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## EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS

**JAN  
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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.

**Thursday, Jan. 31 at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
**Russell Union Rotunda**

**JAN  
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### 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  
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### 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  
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Weather

**53°/33°**  
**Thursday**



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**Friday**



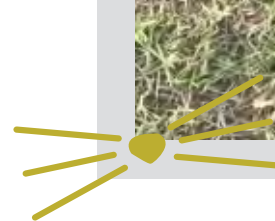
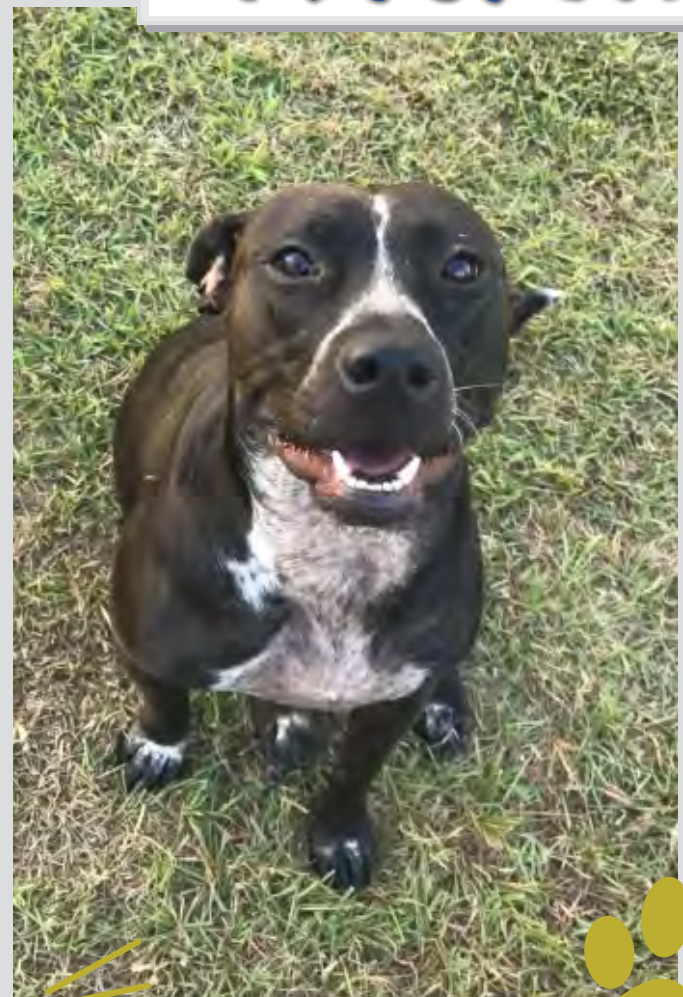
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**Harley Jane**  
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Our photographers went out on campus and snapped some photos depicting life at Georgia Southern. Come back every week or follow our Twitter, @SeenAtSouthern, to see if you have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



KRISTEN BALLARD/staff  
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.



SINDI PATANI/staff  
On Monday, students paid a dollar to pie a SOAR Leader in the face at the Rotunda. All proceeds went to Habitat for Humanity!

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Wow! This class seems easy and I'm super organized to handle anything that pops up!

Uggggggghhhhhh I was so wrong!

Syllabus Week vs. The Rest of the Semester

Comics by Coy Kirkland

There's great variety in the weather here. We have Summer...

and January\*!

\*Heavily exxeragerated. We all know it never snows here.

The Seasons of Statesboro

Conner J Kirsch

what a Stupid fly!

Up is Down 3



## TRANSGENDER BAN

The transgender military ban is a disgrace to progress



**SHIANN SIVELL**

Shiann is a senior journalism major from Gibson, Georgia.

'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.

"The Supreme Court has allowed military discrimination to be reinstated," Aaron Belkin, director of the Palm Center, a California-based public policy research institute, said in a statement. "It's critical to understand that the military is not required, and has no need, to reinstate the transgender ban."

### A DISGRACE TO PROGRESS

President Trump has said time and time again that respects the military and those 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 takes that bravery to an entirely different label. The idea that people who are laying down their lives for a country filled with people who hate them 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-military. This decision will only further push my community away from the safety and happiness that they well-deserved.

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.

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## GS vs. GSU

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



**KAITLIN SELLS**

Kaitlin is a sophomore psychology major from Savannah, Georgia.

ly behind the ball as they only shot 39.6 percent from the floor as well as only recording 23.8 percent for three-pointers.

The Eagles have looked better this season as they log a team average of shooting 49.8 percent from the floor, but there are still things they need to be aware of and consciously working on while on the court.

Defense is where the Eagles seem to lack the most as they've allowed most games this season to get away from them as their opponent has shown to grab an early lead while the Eagles then struggle to catch up.

They've done a better job of finding and maintaining the lead earlier in the past two games but there's always room for improvement.

Although there are some negatives that need to be improved, there are also things the Eagles have been doing right this season and need to focus on continuing to do so. GS has been very good about

playing consistently during games for the most part.

Bringing certain intensity to the court and keeping that level of intensity is something the Eagles don't seem to have a problem with and is something that is vital to a team that wants to win.

The Eagles especially look good when they begin to hit their stride and build momentum as a team. Over half the roster is made up of returning players so the Eagles have had the chance to build chemistry as well as having the advantage of new and talented freshmen to help replace the players which were lost.

One comparable replacement could be considered in freshman guard Calvin Wishart which helped replace the loss the Eagles took with former guard Jake Allsmiller who graduated last year. Allsmiller was a huge contributor for the Eagles as over his four years he logged 915 total career points

and almost broke the school record for most three-pointers as he ended up just falling second in school history.

Wishart himself has already logged 83 points during his first season while playing as a true freshman and has found himself starting the past four games.

Georgia State will prove to be a big opponent as they've always been a strong basketball school. The Panthers sit at a 15-6 overall record and a conference record of 6-2, placing them as tied for first with Texas State in Sun Belt standings.

While the Panthers show themselves to be an impressive opponent by sitting in the first-place position, the Eagles are right on their heels as they sit tied for second with a 5-3 record after taking down TXST with ease at Hanner.

The match is set to take place in Atlanta as the Panthers will host GS on Saturday at 1 p.m.

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There's a  
man in the  
woods

**SHIANN SIVELL**/staff

A close-up of A.H. Kotz, a man found deceased in the woods. Near his remains were a treasure trove of objects that told a story of a life torn apart and secrets buried deep in history.

# Art graduate student creates the life of fictional character from scraps

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

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 existed in.

Seeing the pictures of his destroyed family and the reminders of the wonders and horrors he experienced during the course of his life will pull at viewers' heartstrings and have them Googling Kotz for detailed information on his life.

However, even the most extensive Google search will not reveal so much as a year of birth, leaving the search woefully confused.

The simple reason for this is due to the fact that Kotz, the institutionalized naturalist, is a creation of graduated art major Marion Trainor's imagination.

As far as legal records will show, he never existed.

## The Creation of Kotz

A multi-skilled artist, Trainor began making random pieces of art and jewelry as part of projects within her major, but

wanted the pieces to connect.

"I developed this project for myself mostly as an attempt to keep myself interested in the work I needed to complete for class," Trainor said. "Churning out endless short term projects only made significant by the weight of a grade quickly lost my attention. This project was completely formed as a carrot on a stick for myself that managed to gain more momentum than expected."

Thus, Trainor created a story and then a character to tie them together through a descriptive, 102-page thesis.

Detailed throughout the thesis is how Kotz's story and the over 100 individual artifacts took over three years

of research and planning to create. Most of the planning consisted of historical sourcing and transforming each piece to fit the overall project.

Some objects, such as Kotz's family photos, were part of photo albums sent into an antique shop Trainor frequented. Others, such as a hospital gurney, were gifted to her. Most objects, such as the tools and a toy rabbit, were handmade and treated to give them an "aged" appearance.

"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 structure of the character and story of Kotz was

inspired by the real deception operation known as Operation Mincemeat, a WWII British ploy to trick Germany by planting false personal and military objects, including fake plans to invade Greece and Sardinia, on a corpse-turned fictional military captain.

"They went as so far as to write love letters for his wife," Trainor said. "I found that so fascinating because it's wildly out there. [Kotz] grew out of that."

## The Man in the Woods

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

Kotz's family was told that he had been injured to the point of comatose, thus cutting them out of the picture.

Kotz eventually escaped the hospital seven years after his detainment. Unable to reconnect with his family, he gathered the few mementos left in his family home and retreated into woodsy seclusion, his mind and spirit warped from all he had experienced.

"The biggest thing with Kotz was trying to make somebody that was problematic, and had

issues, and was kind of crazy but not in a way that made him inhuman," Trainor said.

The remainder of his days consisted of jumping from camp to camp and obsessively hoarding all he found, never speaking to another human being and becoming near-feral from the isolation.

His remains were found in a cluster of trees near the edge of an overgrown field in 1963, near an abandoned house where a majority of his belongings were kept. Through his things 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.



PHOTO COURTESY OF **MARIAN R. TRAINOR**

Items belonging in Kotz's survival kit. Kotz's creator, Marian Trainor, stated that many of Kotz's objects were kept out of compulsion, sentimentality, and need, the lines of which were blurred together.



# Verses and pub grub

## The literary community of Burning Swamp

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 that people 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."



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Both basketball teams were able to defend Hanner on Saturday

The women's team got their first conference win of the season, while the men got back on track after two consecutive losses. Both teams travel to Arkansas this weekend to



# MARIJUANA

How the recent Statesboro marijuana ordinance affects Georgia Southern students

10  
CITATIONS  
FOR POSSESSION OF LESS  
THAN AN OUNCE

3  
OUT OF TEN  
WERE CITE AND RELEASE  
CASES

7  
OUT OF TEN  
WERE AREESTED

3  
OUT OF TEN  
WERE CITE AND RELEASE  
CASES

By Nathan Woodruff  
The George-Anne Staff

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."

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# STUDENTS CONFRONT SGA

## Tempers flare over commencement changes at first spring Student Government Association meeting

BY NATHAN WEAVER

The George-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 rumblings 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,

“I am sorry... We said no. The administration does not seem to care. I apologize again but we did what we could.”

Tyler Tyack

Armstrong/Liberty Campus Speaker

gallery concepts were opened and student feedback began to roll in.

### Legislation proposed

One of the first in front of the microphone to ask questions of the SGA officials was Tyack, whose passionate appeal on behalf of the students who followed after him set the tone for the remaining gallery concerns. Tyack challenged Steele on the issue of commencement, reading off

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

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 reoccurring 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.



SINDI PATANI/staff

Tyler Tyack, Armstrong/Liberty campus senate speaker, read a resolution approved by the Armstrong/Liberty campus Student Government Association. The resolution address 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.



SINDI PATANI/staff

SGA President Jarvis Steele appeared at times confrontational to concerns presented by students relating to commencement changes. Steele suggested at one point that everyone could go home.

### 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 y’all ask any of the Statesboro campus nursing students because I’m pretty sure they’re pissed off.”

**Dies:** “I can only speak to the Armstrong

campus. I don’t know what specific college students were addressed here on the Statesboro campus.”

**Student:** “What’s the point of making decisions on behalf of Armstrong, Liberty and Statesboro campuses if you only consulted one campus?”

**Dies:** “Again, I can only speak to what I did. I don’t know what happened up here.”

**Student:** “Sir, what can you speak to?”

Throughout the evening, Dies reported that when students were reached out to for comment while the commencement changes were being decided upon, that feedback consisted almost entirely of criticism and disapproval. Clear frustration directed towards Dies eventually led Steele, who remained

silent for the majority of gallery concerns, to interject on his behalf and say that students ought to treat Dies respectfully. Steele threatened that everyone could go home and attendees should “Think before you speak.”

“And moving forward for the rest of this meeting, what we are doing is having a conversation about changes we want to see made,” Steele said. “What we will not do is denigrate, disrespect or judge anyone’s character. Otherwise, we can go home.”

### Closing reactions

The George-Anne spoke with a number of students who asked questions at the meeting after the meeting itself closed. Taylor Davis, junior nursing student, shared concerns.

“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 kept fluffing his answers and now I’m just pissed.”





JAREN STEPHENS/staff

The freshman guard has tallied a total of 300 minutes of play so far this season along with contributing 83 total points.

# WISHART MAKES HIS MARK

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

BY AMANDA ARNOLD  
The George-Anne staff

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 Mr.Basketball 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 better. 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.

## Eagles look to improve last year's record with strong roster



MATTHEW FUNK/staff

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

BY AMANDA ARNOLD  
The George-Anne staff

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 Ferrell, 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," Ferrell said.

Ferrell, 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.

Allyssah 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."

As a coach, she emphasizes the importance of team culture off the field and how good communication can lead to better results on the field.

"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 we play," Dean said. "We need everyone doing their job and accepting their role on this team."

Coach Dean is looking for big seasons out of Ferrell, Shelby Wilson and Macy Coleman on defense.

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 finishig 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. In-conference where the Eagles finished at 18-11 a year ago, GS is set to play some notable Sun Belt foes, including Coastal Carolina. The Chanticleers come into the season ranked at No. 23 and have been a collegiate powerhouse for years. The Eagles face CCU in the middle of April where they will travel to Conway, South Carolina for a three-

game series. The GS offense struggled at times during the 2018 which is expected from a young team, but the experience earned will play a role in the upcoming season. The Eagles will have to rely on a bevy of bats, including junior infielder Mason McWhorter, who led his team in every major offensive category except for triples. Along with McWhorter, who started in and played all 56 games on the season, junior infielders Steven Curry and Mitchell Golden also boast perfect attendance for the season with Curry going 56-for-56 and Golden going 54-54. The consistency that the Eagles saw from their infield bodes well for the feature. While the fielding wasn’t always the cleanest during the season, Curry and McWhorter stand out- only allowing a combined five errors in over 400 attempts. On the mound, GS comes into the season with some questions to be answered, losing two of the top pitchers on the roster. Right-Handed-Pitcher Brian Eichhorn was the go-to weekend starter for the Eagles boasting a 3.14 earned-run average and throwing two shutouts in the process. Eichhorn was draft-

ed by the Cleveland Indians in the 11th round of the MLB Draft and subsequently signed his contract. GS also lost their fire-ball-hurling closer Chase Cohen who accounted for five saves while striking out 60 batters in just 47 innings of play. Cohen was drafted in the ninth round of the draft by the Oakland Athletics. Junior RHP Seth Shuman is now the team’s only weekend starter with legitimate experience, and the Eagles will need to rely on the bullpen arms to do better than a year before. A year after a combined 4.71 ERA, two pitchers that may see their roles significantly increased include senior RHP Cole Whitney and sophomore RHP David Johnson. Whitney lead all relievers with a 1.90 ERA while striking out 53 batters in 61.2 innings pitched. Johnson had a higher ERA at 5.62, but saw a lot of playing time- including 10 starts, as the season progressed. GS will travel to Auburn to 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.



BLAKE KESSLER/staff  
The Eagles completed for an overall record of 30-26 in the 2018 season and sat at 18-11 in the conference.



JAREN STEPHENS/staff  
Tookie Brown jumps to score against University of Texas-Arlington. The Eagles are currently tied for second in the Sun Belt with a conference record of 5-3.

## 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 time 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 49.8 percent from the floor and average 31.5 percent on 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 Panthers currently sit at tied for first in the Sun Belt as their conference record shows 6-2 and they sit at an overall record of 15-6. 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. 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. Tip off is set to take place at 1 p.m. in Atlanta on Saturday and the match will be streamed on ESPN+.



Puzzles

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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

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- 1 Blah-blah-blah
- 4 Ready for business
- 8 Urban renewal target
- 12 He sang “I’ve Got You Under My Skin” with Frank Sinatra on “Duets”
- 13 Supergarb
- 14 Effortless
- 15 Placeholder
- 16 Kind of cut
- 17 Losing proposition?
- 18 Old 45 player
- 19 Purple shade
- 20 Like Siberian winters
- 21 Teaspoonful, maybe
- 22 Eur. land
- 23 He’s a doll
- 24 Asian holiday
- 26 Kind of cloth
- 28 Anomalous
- 31 OPEC land
- 34 Toothed tool
- 35 Go a-courting
- 36 High card
- 37 Sleazy paper
- 40 Taradiddle
- 42 Outback runner
- 43 Jailbird
- 44 Highball ingredient
- 46 Viper
- 48 Eliminate
- 49 Butts
- 50 Kind of deposit
- 51 Chest protector
- 52 Water source
- 54 Wither away
- 58 Intense hatred

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- 61 Chums
- 62 Biblical plot
- 63 Young salmon
- 64 Slender fastener
- 65 Entrap
- 66 Spanish liqueur
- 67 Ambience
- 68 “Baseball Tonight” channel
- 69 For fear that
- 70 Charon’s river
- 71 Monsoonal
- 7 Current
- 8 Alternative to a convertible
- 9 Animal shelter
- 10 Manipulates
- 11 Fable
- 12 Vivacity
- 15 University conferral
- 19 Plum’s center
- 20 Egg warmer
- 23 Fuzzy fruit
- 25 Musical aptitude
- 27 Bonehead
- 28 Was in the red
- 29 Volcano feature
- 30 Sullen
- 31 Shoestring
- 32 Screen symbol
- 33 Road turn
- 38 Burnoose wearer
- 39 High school class
- 41 Slot machine symbol
- 45 Little sound
- 47 Football squad
- 49 Glass component
- 50 Saturn’s wife
- 51 Explode
- 53 Large antelope
- 55 Show flexibility
- 56 “Jurassic Park” actress
- 57 Compass dir.
- 58 Iridescent gem
- 59 Fjord explorer?
- 60 Flower with a bulb
- 61 Champagne designation
- 64 \_\_\_\_-relief
- 65 Put in stitches

Down

- 1 Slips
- 2 Angst
- 3 “Whew!”
- 4 Come to pass
- 5 Packages
- 6 Fencing sword



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