from the money made from the purchase from creek front lots to business owners, investors and residential developers. Andy Burns said that this is possible due to the premium pricing that comes with creek front property.

In addition, the “Creek on the Blue Mile” project will come to no cost of the local taxpayers and increase the tax base by $100 million in the planned area development. Mayor Jonathan McCollar said the project will bring in an additional 750 jobs to the area.

McCollar said the main way that the Blue Mile Project will affect students of Georgia Southern will be the improvements on the quality of life.

“It’s gonna benefit the community as a whole,” McCollar said.

McCollar also said that the project is as geared towards students as it is to the entire Statesboro population. McCollar and Fennell both said that one of the main missions of the Blue Mile Project is to bring in outside interest and tourism to Statesboro.

“I hope it becomes a destination where people from Savannah want to get away from the hustle and bustle of city life and come spend their money and tax dollars here in Statesboro,” Keely said.

The project is still in its planning and engineering phase and will likely not start construction until 2020.
Dear faculty, staff and students,

I’d like to wish you a warm welcome back to the Georgia Southern University Statesboro campus. As we return back to campus, we return to changes.

MATTHEW ENFINGER
Matthew is a senior writing and linguistics major from Hephzibah, Georgia.

For the second time in program history, an Eagles bowl champion thanks to Chad Lunsford and company at the Raycom Media Camellia Bowl, a new Engineering and Research Building, is being constructed at the corner of Akins Blvd. and Forest Drive and Kyle Marrero, the current sitting president at University of West Georgia, may become GS's 14th president.

Another thing that’s changed is that you’re here. Not the you from last semester GS but the new you starting out this semester. Whether you’re returning back to GS or you transferred from somewhere else, the spring 2019 semester at GS is yours to win.

While many things have and will change this semester, there is one thing that will remain the same, The George-Anne's hard work and dedication to you, our readers. This semester we look forward to carrying The George-Anne legacy that has been held here at GS since 1927. We look forward to reporting and writing about the topics and issues that face you. We look forward to working with our other divisions such as The George-Anne Reflector Magazine and The George-Anne Studios. Most importantly, we look forward to building a community with you.

Thank you for your readership and if you have a news tip or a story that needs to be told feel free to email me at gaeditor@georgiasouthern.edu

Sincerely,
Matthew Enfinger
The George-Anne Editor-in-Chief

Opinions
RETURNING TO CHANGES

From 2-10 to 10-3 in just one season

RYAN KOSTENSKY
Ryan is a senior journalism major from Brookhaven, Georgia.

Few fans of the Georgia Southern Eagles saw this turnaround coming, but supported their team from beginning to end. Fresh off the 9-4 season in 2015, where GS won the GoDaddy Bowl for their first bowl victory in program history, Tyson Summers, the then Colorado State defensive coordinator, was tasked with the job of replacing Willie Fritz who left to take the Tulane job. But this isn’t about the aforementioned Summers, who would go 5-13 and lose his job after just 18 games, but about his successor and current GS head coach, Chad Lunsford.

Lunsford had the support from the very first press conference when he riled up Eagle Nation, telling them to show up because his team was about to show out, and Coach wasn’t wrong. After starting the 2017 campaign 0-6, Lunsford was able to go 2-4 the rest of the way, including a 52-0 drubbing of South Alabama on Senior Day. So how was Coach Lunsford able to turn around the sinking ship in just one season? The best answer I can give for that is the culture change. Under Summers there was very little visible culture, and the team was stagnant from the start. Lunsford would go back to the “blue-collar” mentality that the Eagles thrived with under legendary coach Erk Russell, introducing ideas such as W.I.N. (What’s Important Now) and firing up not only his team but all of the True Blue Nation with his signature elbow drop on a folding chair after each victory GS notched. But the culture change in Statesboro wasn’t the only noticeable difference from one season to the next. With the help of a more developed and disciplined offense and defense, Lunsford and the boys showed they were out for revenge on the field as well. The GS offense set a FBS record for fewest turnovers in a season with just five, all of which were lost fumbles, which meant that redshirt-sophomore quarterback Shai Werts was the only quarterback in the nation to not record an interception in his 13 games of play.

In addition to the record, the Eagle offense led the nation with a +22 turnover margin, which was six better than the second place team. Coach Lunsford gave Eagle Nation things they had never seen before in 2018, starting with the 34-14 beat down of then No. 25 App State on national TV, the team’s first victory over a ranked team in the FBS. He also beat rival Georgia State for the first time since the first game of the series in 2013, but the pinnacle of the season came Dec. 15 in Montgomery, Alabama, where a Tyler Bass game-winning 40-yard field goal gave the program their first 10-win season in the FBS, as well as their second bowl victory, a 23-21 score over Eastern Michigan.

The 2019 season is far away, but will be a daunting challenge, with one of the toughest schedules the Eagles have ever put together, but if anyone can get the job done, it’ll be Coach Chad Lunsford and the rest of his coaching staff.
Kicking Bass

The last second, game-winning play

Georgia Southern held a lead over Eastern Michigan for most of their bowl game but with 3:33 left on the clock, EMU scored a touchdown to take a one-point lead over GS—leaving the Eagles with work to do. With determination and refusal to give up, GS drove the ball and redshirt-sophomore quarterback Shai Werts made an unbelievable fourth and ten drive where he picked up 29 yards to put the Eagles in field goal range.

With three seconds left on the clock and down by one point, Head Coach Chad Lunsford called a timeout to regroup and to prepare redshirt-junior kicker Tyler Bass and the rest of the kicking team to help the Eagles claim the win in the 2018 Raycom Media Camellia Bowl.

“I had complete confidence [in Bass],” Lunsford said. “He’s a clutch guy and I have big time confidence in our field goal team—we call it our money team. They did a great job protecting, the snapper did a great job of snapping the ball, we got a great hold and a great kick. I had no doubt we would make that field goal.”

Bass and the rest of the field goal team stepped up and set up for the 40-yard kick, the ball was snapped and Bass claimed his 19th made field goal for the season as well as the win for the Eagles.

“When I kicked it, I took off running before it even went in because I knew it was going to go in,” Bass said. “My immediate thought was just nothing. My whole body went numb, just a lot of adrenaline. I just went and celebrated with my teammates because we worked so hard for this, for that win.”

The biggest celebration from Eagle Nation followed, led by Bass taking off in a victorious sprint immediately after kicking the ball, before the ball even passed through the uprights.

“With that win, Bass and the rest of the Eagles claimed their first 10-win season as an FBS program. Following, Bass was also named to the AP All-Bowl team.

Bass finished the season 19/21 kicking tying the school’s all-time records of 10 field goals of 40 or longer and 19 total made field goals. The kicker will return to the field in the 2019 season as he steps up as a senior and looks to make the most of his final season as an Eagle.
Georgia Southern outlasts the Eagles of EMU, winning the Raycom Media Camellia Bowl, 23-21

BY RYAN KOSTENSKY
The Georgia-Anne Staff

In a game that was contested from start to finish, the Georgia Southern defense outplayed Eastern Michigan, leading the Eagles to their second bowl victory in program history with a 23-21 win.

The Eagles shut out EMU in the first half, and limited the Eagles from the north to just seven points in the first half overall, all while the team led 17-0. EMU simply couldn’t move the ball like they wanted to in the first half of play, ending three of their four first drives punting the ball to the Eagles of the south.

The streak of recording a turnover in 20 straight games was snapped, as both teams were able to play relatively clean football throughout the game. The defense was a present and caused havoc on EMU when needed the most. EMU was limited to 93 total yards in the first half, and went 1-4 on third down, while GS amassed 229 total yards going 4-7 on third down.

After the game, senior defensive end Logan Hunt talked about his mindset on stopping opposing offenses, and how it came to fruition over the course of the game. “My motto, just for the whole season, is always reset,” Hunt said. “Have a short memory, forget plays and just reset and move on to the next one, so that played a big piece in tonight’s victory.”

Leading by 10 points in the second half, it seemed as if GS was primed to run away with the game, and win their second bowl game in blowout fashion, much like 2015’s GoDaddy Bowl where they throttled Bowling Green 58-21. But EMU had different ideas on the matter. Eastern used just one play, a 75-yard touchdown pass, to silence the GS fan base which had been quite vocal throughout the first half. EMU dominated the third quarter, out-gaining GS 128 to 39, all while only scoring seven points. The story of the third quarter was chunk plays for the MAC opponent, which happened much to the dismay of GS.

One of the Eagle defenders targeted early and often was senior safety, Sean Freeman. After the game, an emotional Freeman talked about how the defense was able to recover from the offensive onslaught EMU tried to bring on them. “We had to just keep our composure that’s the big thing,” Freeman said. “We had to keep our composite and just keep playing football, and we did in the second half.”

The play of the game for the GS defense came early in the fourth quarter, but it played a huge factor in the outcome of the game. With EMU in position for what would be a game winning goal, head coach Chris Crichton elected to go for it on fourth and two, but the GS defense stood pat and forced an incomplete pass. The teams wouldn’t know it yet, but the field goal could’ve been all EMU needed to win the game.

GS only trailed for just over three and a half minutes in the entire game, and the defense was a huge factor in that, just as they have been all season. Out of EMU’s nine drives in the game, five ended up in punts, while one ended up as a turnover on downs.

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Five takeaways from the Camellia Bowl

BY BETHANY-GRACE BOWERS
The Georgia-Anne Staff

After a full fight through the pouring rain, Georgia Southern was a field goal away from sending the Raycom Media Camellia Bowl with only two seconds remaining on the clock. The moment that redshirt-junior kicker, Tyler Bass stepped onto the field to make the kick to make or break the game, the stadium was roaring.

With all that he could, Bass kicked the football 40 yards to the end zone, and EMU tried to bring on them. “We had to just keep our composure that’s the big thing,” Freeman said. “We had to keep our composite and just keep playing football, and we did in the second half.”

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SECOND BOWL APPEARANCE

This was the Eagles’ second ever bowl appearance and now the bowl record for the team sits at 2-0. With a win in the GoDaddy Bowl in 2015 and now, with a victory over Eastern Michigan in the Raycom Media Camellia Bowl, the Eagles from Statesboro have a solid bowl record.

The Eagles traveled to Montgomery knowing that it would take work to get that tenth win and to attain a goal that they had set for themselves at the beginning of the season. The Eagles knew that this season would be tough, coming off of a 2-10 record in 2015, but the team was determined to improve and challenge whatever adversity was thrown their way.

Through the pouring rain and so many fans watching, the Eagles showed audiences everywhere that they would never stop working and that they got a bowl win.

WERTS’ RUNNING GAME

Every touchdown scored Saturday night was due to Werts running into the end zone when he knew he had to. Unlike most quarterbacks who aren’t always willing to take that risk, Werts saw the opportunity and went after it. Werts scored in the first quarter with a 26-yard run and Bass came behind him to clinch the extra point. That pattern continued in the second quarter with 3:48 left and Werts rushed five yards for a touchdown, with Bass clinching the extra point yet again.

Werts surpassed each player with rushing statistics that the ball was always in the right hands, and sometimes that meant his own, right into the end zone.

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Although he did not surpass sophomore running back Wesley Kennedy III in gained yards this season, Werts was the only player with rushing statistics for each game. Some were referred to as “juice games” or “statement games” but each attack was individual.

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BASS, AKA OLE FAITHFUL

Bass kicked three field goals during Saturday’s game and all three secured points toward the Eagle win. Being 3-3 for the game ultimately meant that GS clinched a bowl victory and a perfect record for the night would mean that teammates continued to trust Bass and his kicking game.

With a 50-yard field goal to run the clock down and end the second quarter, Bass was already off to a good start for the night. The GS Eagles went into halftime leading 17-7 and another ball floated between the poles.

To top that off, Bass kicked a field goal to win the game for the team. A perfect ending to tonight’s victory.”

His growth in the program will only continue, especially with the mentality that the coaching staff continuously motivates their players to have.

FIRST 10 WIN SEASON IN FBS

The title really speaks for itself. The GS Eagles had many goals this season. One of them being 10 wins in a row. There was a different mental focus for each game. Some were referred to as “juice games” or “statement games” but each attack was individual.

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Views from the Camellia Bowl Game

Sophomore running back Wesley Kennedy III rushed for 107 total yards in the Camellia Bowl against Eastern Michigan.

Raymond Johnson III (92) finished with seven tackles in the win against Eastern Michigan. Logan Hunt (9) finished with two.

Sophomore running back Wesley Kennedy III rushed for 107

Both senior running back Wesley Fields and senior linebacker Tomarcio Reese were captains for the Camellia Bowl.

Redshirt-sophomore punter Magill Bauerle had 57 punts on the 2018 season.

Redshirt-sophomore slotback Malik Murray caught a 15-yard pass on a third down conversion attempt in the bowl game against Eastern Michigan.

Before the bowl game, Georgia Southern put on a pep rally at the GS fan fest where the band put on a show to hype up Eagle Nation.
BYINGTON

The 100-Win Coach

Was a three year starter on UNC Wilmington’s basketball team as a student and graduated in 1998

Coached at Charleston for nine seasons before coming to Georgia Southern

Been here for five complete seasons, on his sixth now

Reached a 20-win season

Whack Hyder Georgia College Coach of the Year

Reached a 20-win season

Named Sun Belt Coach of the Year

Beginning of his sixth season at Georgia Southern

Named National Association of Basketball Coaches District 24 Coach of the Year

Contract extended through 2022

Beginning of his sixth season at Georgia Southern

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Seniors under Byington

100%

Win-Loss Record at GSU

WINS 100

LOSSES 79
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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

Level: Difficult

Last Week’s Solution:

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Finalist Named for Georgia Southern’s 14th president

Kyle Marrero named finalist for Georgia Southern’s next president

BY MCCLAIN BAXLEY
The George-Anne staff

After a five month search, the University System of Georgia named Kyle Marrero, Ph.D., as the finalist for Georgia Southern University’s 14th president.

A confidential search began following the resignation of former president Jaimie Hebert who is currently the provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Marrero has served as president of the University of West Georgia since 2013. During his time at UWG, Marrero won the 2015 national award for Innovation and Excellence, in the category of Diversity, from the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

"I am thrilled and honored for the opportunity to become the 14th President of Georgia Southern University," Marrero said in a press release. "I have great admiration for the institution and people of Statesboro, Savannah and Hinesville—their communities, faculty, staff and students—who represent the traditions and distinctiveness of each of the campuses that define Georgia Southern and look forward to working together to build a unified Eagle Nation."

The Board of Regents will take final action on naming Marrero president at a future board meeting.

Students react to finalist for next president

BY ANTHONY BELINFANTE
The George-Anne staff

Since Kyle Marrero was announced as a finalist to be the next Georgia Southern University president, students have begun to voice their opinions and hopes for GS.

Former president Jaimie Herbert resigned in May 2018, officially stepping down from his position in June.

On Jan. 9, Marrero was announced as a presidential finalist, after a five-month search.

"[A new president] will represent a new era for Georgia Southern," Jacob Springer, senior mechanical engineering major, said. "I'm just excited to see what will happen and see what new things will be brought to the university.

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Getting to know Kyle Marrero, Georgia Southern’s finalist for president

BY EMMA SMITH AND BRENDA WARD
The George-Anne staff

Members of University of West Georgia shared their thoughts on Marrero possibly leaving and memories of his time at the university.

Judy Butler, president of faculty senate at UWG, said she and Marrero have been close for years and that he was popular among the community.

“He’s just good to everybody,” Butler said. “He’s very accepting of everybody and I’ve never seen him down, even when he’s been sick or something. He always has a smile on his face.”

Butler said Marrero has pushed UWG to be the best it can be during his time as president.

“We have hired, in the last two years, 201 new faculty lines. [Marrero] has pushed that growth,” Butler said. “One big thing he’s done is nurture the leaders on campus.”

Jonny Denny, executive vice president for the UWG’s Student Government Association, said that Marrero was active in the UWG community and tried to engage with his students.

“He regularly attends as many student events as possible, keeping his presence on campus very inviting and open to students,” Denny said.

Denny shared some of his favorite memories of Marrero.

"Some of my favorite experiences have been him judging our ‘Spring Cook-off’ event between student organizations, his Presidential 5K run he does every year at homecoming and his monthly ‘Lead Lunches’ where he has lunch with various student leaders on campus and asks them questions on how the university can serve them better,” Denny said.

Marrero was also active with SGA and kept them up to date on everything happening on campus, Denny said.

“I have worked with Dr. Marrero for over two years and it has been a pleasure having him as president of our university. While I am truly saddened by his departure, I know he will be an excellent president at Georgia Southern because he is an outstanding leader,” Denny said.

More interesting facts about Marrero (BOLD)!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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He was named one of Georgia Trend’s 100 Most Influential Georgians for three straight years.

Before serving as UWG’s president, Marrero served as vice president for university advancement at the University of West Florida. He holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in vocal performance from Bowling Green State University and a doctor of musical arts degree from the University of Michigan.

He has served as an artistic ambassador for the United States embassies and 40 states as a singer and stage director.

His wife Jane Redding Marrero is a nationally acclaimed opera singer. The University System of Georgia will vote on whether or not Marrero will be selected as GS’ next president soon. The George-Anne will continue to provide updates as they become available.
Students react to our new governor

BY NATHAN WEAVER
The George-Anne staff

Brian Kemp was officially sworn in as Georgia’s governor on Monday. The official proceedings began at 10 a.m., and the official swearing-in took place a few hours later at the McCamish Pavilion at Georgia Tech at 2 p.m.

Kemp’s victory in the governor’s race came after his Democratic Party challenger Stacey Abrams hinted at contesting the election’s results last fall, and even vowed to pursue a federal lawsuit against the state of Georgia.

Kemp won 50.22 percent of the final tally, just barely avoiding a runoff election. Blaine Salter, chairman of Georgia Southern University’s College Republicans, shared his thoughts on Kemp’s win and official swearing-in.

“I’m confident that Governor Kemp will continue the progress made by former governors Sonny Perdue and Nathan Deal,” Salter said. “I’m also very pleased to see that he has named State Representatives Lott, Rogers, Reeves and LaRiccia to serve as his floor leaders in the State House and State Senators Tillery and Strickland as his floor leaders in the State Senate. I know these great leaders and the other members of the General Assembly will assist our new governor in accomplishing legislation that keeps Georgia moving in the right direction.”

Eduardo Delgado, president of GS’ Young Democrats, shared his hopes regarding Kemp’s governorship.

“One thing he boasted about was that he would bring economic prosperity to Georgia,” Delgado said. “I hope he does get that. Another thing is his rural broadband policy, I also hope he does do that.”

On the issue of teacher pay, which Kemp pledged to raise during his campaign, Delgado said teachers who put time and effort in are not fairly compensated.

“If he wants to increase teacher pay, he won’t have people in the way,” Delgado said. “If he wants to increase teacher pay, he won’t have people in the way.”

In addition to raising teacher pay and bringing broadband to rural areas of the state, Kemp’s campaign promises include cracking down on street gangs, overhauling sexual harassment policy, enacting restrictions on abortion, expanding gun rights and cutting overall state spending.

Kemp addressed the state on Monday in his inaugural address and first speech as governor, in which he pledged to fight for all Georgians, “not just the ones who voted for me,” and doubled down on his promise to fully fund education.
Hazing, assault and threats
A timeline of Kappa Sigma's recent investigation

April 2017: Hazing and assault at initiation event

According to the report, Student One was blindfolded and taken to an off-campus location called "The Seventh Gate." Another man off camera can be heard saying, "Get back., Get back up you bitch" and "Fucking dumbass?" The student is lying on the ground, face first, according to the report. The man off camera can be heard yelling, "I heard you say get back. Get back up, let's go, let's go." The video was not made public until April 2017. Upon receiving the information, Brown placed the student on interim suspension status with the national organization and is pending review in January 2019.

Fall 2018: Allegations against Student One

In fall 2018, the chapter removed Student One’s new membership access and house privileges due to threatening or violent behavior inside the chapter, according to the report. In an interview with Keilholz, Dart said new members were forced to watch the video that could potentially be identified by individuals associated with Delta Tau Delta.

Nov 2018: Assault reported and interim suspension issued

Student One expressed concern to his mother about his status within the Kappa Sigma Fraternity and the incident that occurred in April, 2017. According to the report, Student One’s mother contacted Dart and the fraternity’s National Representative, Leo Brown to ask about her son’s membership status. According to the report, during these conversations, Student One’s mother described the events that took place in April 2017. Upon receiving the information, Brown placed the GS chapter of Kappa Sigma on interim suspension status with the national organization and is pending review in January 2019.

POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION
Kappa Sigma may continue to accept the recommendations and may go forward with any sanctions provided. If Student One’s status were to be restored, it is currently unclear which actions may take place.

Delta Tau Delta have the option to accept the recommendation and their cases would be resolved and their sanctions would go into effect. Delta Tau Delta can choose not to accept the recommendations and can move forward with a formal hearing. Once the formal hearing is complete the sanctions are reviewed by the decision approver. It is currently unclear which courses of action Delta Tau Delta might take.

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Investigative reports describe videos of alleged hazing in Delta Tau Delta

A concerned individual called the Dean of Students Office on Nov. 7 and said they received three videos with footage of alleged hazing in the Georgia Southern University chapter of Delta Tau Delta. Three videos were emailed to the Dean of Student office, who identified GS students and new members of Delta Tau Delta in the video, according to records released to the chapter from GS by The Georgia-Anne. The videos were not made available to The Georgia-Anne, however the following are descriptions of the alleged hazing according to an investigative report by William Mast, coordinator of student conduct.

VIEW 1: FACE IN THE DIRT

According to the report, an unnamed student can be seen laying on the ground, face first, in a white shirt that says "strike one" on the back. Another man off camera can be heard yelling, "Get back up", "Get back up you bitch" and "Keep your hands behind your back." Another man off camera says "What the fuck don’t you understand about that?" as the unnamed student rises to his knees, according to the reports. The camera zooms back into the unnamed student’s face showing dirt, mud and grass over the front of his face and shrit while a male off camera tells him "keep your hands behind your back, and put your face in the fucking dirt," according to the report. The unnamed student then forces the dirt from his cheeks with his hands behind his back, according to the report. Several men off camera then hear laughing at the unnamed student laying on the ground, making fun of him saying, "Why would you do that you fucking dumbass?"

VIEW 2: FORCED TO DRINK YELLOW/GREEN CHUNKY SUBSTANCE

A student appears to be lying in a field with the camera close to his face. According to the report, an unnamed student can be heard saying "I heard you pissed your pants last night" and proceeds to pour a yellow/green chunky substance out of a gallon jug into the student’s mouth and tells him to "Swallow that shit." The student was then forced to roll over other recruits who were laying on the concrete floor. The contents of the gallow jug were not detailed in the report.

VIEW 3: LAYING ON A CONCRETE FLOOR

A student can be seen laying on a concrete floor where there appear to be five to seven men standing around him and others on the ground, according to the report. A man off camera screams at the student on the ground, "Hey, keep moving, keep fucking moving" and then kicks him in the head while the student is laying on the ground, according to the report. Others cheer him on.

The camera then pans up the student who has a dark or red substance on his face, according to the report. The student can be heard repeating something quietly. The man off camera then forced him self into a position as if to get the student to speak up. The camera then pans over to the moment 23:22 mark being forced to stand, or potentially complete a wall sit with a weight above his head. According to the report, the man off camera can be heard yelling, "Hey, get your back up, put that shit back up." The video of the student screaming, "Let's go, lets go.," according to the report, there were several other videos in the video that could potentially be identified by individuals associated with Delta Tau Delta.

NEW MEMBERS DENY

The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life provided the Office of Student Conduct with the names of all new members of Delta Tau Delta for the fall 2018 semester. According to the report, new members were asked questions regarding allegations against the Delta Tau Delta Epsilon Omega chapter at GS and specific questions aimed at the evidence the Office of Student Conduct received, according to the report. According to the report, all new members stated they were never asked or forced to drink alcohol or any other substance, required to complete calisthenic workouts, lay face down on the ground, or were never given specific clothing items to wear or hold a weight over their head. "I explained to the new members that I would be asking specific questions during the interviews," Mast said in the report. However, these videos submitted to the Office of Student Conduct show that new members may not be honest.

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