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JAN 17
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

JAN 18
DROP/ADD ENDS SPRING SEMESTER

JAN 22
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

JAN 23
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
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59°/29° Sunday

#PETSBORO

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:

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

99 votes • Final results

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**G-A Reflector Magazine**
@ReflectorGSU

**What do you want to accomplish in 2019?**

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

**Comics by Coy Kirkland**

- **Resolutions**
- **Conner J Kirsch**

**Up is Down**

**Comic by Chase Taylor**

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**@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!

**JAREN STEPHENS/staff**

GAME WINNING SHOT by Quan Jackson (@Qjacket13)

Congrats on your 100th win Coach!
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.

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.
Returning to changes

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

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.

For the second time in program history, Georgia Southern football champions 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’ 14th president.

Another thing that’s changed is that you’re here. Not the you from last semester GS but the 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.

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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

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 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 school history we are bowl champions 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’ 14th president.

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.

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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.

"I thought they were going to ice me because on my fifty-yarder before the half they iced me-so I was sitting back there thinking ‘oh they might ice me’ but once Magill, our holder, gave me the look, I gave him the nod- I knew it was a go," Bass said. "Before the kick I just focused on one thing, I just focused on kicking the ball straight, right to my aiming point."

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.

"When I kicked it, I took off running 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 team stormed the field. The fans stormed the field. Bass and Lunsford were both lifted in celebration as the Eagles claimed their second bowl win in school history. From a 2-10 season to a 10-3 season the football team was on cloud nine as their hard work throughout the season finally paid off.

"It’s our win," said Bass. "It’s not one person who won that game, the whole team won that game."

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 Southern Eagle

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 of Statesboro 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 lead 17-2. EMU simply couldn’t move the ball like they wanted to in the first half of play, ending three of their first four 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 239 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 outscored 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 rowdy 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 biggest thing,” Freeman said. “We had to keep our composure 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 have been the game-winning field goal, head coach Chris Creighton 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 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. GS finishes the season 10-3, the first time ever since the team has been in the FBS, and improved to 2-0 all time in bowl games.

In front of a packed house, with true blue fans everywhere the eye could see, GS delivered an all-time classic that will be talked about for years to come. Eagle Nation showed up, and Head Coach Lunsford and the boys showed out.

After the game, Lunsford talked about the legacy that this senior class will leave on the program for years to come. “You go back to it, and yes they would’ve wanted to win a Sun Belt Championship,” Lunsford said. “They put themselves in position to do that but we couldn’t get it done. But they never quited, they never gave up, and now they go down in Georgia Southern history as the first Georgia Southern football team to win 10 games at the FBS level, so I think they’ve got a strong hold on their history part of Georgia Southern.”

Five takeaways from the Camellia Bowl

BY BETHANY-GRACE BOWERS
The Georgia-Anna Staff

After a full fight through the pouring rain, Georgia Southern was a field goal away from winning 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 clinch the victory with a 23-21 win over the Eastern Michigan Eagles.

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 2017, but the team was determined to improve and challenge whatever adversity was thrown their way.

Through the pouring rain and downpour, 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. As they have been all season.

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Werts’ running game during Saturday’s game and all three scored 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 his season, this put him at a perfect ending to his season, this put him at a...
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.

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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 13-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

Named Sun Belt Coach of the Year

Whack Hyder Georgia College Coach of the Year

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

Reached a 20-win season

Contract extended through 2022

Beginning of his sixth season at Georgia Southern

Record at GSU

Wins 100

Losses 79

AWARDS UNDER BYINGTON

Seniors under Byington

100%

Awards under Byington

- All conference selections
- Coach of the Year
- Freshman of the Year
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

The George-Anne 1/17/39 Crossword

Across
1 Clutch
6 Raises
9 French Sudan, today
13 Side dish in India
14 Ely of Tarzan fame
15 Gulf ship
16 Packing heat
17 Actress Peeples or Long
18 Christopher of "Superman"
19 Abandon
21 Two bean-shaped excretory organs
23 Low grade
24 Prefix with photo
25 Choose
28 Out of harm's way
30 Painter's tool
35 Motivate
37 Songbird
39 1944 Gene
40 Tierney classic mystery
41 Cock's place
42 Road shoulder
44 Derby prize
46 Old Italian money
47 Organ knob
48 Bouquets
50 Feminine suffix
52 A.A.RP. members
53 Perjurer
55 German resort
57 Theory type
61 Went "round and 'round
63 Steer clear of
65 Calendar abbr.
68 Impressive display
69 Bakery items
70 Extract flightless bird
71 Recycle
72 Bygone blade
73 "Is that a..."
74 Leg joints
86 Chinese zodiac animal
87 Demeanor
88 Sheltered, nautically
89 Impose, as a tax
90 Rocks off
91 Dabbling ducks
92 Off one's feed
93 Airedale
94 Bitzer work
95 Former
96 Trunk
97 Go belly up
98 Applies lightly
99 Twosomes
100 Misuse
101 Stadium walkways
102 Regarding
103 "Of Man River" composer
104 More rational
105 They can be tossed
106 Fall from grace
107 Start out
28 Terrestrial lizard
29 Female fatale
30 Flying mammals
31 Nobelist Pavlov
32 Horror film staple
33 Angler's deal
34 Kind of agreement
35 Test choice
36 The good life
37 Henna and others
38 Neighbor of Ger.

Down
1 Sheepskin holder
2 Hard to find
3 Intentions
4 Mount with spirit
5 San Diego team
6 Still-life subjects
7 Polynesian paste
8 Edged
9 Nosey
10 Story
11 Ocean
12 Pines
13 Third
14 Taken
15 Quacks
16 Thorn
17 Random
18 Transfer
19 Rates
20 Transparent
21 Reduce
22 Truly
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AT THE COUNSELING CENTER
WEDNESDAYS @ 4PM, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS @ 11AM
Free and open to all levels. Mats provided and no sign up required.

ARCHERY DATE NIGHT
CAMPUS RECREATION AND INTRAMURALS
JAN. 17 | 7 – 8:30PM | SHOOTING SPORTS EDUCATION CENTER
Date night is a beginner archery program designed for shooters that want to learn a new life skill while having fun with your special someone.

MOVIE: CREED 2
OFFICE OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES
JAN. 18 | 6:30 PM | RUSSELL UNION THEATRE
This event is free and open to the public. Concessions will be sold. Cash only.

‘BORO BROWSE
OFFICE OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES
JAN. 23 | 11 – 1PM | RUSSELL UNION
Come and see what the ‘Boro has to offer.

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Kyle Marrero named finalist for Georgia Southern’s 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.

Kyle Marrero won the 2015 national award for Innovation and Excellence, in the category of Diversity, from the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

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

Marrero is currently the president of the University of West Georgia, and has been since 2013.

“If we had somebody solid that would stay for a while, I think it would be good and we could make more change,” Emily Pittman, sophomore English major, said.

No official date has been set in choosing the new president, but students are already optimistic on what a new president could do for GS.

“I’d like to see them incorporate Armstrong well,” GS graduate Flynn Lovett said. “I know some students over there are feeling kind of left out. Maybe we could get some stuff done over there for them to feel more welcomed into the Georgia Southern family.”

Marrero has served as president of the University of West Georgia since 2013.

During his time at UWG, he improved the university’s enrollment, GPA and graduation rates, according to his biography on the university’s website.

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

BY EMMA SMITH AND BRENDAN WARD
The George-Anne staff

Members of University of West Georgia shared their thoughts on Marrero possibly becoming the next president.

“I 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 a future board meeting,” Denny said.

The Board of Regents will take final action on naming Marrero president at a future board meeting.
KYLE CLARK
The George-Anne staff

Kennedy Hall residents were notified on Jan. 9. that they would not be living in their assigned housing this semester due to levels of mold being detected inside. According to its website, the issue was discovered when University Housing had a second party conduct an examination on the building to prepare for future renovation. The primary focus of these renovations was to replace the heating ventilation and air conditioning system, according to the website.

The mold issue could not be properly handled before the semester began. The final decision to close Kennedy Hall was made on Jan. 7, a day after the mold was discovered. Students living in Kennedy Hall have been relocated to various on and off-campus housing facilities such as currently empty rooms on campus and apartments such as Axis Student Living. This will come at no additional charge to students and Georgia Southern University staff has been helping students move their belongings to their new accommodations.

“The mold issue in Kennedy is a problem but I’m glad they caught it and are providing accommodations for students affected. I’m glad they went the safe route and moved us elsewhere while taking care of it,” Cameron Matis, freshman engineering major, said.

Peter Blutreich, executive director of University Housing, oversaw the outreach to displaced students and stressed the vigilance of the housing department in maintenance of all living facilities.

“We track all our work orders and so this was a surprise as far as the issues involving the mold behind the walls. It’s an older building, it really runs and functions rather well, it’s just an older building,” Blutreich said. “When we saw something we didn’t like we had to investigate it.”

At this time it is uncertain when Kennedy Hall will open again, although it will most likely be after the spring semester.

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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.

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

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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. The 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 as the incident was reported.

“Haze from 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, mud and grass over the front of his face and shirt 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 forced to roll over other recruits while the man off camera says “I heard you. Get back up, put that shit back up.” The video ends with the man off camera screaming, “Let’s go, lets go.”

According to the report, all 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 to 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 to 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 to the Office of Student Conduct with the names of all new members of Delta Tau Delta for the fall 2018 semester.

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POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION

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 recommendation 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 course of action Delta Tau Delta have taken. During a period of Organizational Suspension, Delta Tau Delta may continue to occupy or hold property, but may not seek or add members, hold or sponsor events or attend any events that are social in nature according to pg. 57 in the GS Student Code of Conduct.
Online Registration Closes January 22
Play Begins January 28
Register at IMLeagues.com/GeorgiaSouthern

OSA EVENT CALENDAR

JANUARY
THURSDAY 24
Student Organization Fair
Office of Student Life
11:00 am | Russell Union Rotunda
FRIDAY 25
SOE Workshop: Mentoring
Office of Student Life
11:30 am | Russell Union 2047
FRIDAY 25
SOE Workshop: Professionally Marketing Your Leadership Experience
Office of Student Life
5:30 pm | Williams Center Multipurpose Room

FEBRUARY
FRIDAY 1
New Org Chartering Workshop
5:30 pm | Russell Union 2044
TUESDAY 6
SOLD Workshop: Financial Freedom - Budgeting, Saving & Your Credit
Audea Williams, CORE Credit Union
5:30 pm | Williams Center Multipurpose Room
THURSDAY 7
In It To Win It
Sponsored by the Organization Leadership Consultants
5:30 pm | Russell Union Baltimore
TUESDAY 13
SOLD Workshop: What They Don’t Tell You About Conflict Resolution
Tiffany Evans, Office of Student Conduct
5:30 pm | Williams Center Multipurpose Room

FRI 15
New Org Chartering Workshop
5:30 pm | Russell Union 2044
TUESDAY 19
SOLD Workshop: Building Your Brand
Kan Eakin, Director of Student Affairs
5:30 pm | Williams Center Multipurpose Room
FRIDAY 22
SOE Workshop: Motivation
Malash Woodson & Keisha Lockhart
5:30 pm | Russell Union 2047
TUESDAY 26
SOLD Workshop: Leading With Professionalism: Interpersonal Skills, Judgement, & Ethical Decision Making
Camille Smith, Experiential Learning & Student Engagement
5:30 pm | Williams Center Multipurpose Room

The Organization Leadership Consultants (OLCs) are student leaders who volunteer to promote organizational leadership on campus. OLCs serve as program coordinators, facilitators, trainers and workshop presenters. For more information or to schedule a consultation or workshop, please visit students.georgiasouthern.edu/student-activities/olcs or email OLC@GeorgiaSouthern.edu.

For more information on accommodations related to access or participation, please contact OSA at 478-7270 at least two weeks prior to the event.