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OSA: SPRING 2019 STUDENT ORG FAIR
Students will be able to meet with representatives of various student organizations to find out more information on those student orgs.
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Russell Union Rotunda

JAN 31
WINGZ & WATERCOLORS
Come and enjoy some delicious wings while you paint among friends! There will be amazing artwork and amazing refreshments.
Thursday, Jan. 31 at 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Williams Center Multipurpose Room

JAN 31
POLAR BEAR PLUNGE
Don't miss this opportunity for an exciting swim during the cold Georgia winter. Play volleyball and basketball in the outdoor pool, while listening to music to keep you moving. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served and prizes will be given away to participants.
Thursday, Jan. 31 at 6:30 p.m.
RAC Outdoor Pool

FEB 2
71ST ANNUAL MISS GEORGIA SOUTHERN SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT
Women will compete for the title, and showcase their skills in talent, swimwear, evening wear and answer an on-stage question.
Saturday, Feb. 2 at 6 p.m.
Performing Arts Center

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M I S C E L L A N Y
Welcome back, Miscellany Magazine for the Arts! This publication accepts creative works from Georgia Southern University students.

Read the Letter from the Editor, Christina McKinley at The Miscellany website to learn more about how to submit pieces.
miscellany.reflectorgsu.com

Harley Jane
Owner: Brooklyn Wilson, junior biology major

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!
If you’re in the library this week stop by and view The Antique Chinese Collection exhibit on the second floor by the elevator. The exhibit will be available through Jan. 31.

On Monday, students paid a dollar to pie a SOAR Leader in the face at the Rotunda. All proceeds went to Habitat for Humanity!
Who would ban someone from serving their country?

A LOOK INTO THE BAN AND TRANSGENDER SERVICEMEN

President Trump in March 2018 said that the Pentagon would prohibit many transgender people from serving in the military, a decision that overturned former President Barack Obama’s policy that allowed transgender troops to serve openly and receive medical care during their transition. His reasoning for this decision was stated in a series of tweets in 2017, saying the military ‘must be focused on decisive and overwhelming victory and cannot be burdened with the tremendous medical costs.’

A 2016 study by the Research And Development Corporation estimated that medical costs related to gender transition among active-duty troops would cost as much as $8.4 million when compared to the military’s overall budget of over $892 billion. RAND’s study also estimated that there are estimated 6,000 transgender people serve in the military compared to the 1.3 million active duty service members, and as many as 4,100 in reserve units.

Advocates against the decision have since detested against the Supreme Court, calling the reinstatement a “destabilizing whipsaw” for the military’s personnel policy. “This is critical to the military and must be respected and not required, and has no need to reinstate the transgender ban.”

A DISAGREEMENT TO PROGRESS

President Trump has said time and time again that the military respects the military and non-transgender people who fight for our country. If this is true then why is he not supporting all of our troops regardless of their sexuality and orientation? The transgender community has spent decades working to gain acceptance in society’s scrutinizing arms. They are like anyone else, they want to be safe and happy in their own skin, in their own homes, in the world they share with others.

To top it off, transgender people are some of the bravest, most sincere people I have ever grown to know, and being transgender in the military just makes them even more bravery to an entirely different label. The idea that people who are laying down their lives for a country filled with hatred and bigotry is simply because they’re unique astonishes and humbles me to no end.

As a member of the LGBTQ+ community, I hurt for my brethren, military and non-position, place, which were lost. This decision will only further push my community away from the safety and happiness that they well deserve.

However, as with every setback and challenge, my community will continue to fight for what is justifiable. We have more allies now than ever, and we are not afraid to march to the front lines of the problem.

The last time the two teams met GSU took the win over the Eagles which consequently left the men’s basketball team is about to face their big- gs this season as they log a 4-1-31-19 record after taking down TXST right on their heels as they sit 4th in the Sun Belt standings.

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GS VS GSU

Men’s basketball has impressed so far, but true test awaits them Saturday in Atlanta

With only 10 regular season games left the men’s basketball team is about to face their biggest contest of the season: rival Georgia Southern State awaits them on Saturday in Atlanta.

The last two the teams met GSU took the win over the Eagles which consequently ended their season as it was in conference playoffs. While it was a close match points-wise - the Panthers only won by six points - we saw the Eagles were lacking technical-
There's a man in the woods

Art graduate student creates the life of fictional character from scraps

BY SHIANN SIVELL
The George-Anne Staff

A multi-skilled artist, Trainor became interested in the story of A.H. Kotz, a man found deceased in the woods. She created a character to tie her research and planning together.

The Creation of Kotz

A.H. Kotz was a man who at one time had a calm, natural life with a family and a career in the late 1800s. Through the course of his studies, he found something that should have remained hidden, and was subsequently institutionalized by a secret organization into the fictional and inhospitable Durwich Hospital just before the first world war.

Kotz was created as a way to answer the question 'why would a person create these things' and 'what use do they have?'. Trainor said.

The George-Anne staff

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A multi-skilled artist, Trainor

Like a Christmas window display in a Macy’s storefront, the life of August Hermann Kotz is put into view at the front gallery of the Interdisciplinary Academic Building.

Upon stepping inside the exhibit, viewers will first see a man dressed to the nines in a confiscated army suit and necklaces made of animal bones and teeth. Surrounding him is a camp setup and handmade tools, a tribute to the conditions he lived in, followed by relics of the time period he worked. DNA samples, historical sourcing, and a confiscated army suit and hospital diary, Kotz’s story could finally be told.

An Untold Possibility

While the wild man was created out of an art student’s vivid imagination, visitors to his exhibit will be able to witness the growing isolation people are capable of feeling when pushed to extremes.

Like with all fictional characters, there is always an extraordinary chance someone like Kotz may have existed, and by a flicker of luck, they were finally able to have their story told.

It’s possible Kotz could have existed,” Trainor said. “That was an intentional choice. Trainor said that she was interested in continuing Kotz’s story one day, possibly in the form of a podcast or graphic novel.

The exhibit will remain in the IAB until the first week of February.
By Julia Fechter  
The Reflector Staff

Many people enjoy going out for food and a drink after their classes or jobs. Others like to relax by pursuing their creative endeavors. A group from Georgia Southern University’s Statesboro campus will resume an event that combines both of those things.

Writing and linguistics students from GS and other community members gather at open-mic night reading sessions, called Burning Swamp, at Eagle Creek Brewery on Tuesday.

What is Burning Swamp?

Professor Benjamin Drevlow from the writing and linguistics department explained he and his students appreciated the chance to interact with people downtown in a venue like the brewery, which is more than just a bar.

“It’s a really sort of family, close, small-town atmosphere, too, so it’s not like ‘Where have I just walked into?’” Drevlow said.

He listed the different genres that participants share, which range from original poetry and fiction excerpts to nonfiction pieces and screenplays.

“We’re pretty open to if people want to read something that they’ve read, just love and want to perform,” Drevlow said.

While GS students often participate in Burning Swamp, Drevlow explained how people who come to the brewery without knowing about the event have also participated.

“You kind of see their faces. They’re like ‘What’s this? I came out for a beer;’” Drevlow said. “But then, they’re listening and they hear them performing and they’re like, ‘These people have things to say. They’re pouring their heart into it.’”

Student experience

Some of the students, such as senior philosophy and writing and linguistics major Matthew Howard (they/them), have been participating in the reading sessions for multiple years. Howard described some of their experiences with Burning Swamp since they began attending between two and three years ago.

“The first time I ever read at Swamp, [it was] super impulsively, the day of. I got up there, and my heart was absolutely racing,” Howard said. “I read two poems that were, one of them was this cheesy love poem about a dead whale — which I guess means it’s not a cheesy love poem. One of them was this really caustic story about a one-night stand.”

Though they felt their delivery was not polished due to nervousness, Howard mentioned how that from the audience still approached them and offered encouragement.

“Over time, I’ve been able to see myself move into that role as I get more comfortable with the Burning Swamp community,” Howard said.

Howard talked about how they find themselves more often reaching out to people, particularly those attending the reading for the first time, and offering them that same encouragement that Howard received when they started attending.

Howard said, “That kind of heartfelt appreciation for each other’s craft is probably my favorite thing about Swamp.”
An ordinance proposed on Nov. 20 and passed in December allows people who are caught with less than one ounce of marijuana to pay a maximum fine of $500 or perform community service while avoiding jail.

The ordinance only applies to the city of Statesboro, while marijuana is still illegal in the state of Georgia.

It is meant to accommodate youths who may be experimenting with marijuana, said Statesboro Mayor Jonathan McCollar.

Statesboro Police Chief Mike Broadhead said the ordinance is an acknowledgment that some people will choose to experiment and they should not suffer long-term consequences for it. “This ordinance only applies to offenders being tried in Municipal Court, not state courts,” Broadhead said. “A person cited under the state law [into state court] can still face jail time for possession of marijuana, even within the city limits.”

Since the law came into effect on Jan. 1, 10 citations have been written for possession of less than an ounce, Broadhead said. “Three of those were ‘cite and release’ cases and seven were arrested. Of those seven arrests, three occurred in a single incident,” Broadhead said. “Officers used the state court [arrest] option due to several factors: co-occurring charges [other criminal charges that were also charged at the time], the person didn’t have valid identification, or the officer was concerned the person would not show up for court.”

In the future, using the cite and release ordinance may become the more common law enforcement practice. “I think, over time, we will see officers using the cite and release ordinance more frequently in these instances, as they get more comfortable with that option. As with any new law or procedure, there will be a period of transition,” Broadhead said.

Student opinions

Joe Rocheleau, a freshman political science major and vice president of Georgia Southern Young Democrats, said the ordinance is a temporary fix until cannabis is legalized nationwide. “As for the community service, it may help a bit but it won’t be a deterrent for people who want to try,” Rocheleau said.

Eduardo Delgado, a sophomore political science major and president of GS Young Democrats, said the ordinance is the first step to a more progressive take on cannabis. “I personally believe that Statesboro taking this step is representative of the societal desire to stop imprisoning those who do not commit violent offenses,” Delgado said. “I also believe that legalization is in the near future.”

Blaine Salter, a sophomore political science major and president of GS College Republicans, said although he believes the ordinance is a progressive attitude towards marijuana use, the debate of decriminalizing marijuana will still continue.

“While this may work here in the city, I believe this debate of decriminalizing marijuana use and legalization will continue across the halls of State and Federal governments as there are valid arguments to both sides of the issue,” Salter said. “I think community service will teach individuals, including college students, to appreciate the city of Statesboro and what it can offer them for personal and professional growth in addition to the university environment.”
STUDENTS CONFRONT SGA
Temper flare over commencement changes at first spring
Student Government Association meeting

BY NATHAN WEAVER
The Georgia-Anne staff

Dozens of students lined up to confront Student Government Association members about the changes to the spring 2019 graduation ceremonies on Jan. 23 at the first SGA senate meeting of the semester.

Numerous students used the opportunity to voice their frustration and discontent with perceived disrespect and a lack of transparency for students who have consistently made clear their desire to graduate on their home campuses and not have their plans rewritten four months away from graduation.

Fielding the questions were SGA President Jarvis Steele, who gave an answer to the first question of the night and at times chimed in during others, and Dean Andrew Dies, who fielded all questions from the gallery after the first one was asked, with the exception of those asked by Armstrong/Liberty campus speaker Tyler Tyack. The comments from the gallery dominated the proceedings, to the point that a proposal was floated later in the meeting by SGA senator Zean Lopez to extend the time of the meeting in order to allow for further comments.

Initial motions
Meeting agendas were passed out as gallery attendees arrived, and any mention of graduation or commencement was conspicuously absent from them. The initial rumbles of discontent were felt from the very beginning, when Steele began the meeting with an opening statement which touched on the commencement changes, the only such mention until students brought the topic back up during gallery concerns.

In this initial segment, Steele adopted a stern, rebuking tone with students who had mostly gathered to voice their complaints, addressing them when he said “If you don’t have anything good to say, don’t say anything at all,” and “If you believe me, if you don’t believe me, I don’t care.” After a short segment covering various SGA-related announcements, a resolution the Armstrong and Liberty Campus SGA had passed that addressed concerns and asked for commencement changes to be reversed.

“That if the President’s Cabinet believes that, going forward, a new plan for commencement must be created, and that the committee for this planning be created of equal parts students and faculty in equal proportion of all three campuses of Georgia Southern University,” Tyack said. Steele agreed to have the resolution signed and to “make it happen” despite reiterating throughout the meeting with Dies that changes to commencement will not occur this semester. Steele earlier described the changes to this year’s commencement as “something new, something sparkly.” Tyack marched up to the SGA desk and passed off the resolution, and later returned to the gallery line to ask more questions of the SGA throughout the night.

“At one point during the meeting, Tyack asked Steele why he hadn’t responded to The George-Anne’s four email requests for comment. Steele nonchalantly replied, “I had a busy weekend.”

Armstrong SGA sworn to secrecy
A recurring question throughout the meeting asked how students were approached and consulted for the commencement change decision. Dies said SGA representatives on both campuses were approached last semester. Tyack approached the microphone and shared more on the Armstrong/Liberty SGA’s involvement.

“The Armstrong campus executive board was sworn to confidentiality,” Tyack said. “We could not disclose what was said because if we did the administration would not trust us with anything ever again.”

Tyack further explained that the board chose this route in order to get more information on the process. Another representative from the Armstrong campus was Mary-Kate Moore, Armstrong/Liberty SGA vice president of academic affairs. Moore said at a meeting on the Armstrong campus earlier that day, Dies told the Armstrong audience that nothing was set in stone. However, Dies mentioned several times at the Statesboro meeting that nothing will be changed.

“I updated my answer I guess you could say,” Dies said. “I didn’t want to say no but unfortunately now nothing will change.” Dies clarified that he did not lie and did not appreciate the accusation that he lied.

“I feel like [the SGA meeting] was not productive,” Davis said. “I want to believe [President Steele] will do his best. However, with such little input, it’s hard to believe he’ll commit.”

When asked about Andrew Dies’ comments at the meeting, Davis said: “I understand Dean Dies taking over. He was able to handle it more than our SGA president. [Steele] was very vague.”

Allison Smith, senior nursing student, shared her concerns at the meeting. “The meeting was not productive at all,” Smith said. “He already had what he was gonna say in place. He saw that students were upset, and he keptuffling his answers and now I’m just pissed.”

“Tempers rise at Dies
Dies took over answering questions from Steele after it became readily apparent that the questions being asked were hard, critical and at times confrontational. Throughout the meeting, as more hard questions yielded increasingly repetitive or even dismissive replies, the crowd’s animosity toward Dies became more obvious.

One such exchange went like this:
Student: “When the student body was consulted for this whole cluster fill in the blank or whatever y’All just did, did ya’ll ask any of the Statesboro campus nursing studies because I’m pretty sure they’re pissed off.”
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Tyler Tyack, Armstrong/Liberty Campus Speaker

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Tyler Tyack, Armstrong/Liberty campus senate speaker, read a resolution approved by the Armstrong/Liberty campus Student Government Association. The resolution addresses concerns and requests that commencement changes be reversed. The resolution also asks that future committees related to commencement change consist of equal parts students and faculty.
Eagles look to improve last year's record with strong roster

By Amanda Arnold

The Georgia Southern softball team will begin their season on Feb. 8 on Eagle Field against UT Martin. With a roster of new freshmen and several transfers, the team has been focusing on intercommunication and team unity.

Last season, GS went 28-25 and 12-15 in the conference. They lost in the first round of the Sun Belt Championships to South Alabama in a close 3-2 game and ended the season as the seventh seed.

This offseason, the team worked on building team chemistry and stronger communication skills. They have been closely working with graduate student and sports psychologist Ally Claytor to improve the team dynamic off the field.

Senior infielder Hannah Ferrall, one of five remaining seniors, believes that miscommunication was the cause of a few losses last season.

"When one of our teammates is down, we need to pick them up, communicate and just act like a team," Ferrall said.

Ferrall was chosen for the 2018 All-Sun Belt Conference Second Team and 2018 NFCA All-South Region Third Team, believes that this season’s underclassmen have a bright future.

Allyshah Mullis, sophomore catcher, had an outstanding season for a freshman in 2018, and led the team with 11 doubles, nine home runs, and 33 RBI.

"Myself and the other underclassmen have a lot to add to the team," Mullis said. "I want to improve on getting a better batting average and more hits. The freshmen have assets that we were missing last year, and I believe it will make us more successful."

Head Coach Kim Dean is entering her second season as the GS softball coach, taking over after the Georgia Southern and Armstrong consolidation.

"This season we want to score a ton of runs, have very solid defense and we need our pitchers pounding the zone," Dean said. "We need really good chemistry and communication."

"We need to pay attention to who we are as individuals and how we enhance our program as who we are, not just the position or the rest of the GS team back in Statesboro next couple of years."

Wishart makes his mark

From Minnesota to Georgia, Calvin Wishart is beginning his mark on Georgia Southern Basketball

By Amanda Arnold

Coming to Georgia Southern all the way from Delano, Minnesota, freshman guard Calvin Wishart has proven himself to be a valuable contribution to the men’s basketball team.

Wishart saw a lot of action at the beginning of this season. He tallied 14 points during his 27 minute stint against Pepperdine University, 11 points in his thirty minutes against Montana, and 5 steals from Carver University.

Wishart won the state championship his senior year of high school, with it being the first time in his four year tenure that the team even qualified for the tournament. He was also a finalist for Minnesota’s MrBasketball alongside Duke’s staple player Tre Jones.

In addition to playing basketball in high school, he also played football his senior year. Even though was just playing for fun, due to him already being committed to GS for basketball, he left his mark in the Minnesota record books.

In his one season as a football player, he was the top wide receiver on the Star Tribune’s All Metro first team offense, East Central South MVP, and on several lists for Minnesota’s top high school players of 2017.

Calvin, one of four athletic children, knows a thing or two about a strong work ethic. His father played basketball at Concordia College, and his mother went to the state basketball tournament during her high school career. His older brother was a division three national decathlon champion at Concordia and his younger sister just committed to playing basketball at the University of Mary. His youngest brother still has a ways to go until his college days, but he is currently playing basketball and football.

Wishart gives credit to his older brother for making him the basketball player he is today.

"He was basically my athletic trainer back home,” Wishart said. "We lived an hour outside of Minneapolis where all of the real trainers were for basketball development. He’s currently getting his master’s degree in Kinesiology right now and he really did train me. Between my freshman and sophomore year, he helped me gain weight, I grew five inches in a year because of him."

Though he is twenty hours away from home, he doesn’t mind being in Statesboro with the team and his electric skateboard.

"You may see me riding around campus on my electric skateboard," Wishart said. "I ride it everywhere. I’m rarely in cars. Basketball-wise, Georgia Southern was the best school for me because of my position. Compared to Minnesota, the climate here is just so much more. The campus is just pretty all around, really."

Wishart is currently playing under guard Tookie Brown, and loving every minute of it.

"I’m trying to soak up as much as I can from these seniors,” Wishart said. “They’ve set the Georgia Southern tradition that we want to continue on for the next couple of years."

"You can catch Wishart and the rest of the GS team back in action against Georgia State on Saturday at GSU at 1 p.m.

The Georgia Southern softball team went 28-25 overall last 2018 season but held a conference record of 12-15 in the Sun Belt conference.

The Georgia Southern women’s softball team went 28-25 overall this season along with contributing 83 total points.

This offseason, Dean moved Wilson to the outfield from first base due to her “flourishing and earning a starting role.”

For this season, GS has added a new megatron and a new press box to Eagle Field. You can catch the softball team in action on Feb. 8 for a double header against UT Martin at 4:30 p.m. and Saint Francis at 7 p.m.
Georgia Southern baseball to begin in two weeks, Eagles look to take on tough schedule

BY RYAN KOSTENSKY
The George-Anne Staff

As February and Opening Day approaches, the Georgia Southern baseball team is gearing up for what should be a challenging, yet exciting 2019 campaign. A year after finishing at 30-26 overall the Eagles are back for more, this time with a significantly tougher non-conference schedule. As per usual, GS will face Georgia Tech, Kennesaw State, Mercer and The College of Charleston in home-and-home affairs, as well as welcoming the University of Georgia to Statesboro for a three-game series. In addition to these schedule staples, the Eagles head West for a three-game series against Auburn before hosting West Virginia. Both UGA and Auburn appear on Baseball America’s 2019 preseason rankings poll at No. 15 and No. 17, respectively.

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The Eagles will start the season with a three-game series starting Feb. 15, and will open the gates to J.I. Clements Stadium for the first time in 2019 to welcome in Georgia Tech on Feb. 19, first pitch set for 6 p.m.

Eagles hit the road to Atlanta as they take on rival Georgia State for the first time this season

BY KAITLIN SELLS
The George-Anne Staff

The Georgia Southern men’s basketball team will be traveling to Atlanta Saturday to take on rival Georgia State while looking to claim a win in the rival series and to improve their current conference record of 5-3.

The last two times the two teams met the Panthers knocked the Eagles out of conference playoffs with a 73-67 win and the Eagles are looking for redemption. The Eagles look to be ready as this season has proved to be impressive. The team collectively shoots an average of 46.6 percent from the floor as well as shooting 38.9 percent for three-pointers.

Leading the Panthers is unsurprising D’Marcus Simonds who currently has notched 390 total points on the season, giving him an average of 18.6 points per game as well having a total of 107 rebounds for the season as well.

As a team GSU is shooting an average of 46.6 percent from the floor as well as shooting 38.9 percent for three-pointers.

Senior guard Tookie Brown is obviously one solid Eagle that continues to lead GS with his 353 total points on the season and his field goal percentage of 49.6. Redshirt-sophomore guard Quan Jackson also continues to impress during his second official season of playing—tallying 294 total points while averaging 15.5 per game, collecting 44 steals, and being solid on the free-throw line with a 72.5 percent accuracy.

The Eagles completed for an overall record of 50-26 in the 2018 season and sat at 18-11 in the conference. The Eagles look to be ready as this season has proved to be impressive. The team collectively shoots an average of 46.6 percent from the floor as well as shooting 38.9 percent for three-pointers.

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STATESBORO CAMPUS

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE
CAMPUS RECREATION AND INTRAMURAL
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71ST ANNUAL MISS GEORGIA SOUTHERN PAGEANT
OFFICE OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES
FEB. 2 | 6 - 9 PM | PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

STEM NIGHT
CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
FEB. 5 | 5 - 8 PM | HESSMITH-LANE CENTER

THE INTEGRATION OF GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS
FEB. 5 | 5 PM | RUSSELL UNION 2080

UPB MOVIE: A STAR IS BORN
OFFICE OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES
FEB. 8 | 6 & 8 PM | RUSSELL UNION THEATRE

MINDFUL YOGA
AT THE COUNSELING CENTER
WEDNESDAYS @ 4PM, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS @ 11AM
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New Org Chartering Workshop
February 1 | 3:30 pm
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FINANCIAL FREEDOM - BUDGETING, SAVING & YOUR CREDIT
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Wes Wilkes,
CORE Credit Union
February 6 | 5:30 pm
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