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Kennedy Hall's History of MOLD

Multiple tests reveal 26-month
history of mold at Kennedy Hall

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Softball with successful weekend

EAGELS GO 5-1 IN TOURNAMENT PLAY

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KRISTEN BALLARD/staff

Lime safety improvements



Lime

Georgia Southern and Lime working
together to make scooters safe

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PHOTO COURTESY OF LIME

EVENTS
AROUND CAMPUS

FEB 23	TASTE OF AFRICA This event is designed to be a cultural exhibit on the diversity of African ethnicities via food, music, dance and prizes. Saturday, Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Russell Union Ballroom
FEB 21	WOMEN’S BASKETBALL VS. COASTAL CAROLINA Help us honor the Class of 2019 with Senior Day. Thursday, Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m. Hanner Fieldhouse
FEB 25	INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE DESIGN SUMMIT These action-oriented sessions will focus on best practices to support diversity and inclusion and to prepare Georgia Southern graduates for success in a multicultural, global economy. Monday, Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Russell Union Ballroom
MAR 1	ZETA TAU ALPHA - STRAWBERRY SALES PICKUP All proceeds go to our philanthropy, Breast Cancer Education and Awareness. Friday, Mar. 1 at 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hanner Fieldhouse



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A Brief History of Braids
“Today we know braids as something trendy. Often times, they’re used to express an individual’s style, whether it’s through the pattern, length, color or accessories.”
Read more in this article on the Reflector website.

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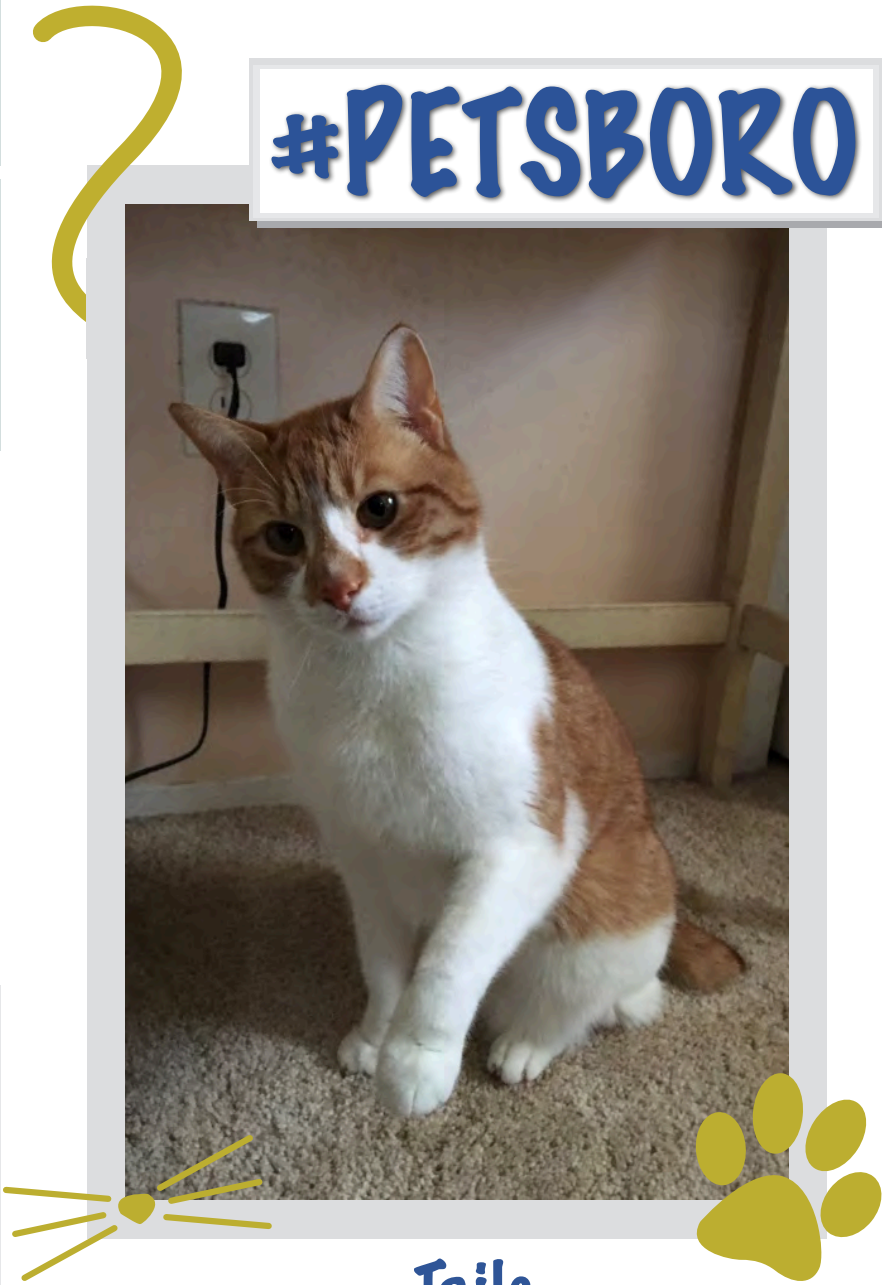
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Tails
Owner: Michelle Wavra,
senior psychology major

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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!



CHRIS STOKES/staff
The exhibition by Lily Kuonen, titled Playntings, shows the latest results of her explorations into artistic synthesis and repurposing. During her speech she explained how she approached each playnting, which she defined as a combination of play + painting.



ISIS MAYFIELD/staff
Buy COOKIES from Girl Scout Troop 30042 at the Rotunda. Only \$4 a Box.



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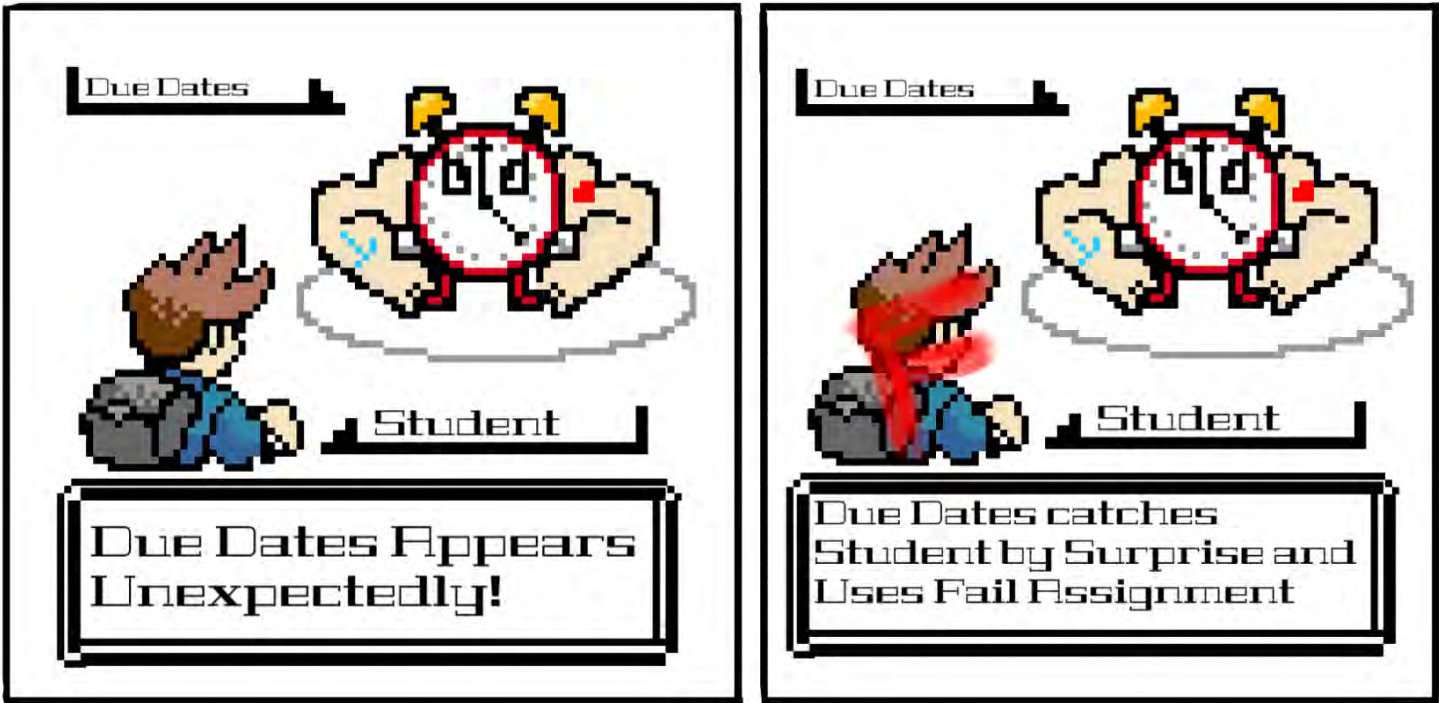
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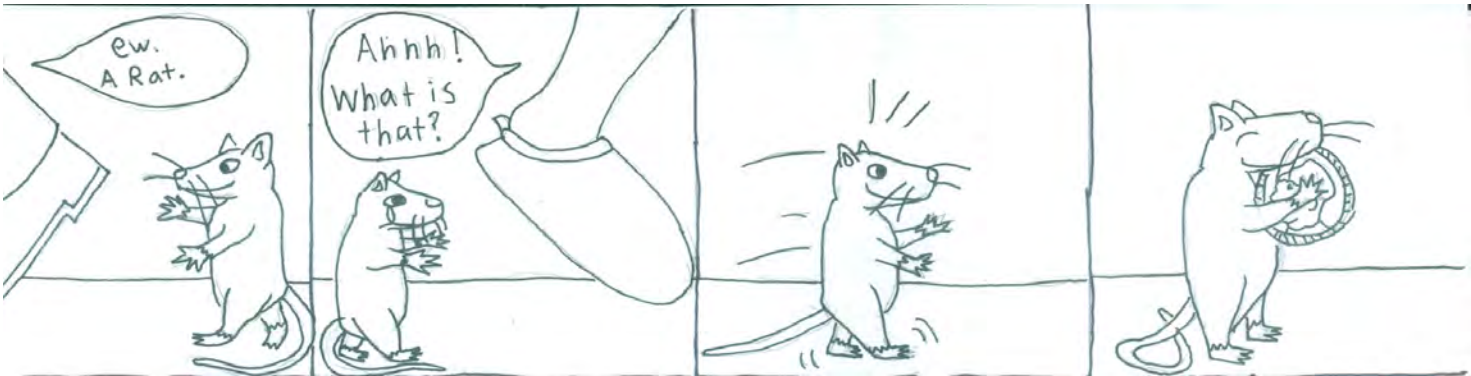


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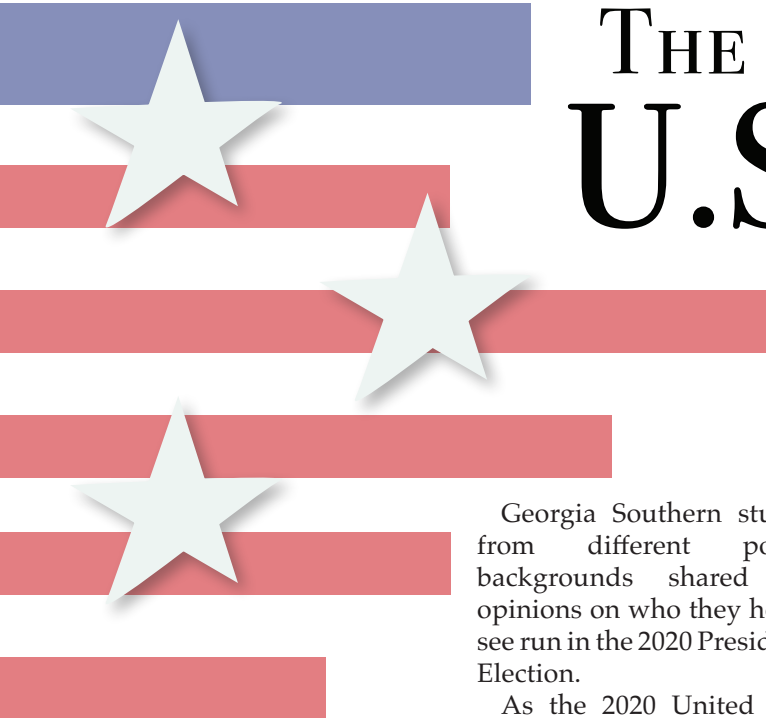
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Up is Down

By Chase Taylor

Opinions



THE PERFECT PERSON FOR U.S. PRESIDENT

CY TAYLOR

Cy Taylor is a sophomore international studies and Arabic major from Alma, Georgia.

Georgia Southern students from different political backgrounds shared their opinions on who they hope to see run in the 2020 Presidential Election.

As the 2020 United States

presidential election draws closer, candidates are beginning to launch their campaigns in an early effort to gain supporters. Despite the benefits of early political advertisements, many notable

presidential hopefuls have yet to announce if they will be running in next year's election.

With that being said, who do we hope to see in the 2020 Presidential Election?



[Michelle Obama is] a kind-hearted, confident, committed woman who inspires to help everyone..."

CY TAYLOR

(Democrat), sophomore international studies and modern languages (Arabic) major from Alma, Georgia

One woman among this list includes none other than former First Lady of the United States, Michelle Obama. As a supporter of former President Barack Obama, I believe that she would be a great addition

to the 2020 presidential race. She has proven time and time again to be a kind-hearted, confident, committed woman who inspires to help everyone, regardless of our differences. Additionally,

she is an inspiration to many Americans, including myself. I believe that she would be a perfect representation as the President of the United States, an advocate for building bridges rather than walls.



I hope to see principled candidates with the interest of the American public on the forefront"

HANNAH JOHNSTON

(Independent), senior international studies and modern languages (Arabic) major from Atlanta, Georgia

"More than anyone, in particular, I hope to see principled candidates with the interest of the American public on the forefront. Rather than continuing to support politicians who play the popularity game by

swinging from opinion to opinion, I'd like to see support for individuals who stand firmly for the rights of all Americans and for a viable, sustainable, peaceful future. In all, I hope that the public doesn't fall for empty promises

and impracticable ideals, but rather that they choose champions of liberty. They are the only candidates who will ensure the rights of all Americans now and for future generations."



The person I would most like to see run for president in the near future is Republican Nimrata "Nikki" Haley."

DANIEL BETOR

(Republican), freshman international trade and modern languages (Arabic) major from Canton, Georgia

"The person I would most like to see run for president in the near future is Republican Nimrata "Nikki" Haley. It is currently looking like she will not be attempting a run in 2020, but she would be a phenomenal candidate for 2024. Nikki Haley was a businesswoman and a South Carolina state house representative but she is best known for serving multiple terms as South Carolina's governor and her role as U.S

ambassador to the United Nations. Her time as ambassador to the UN has shown us how adept she is on the international stage. She was able to champion security council resolutions 2356, 2371, and 2375. These resolutions placed heavy sanctions on North Korea, bringing Kim Jong-Un to the negotiation table. The overwhelming debt in the US is a major issue. She has a policy of fighting deficits spending and eliminating government

waste. She supported policies that mandated spending limits. She supports making federal spending transparent, limited and genuinely effective. In conclusion, as president Haley would strive to lessen debt, promote capitalism and create a much stronger international respect for the United States of America. I have a strong belief that she is the best person to achieve that goal and there would be no stronger candidate for president."

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Alma Mater Changes

Armstrong Student Government Association senator proposes change to Georgia Southern alma mater

BY NATHAN WEAVER
The George-Anne staff

William White, a Student Government Association senator from Georgia Southern's Armstrong Campus, spoke during this week's SGA senate meeting on the Statesboro campus about his proposal to change the university's alma mater to better include the university's two new campuses.

White described how during the first meeting of the Armstrong SGA senate, a music education major named Andrew Conger initially proposed changing the alma mater.

Conger came forward with an idea to create a new alma mater song to better reflect a new generation of students, White said.

White outlined his reasons for proposing the change.

"If you take a look at the alma mater, it is very much centered toward Statesboro," White said. "This institution has grown though, and so this new alma mater isn't necessarily going to be reflecting us, but the people that come after us who are going to be on all three campuses of the new Georgia Southern University."

White then read a statement from Conger presenting more arguments in support of making changes to the song, since Conger himself was not in attendance.

"Alma maters are symbols of the school they belong to, reflecting the school's values and culture," Conger wrote. "The current alma mater bares no reference to Savannah or Hinesville, and is rooted in the traditions and culture of Statesboro. I believe that writing a new alma mater can set the tone for what we want the culture to look like on all three campuses for years to come."

White said the process of having the alma mater changed is in the very early stages and might take some time, but asked for support from the SGA and GS students on the Statesboro campus.

EAGLE CREEK SPRING FEST



Eagle Creek
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Saturday, March 30th

Outside Stage
MELODY TRUCKS & FRIENDS
BONNIE BLUE
YOUNG AMERICANS

Inside Stage
THE PINE BOX DWELLERS

Gates: 4pm Music 4:30pm-1am
\$20 Advanced \$25 DOS

BY BISOLA OKE
The George-Anne staff

Eagle Creek Brewing Company will be holding an outdoor music festival on March 30.

Kimbie Brown, the event's manager, said that the purpose of this event is to bring people together and strengthen the community.

"We do these events to bring

more people to the Downtown Statesboro area in an effort to strengthen the community," Brown said.

Although it is an outdoor activity, the Pine Box Dwellers will be entertaining on the inside stage. While on the outdoor stage, the following entertainers will be found:

- Young Americans
- Bonnie Blue
- Melody Trucks and Friends

It's a family-friendly event but mostly centered towards adults. Brown encourages those having second thoughts about attending the event to give it a try because even the cost is worth it.

"If someone had second thoughts about attending, we would definitely encourage them to come experience the atmosphere of our brewery and see what we service we

provide," Brown said. "The cost would be the largest factor to deter someone from coming, but it will be well worth the price."

Gates open at 4 p.m. and music will last from 4:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the event.

For more information about the event, contact Brown at kimbie@eaglecreekbrewingco.com.



Nathan Weaver
@FNweaver

Tonight's SGA senate meeting is now starting - back in the union ballroom. President Steele is also back after being absent last week.

The SGA has two resolutions on the table - one on military affairs, and one on commencement changes.

A motion was just passed for a seven minute discussion on both.

Senator Lopez speaks out against the resolution on the table to revert commencement changes. "We can't really change anything."

The resolution to revert the changes to this year's commencement ceremonies has been overwhelmingly voted down by the SGA senate.

The first resolution on the table, on military affairs, has been passed unanimously by the SGA senate.

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SGA VOTES DOWN RESOLUTION AGAINST COMMENCEMENT CHANGES



LAUREN SABIA/staff

The legislation proposed to revert commencement ceremony changes was voted down with 2 yay, 15 nay and 10 abstains.



LAUREN SABIA/staff

Student Government Association Senator Zean Lopez spoke during Wednesday's meeting about voting on the proposed legislation that would ask the university to revert commencement ceremony changes. "We can't really change anything," Lopez said.

Read the full article on thegeorgeanne.com



PHOTO COURTESY OF DEAL

Disability Education for Awareness and Leadership brings disability awareness to Georgia Southern

BY JENNA WILEY
The George-Anne contributor

The Disability Education for Awareness and Leadership is a lesser-known campus organization at Georgia Southern University that aims to raise awareness and break stereotypes about disabilities. The organization’s main objective is to educate and bring awareness to the students and staff at GS about

disabilities that we encounter in our everyday lives and to also provide a safe, comfortable environment for students with disabilities to learn, grow and to find a sense of community. The DEAL organization officially started meeting in the fall 2017 semester and attended June and July’s First Night Out event to let future students know about DEAL and to recruit members.

Michael Tiller is the current president and founder of the club. Other student staff includes Second Student Organization Officer Taylor Mallett, Fourth Student Organization Officer Bailey Deal and Primary Advisor Eugene Eden. DEAL currently has over 30 members involved in the organization. Second Student Organization officer Taylor Mallett joined

DEAL in spring 2018. She joined because she wanted to help break stereotypes about different disabilities and to raise awareness about those affected. “Our purpose is a niche interest, and I want to get out the word about our organization in any way possible,” Mallett said. Since GS’ consolidation with Armstrong, members of DEAL

hope to expand their reach and start a DEAL club aon the Armstrong Campus with video conferencing meetings. Members of DEAL are planning on having campus events in the future to involve students such as wheelchair basketball, selling cookie-dough as a fundraiser and a simulation activity to help students understand what it is like to live with disabilities.



Georgia Southern pushes for better Lime scooter safety

BY KYLE CLARK
The George-Anne staff

Following last semester, Georgia Southern University faculty has been working toward improving safety around Lime scooters. Incidents such as a car accident from last semester helped spark greater concern about Lime scooters on campus. At the Faculty Senate meeting on Nov. 27 following the incident it was stated that Vice President of University Advancement Trip Addison met with Lime to discuss and develop better safety measures. “They built a kind of public safety mechanism,” Dustin Anderson, faculty senate president, said in regards to Addison and Lime’s meeting. “When students are using their campus address they get a public safety announcement.” Jennifer Wise, director of communications at GS, said along with these public safety announcements Lime has started sending safety videos and tips via email to student users.

Along with these internal safety measures, the GS Police Department will enforce any applicable laws when applied to vehicle safety with students riding the scooters. “We’ve recently conducted safety presentations on campus and also participated in Boro Browse where we demonstrated proper safety and riding practices,” Megan Huggins, Lime Statesboro operations manager said. Huggins said Lime also has ideas moving forward on how to improve safety on campus. “We will be distributing scooter hang tags throughout the semester in frequent pickup locations to encourage riders to wear a helmet and to follow safe riding guidelines,” Huggins said. Wise said there has been only one accident relating to a Lime scooter reported on campus this semester. “The safety of all of our students, whether as pedestrians, in vehicles, on bikes or scooters, is the university’s highest priority,” Wise said.

Police Simulator Police Simulator Event

Statesboro Police Department invite public to experience police work with police simulator event

BY ELIZABETH GROSS
The George-Anne staff

The Statesboro Police Department will be hosting their first open simulator day on March 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Madison Bridges Warren, community information specialist for the Statesboro Police Department, said that the event will center around a police simulator. Warren said that this simulator is similar to a “big video game” with “fake guns and tasers.” The simulator consists of filmed realistic scenarios, such as cases of domestic violence, and participants choose how to respond to these scenarios with force or verbal commands, Warren said. There will be a police trainer overseeing the participant, and they will choose the outcome scenario that happens next depending on how well or poorly the participant

responded to the scenario. “Let’s say there’s a simulation where it’s a domestic incident, and you have to go in, and maybe someone comes out with blood on their hands,” Warren said. “If the officer doesn’t go ahead and draw their weapon or doesn’t do certain things, then the trainer can make the simulation go one way, but then if they also do those things that they are supposed to do, or trained to do, he can make the simulation go another way so that they’ll have the opportunity to learn, and then they sometimes do it completely random to imitate real life.” There will be local patrol officers, SWAT team and a police dog at the event. There will also be building tours, Warren said. The officers will be available for the attendees to ask questions, and they will also be showcasing equipment such as vehicles, battering rams, vests and handcuffs, Warren said. “We’re inviting you into our

house to see what goes on, what we deal with, and see how our officers are trained, and see that we have this equipment that we get to use a lot to train our officers,” Warren said. The event is open to everyone, but simulator participants must be 18 or older, and they must sign up for a time slot on the SPD Facebook page. Warren said that they will take walk-in appointments if possible, but that signing up for an appointment will make the process much easier for all involved, as each simulation session takes at least 15 minutes. “I am very excited about this event,” Warren said. “It gives people an opportunity to really put themselves in our officers’ shoes in a safe way. Some people aren’t comfortable with doing a ride-along or something like that. This gives them the opportunity to really be the officer and see the decisions that they have to make like that, in less than a second.”



RILEY MARTINEZ/courtesy

Georgia Southern student one of five nationwide to win leadership award

BY SAVANNAH JOHNSON
The George-Anne contributor

A Georgia Southern University student was one of only five students nationwide to win the 2019 Jordan Smith Undergraduate Fellowship making this the second year in a row that a GS student has received this honor. Senior Jessica ‘Riley’ Martinez is pursuing a psychology major and a double minor in French and information technology. She has been working with the First-Year Experience department for three years. Martinez serves on a committee made up of students and professors to assess what works in the program and what doesn’t. “We as a field want to encourage participation of

undergrad students,” Chris Caplinger, Ph.D., director of FYE said. The department works together to ensure that students are getting the most out of their FYE to better prepare them for the remainder of their college career. As a winner of the fellowship, Martinez will attend a conference in Las Vegas where she will represent GS. At the conference, she will have the opportunity to attend seminars that interest her and her goals for the GS FYE Department. To Martinez, being one of five recipients nationally is not even the most important part of the award. She said that knowing GS cares for its students and gives them the opportunity to advance their learning and interests is the most important thing to realize.

BUS ASSAULT



PHOTO COURTESY OF GEORGIA SOUTHERN PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

Georgia Southern student arrested for simple assault on campus bus

BY KYLE CLARK
The George-Anne staff
A Georgia Southern student was arrested for simple assault after a heated exchange on a campus bus. Tasia Thompson was arrested on Feb. 12 following an altercation with fellow student Najae Moore. The issues began on Feb. 9 when Thompson got into a Twitter argument with Moore. The argument ended with Moore deleting her responses

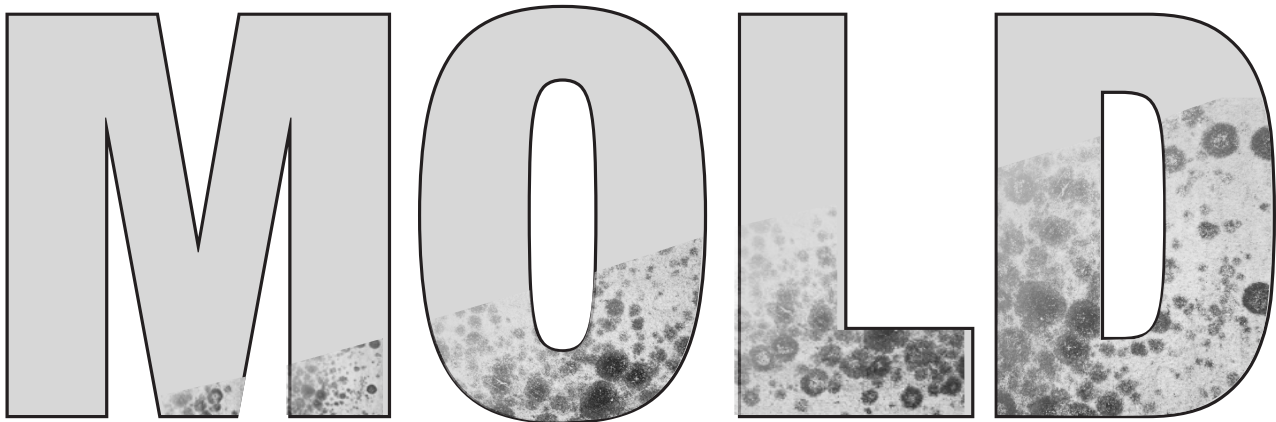
in the argument then blocking Thompson. On Feb. 11, Moore got onto the Gold Route from the stop at Forest Drive Building. Thompson also got onto the bus and began to antagonize her. “Ask about me hoe, I will beat the f**k out of you,” Thompson said to Moore, according to the police reports. Moore tried to ignore Thompson by putting in her headphones and attempted to ignore Thompson. After this incident, Moore contacted campus police about the incident and stated that she felt threatened and if need be she would have defended herself. The warrant for Thompson’s arrest was filed after a video was provided by a third party corroborating Moore’s account. Thompson was arrested the day after the incident after she failed to respond to campus police.



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Kennedy Hall history reveals mold issues in the past

BY COY KIRKLAND

The George-Anne staff

The Arrowwood Environmental Group conducted multiple tests at Kennedy Hall and revealed a long history of mold problems that occurred for at least 26 months and also identified the species growing in student living facility spaces.

According to maintenance records and the report by Arrowwood, the mold problem has a history that extends at least 26 months prior to the shutting down of Kennedy Hall.

According to maintenance reports, there were a total of 160 work orders placed in which mold samples were taken. Of all the 160 recorded cases, only one was severe enough that it required the movement of a student. Each time there was a minor issue with mold, the staff would disinfect or remove

the surface the mold was on. Peter Blutreich, executive director of university housing, said.

In addition to these past occurrences, Kennedy Hall has been running as a residential hall since 1998. The last major construction event for Kennedy was eight years ago which was a boiler change, Blutreich said.

12 rooms inspected for mold

On Jan. 2, Arrowwood Environmental Group conducted a test in Georgia Southern's Kennedy Hall to investigate concerns regarding extensive mold growth inside the walls of Kennedy Hall after repeated reported issues with moisture and humidity according to the report.

According to the report, there was a total of 12 rooms evaluated for mold spores and growth. The 12 rooms were examined for aerial spores collected

and sent to a laboratory. According to the report, the Heating, ventilation and air conditioning system was off at the time of the site inspection, and it was clear from visible mold growth observed along with staff's historical documentation that the HVAC system is inadequate in dehumidification of the building and its replacement should be considered critical to the resolution of the indoor mold issues experienced within the building.

Cause of Mold Growth

According to the report, Kennedy Hall uses a HVAC system called a Chill Water system in order to cool the building. According to How Stuff Works.com, a chilled-water system is where the entire air conditioner unit is installed on the roof or behind the building. The unit chills the water then sends the water

around the building to air handlers. The water then acts like evaporator coils in a standard air conditioning unit. If it's well-insulated, there's no practical distance limitation to the length of a chilled-water pipe which is why it is ideal for large buildings.

According to the study, the staff reported that the system of pipes that move the cold water through the walls slowly break down over time resulting in condensation building in the interior walls. Also reported was the fact that the building had "ongoing high relative humidity levels," and long term moisture.

As a result of the humidity and water condensation, mold growth issues within the building have been sprouting for at least 26 months. According to the report, this combination of conditions allowed for what staff called "Mold Blooms" or surface based

mold growth that would require surfaces to be disinfected and removed as procedure called for it.

It is nearly impossible to identify mold species from sight alone, Health Service's Medical Director and Staff Physician Brian Deloache said. According to the study, the inspection group sent off the collected mold spores to a laboratory in order to discover which kinds of species were inhabiting the rooms.

According to the report, the predominant species found in the air samples were Aspergillus/ Penicillium, which is an opportunistic species that is associated with fungal lung infections and typically appears elevated during initial high moisture periods within buildings.

According to the report, Stachybotrys was also one of the most recurring species found, which is more commonly known as "black mold".

38,010

TOTAL ASPERGILLUS/
PENICILLIUM IN 13 ROOMS

13 ROOMS

CONTAMINATED WITH FUNGUS

41,820

TOTAL SPORES IN ALL 13
CONTAMINATED ROOMS

Table 2. Results of Total Fungal Identification*

Sample ID	AS-1	AS-2	AS-3	AS-4	AS-5	AS-6	AS-7	AS-8	AS-9	AS-10	AS-11	AS-12	AS-13
Spore ID													
Cladosporium	67	13		27	160	40	40	80	350	53		93	1200
Aspergillus/Penicillium	250	170	3200	950	110	240	3900	25000	790	80	730	2400	190
Aureobasidium				13						13		13	13
Curvularia	40									27		27	53
Stachybotrys			530	40	67	240		200		130	170	67	
Chaetomium										13			
Torula						13							
Pestalotia				13									
Pithomyces						13						13	
Epicoccum													13
Nigrospora	13											13	
Smuts, Periconia, myxomycetes	27		27	67		27			13				67
Totals	400	190	3700	1100	330	570	4000	25000	1100	320	910	2600	1600

*Spores per cubic meter of air

The graph depicts the total amount of spores collected per species in each room. The information was displayed in a maintenance records report by Arrowwood Environmental Group.



PHOTO COURTESY OF Mold Investigation Documents

The photo above depicts the conditions inside of the wall cavity of Room 1116B in Kennedy Hall as an example of typical encountered conditions. The active mold growth on the inside of the drywall panel has been removed.

Another species that did not compare to the amount of *Aspergillus/Penicillium* and *Stachybotrys* was the *Cladosporium* Spore according to the report. This spore was in a majority of the rooms but not in any sense comparable to the previous two spores listed.

Other mold findings according to the report:

- *Aureobasidium*
- *Curvularia*
- *Chaetomium*
- *Torula*
- *Pestalotia*
- *Pithomyces*
- *Eppicoccum*
- *Nigrospora*
- *Smuts*
- *Periconia*
- *Myxomycetes*

These spore types were not of great occurrence or in every room, but they were present nonetheless.

Mold Health Effects

Deloach said, “It is important to understand that the term “black mold” or “toxic black mold” can be misleading.”

Deloach said that in the medical/scientific community, the term “toxic black mold” is applied specifically to the fungus *Stachybotrys*, but other fungi produce dark pigments and can look dark or black when viewed on an environmental surface.”

Stachybotrys produces toxins labeled as a Mycotoxins which are the bi-product that certain fungi produce.

Although a toxin-producing fungus may be present in any given environment, its presence alone does not ensure that it is producing or will produce mycotoxins Deloach said. Despite a portion of people being more likely to be affected by mold

spores, most descriptions of mycotoxicosis in humans are derived from the ingestion of moldy foods. Also, not all black molds produce mycotoxins.

According to the report, all fungal spores whether viable or non-viable are allergens. Some individuals who are immunocompromised are at an increased risk of opportunistic infections with fungi due to their weakened immune system.

Deloach said which conditions may cause an individual to be immunocompromised include, but are not limited to:

- HIV syndrome
- Those on immunosuppressant medical therapy or cancer chemotherapy,
- Persons with abnormally low white blood cell counts (neutropenia),
- Patients with poorly

controlled diabetes mellitus

Exposure to such significant amounts of fungal aerosols is unlikely to occur outside of an occupational setting, but there is no set “safe” levels of airborne mold spores according to the study. Deloach said “Just because fungal growth is seen or found does not mean that it is causing or will cause health effects.”

University Actions

Currently the university is sending in a group to study the extent of the mold. Peter Blutreich said “We’ve had a contractor come in and review a [Division of Facility Service] come in and have a preliminary report coming in Friday.”

The remodeling work that may have to happen will rely on the extensiveness of the mold Blutreich said.

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By Myles Mellor

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EAGLES VS TROJANS

PHOTOS BY JAREN STEPHENS



GS cheer team hypes up the crowd during a media break. With the win over Troy, the Eagles now sit at an 8-5 conference record.



A Georgia Southern student holds up a sign at the game, cheering on the Eagles. After the 76-51 win over the Trojans, the Eagles advanced to an overall record of 16-10.



LEFT: Junior forward Isiah Crowley (53) logged 23 minutes of play against Troy where he ran up 16 points as well as notching nine rebounds.



RIGHT: Freshman guard Eito Yuminami (21) logged two points in the three minutes he played against Troy.



LEFT: Freshman guard Calvin Wishart attempts to block Troy's freshman guard KJ Simon. Wishart played 22 minutes against Troy where he managed three steals and four rebounds.



RIGHT: Redshirt-freshman center Tyshawn Crawford (35) is the first 7-footer at Georgia Southern since 1991.



BLAKE KESSLER/staff

Georgia Southern football players honored at 2018-19 Football Gala and Awards Banquet

BY KYLE CLARK
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The Georgia Southern football team gave out individual awards Feb. 16 to notable players at the 2018-19 Football Gala and Awards Banquet.

This event followed a successful 10-3 season which included a win at the Camellia Bowl. Graduated seniors and their family members were invited to come back to campus and participate in the festivities with the rest of the 2018 team.

Redhsirt-junior kicker Tyler Bass, who kicked the winning field goal in the Camellia Bowl and made 19 of his 21 attempted field goals this season, was named Special Teams Player of the Year.

Junior cornerback Kindle Vidor who had 42 tackles, 31 of which were solo tackles and four pass interceptions, was named Defensive Player of the Year.

Senior running back Wesley Fields, who had 10 touchdowns and ran for 1,050 yards this season was named Offensive Player of the Year.

Redshirt-sophomore quarterback Shai Werts who had a total of 987 passing yards, 908 rushing yards, and 25 touchdowns this season was named the Most Valuable Player.

A full list of awards and their recipients is available below:

Scout Team Players of the Year

Offense - Juanyea Tarver
Defense - Justin Ellis
Special Teams - Connor Lawson

Jayson Foster Freshman of the Year Award

Winner: CJ Wright

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Winner: Lane Ecton

Jerrick McKinnon Iron Eagle Award (Strength & Conditioning)

Winner: Tomarcio Reese

Edwin Jackson Most Improved Award

Winner: Jay Bowdry

Thomas LaRocco Special Teams Player of the Year Award

Winner: Tyler Bass

Freddy Pesqueira Defensive Player of the Year Award

Winner: Kindle Vidor

Tracy Ham Offensive Player of the Year Award

Winner: Wesley Fields

Adrian Peterson Most Valuable Player Award

Winner: Shai Werts

FASTBREAK

Logan Harrell named Sun Belt Player of the Week

BY AMANDA ARNOLD
The George-Anne staff

Logan Harrell was chosen for the Sun Belt Player of the Week after a phenomenal performance in a close loss to Mercer University and the Eagle Round Robin tournament last week.

Harrell, a senior outfielder and catcher, has been a key factor this season, due to her consistency. In the Eagles’ last match with Morehead State, a 19-2 victory in five innings, Harrell hit a grand slam with bases loaded.

With GS down at the bottom of the sixth inning, Harrell hit a double and a home run against IUPUI, allowing GS to cut the lead and eventually surpass the Jaguars and win 8-3 in the first game of Eagle Round Robin after two players unexpectedly went down with injury.

Harrell has managed to hit 0.323 so far on the season. In their last weekend of play she recorded four home runs, eight RBIs and three walks. GS went 5-1 in play, and will continue play with a tournament in the 2019 NC State Invitational.

Women’s basketball falls to Troy on the road, extends losing streak to three

BY BETHANY-GRACE BOWERS
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern women’s basketball fell to Troy on the road in a 100-78 loss on Saturday in Troy, Alabama.

Although GS came out strong with three-pointers being made back-to-back in the first quarter of the game, Troy was able to jump past GS’s 22-20 lead that they took in the first part of the game.

Troy jumped that lead by 42-29 with just minutes left until the buzzer sounded for halftime and that was done by a 17-2 run that helped them earn those points to push more points onto the board.

GS was able to tie with Troy in the third quarter of the game, each team scoring 19 points, but that only lasted so long when the Trojans scored 32 in the fourth quarter and the Eagles only dunked 24.

Although the Eagles were defeated, there were a few standouts from Saturday’s game. Sophomore guard Tatum Barber topped her career high by making five of her three-pointers and was 5-7 for free-throws.

Other accomplishments from this game including her having a perfect record from the three-point line for five or more attempts. She is the second person to do this behind Mary Perry, who achieved this in 1999.

The Eagles are set to revamp and try to take the court with stronger communication and more fire when they play Coastal Carolina back in Hanner Fieldhouse on Thursday at 6 p.m.

Tatiana Rayford looking to hurdle her way into Georgia Southern history

BY AMANDA ARNOLD
The George-Anne staff

Tatiana Rayford, a hurdler and sprinter here at Georgia Southern, has already made her mark in school record books. As she goes into her senior season, she wants to leave it all on the track before walking away with her journalism degree and a lasting presence on the track and field team.

Coming from Woodstock, Georgia and strong track programs at Marietta High School and Woodstock High School, Rayford took the state title for 100-meter hurdles in 2016 and held several school records in hurdles and long jumps during her tenure.

In her three years here at GS, Rayford has been wildly successful in her craft. Her freshman year, she placed fifth overall in the conference with 60-meter hurdles and ninth in 100-meter hurdles at the Sun Belt Outdoor Championships. She was

injured her sophomore year, but came back last year with vengeance. The highlight of Rayford’s junior season was placing eleventh at the Sun Belt Outdoor Championships in 4x100 relay and two fifth

place 60-meter hurdle titles at the Wake Forest Invitational. Growing up in the middle of five siblings, Rayford relies on self discipline and a strong work ethic to keep her focused and motivated.



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Senior Tatiana Rayford placed fifth overall in conference with 60-meters hurdles and ninth in 100-meter hurtles her freshman year at the Sun Belt Outdoor Championship.

“This season, I’m trying to drop my time. Freshman year, I made it to the finals in hurdles and actually scored,” Rayford said. “This year, I want to at least score in the event and hopefully win. I definitely want to PR as well.”

Boosting a staggering 11 freshmen on the team compared to eight seniors, the track and field team is full of new faces with new dynamics. Rayford, a team veteran, feels that the new energy is good for GS going into this season.

“The freshmen, in general, add a change to the atmosphere here,” Rayford said. “I think everybody is going to be in a good position for conference.”

During her time here at GS, Rayford has formed a strong bond with head coach Kelly Carter.

“I’m going to miss the love that he gives,” Rayford said. “He shows interest and he really cares. Everything he says and does comes from his a place in his heart.”

Softball soars

Eagles walk away with a weekend record of 5-1

BY AMANDA ARNOLD
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern softball team hosted the Eagle Round Robin tournament this weekend and improved to 9-4 overall. The tournament included teams from Morehead State University, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Mount St.Mary's and University of Missouri-Kansas City. The team went 5-1 over the course of three days. UKMC handed GS the only loss of the weekend on Sunday.

In a sour way to start the weekend, GS lost both senior shortstop Macy Coleman in the first inning and junior outfielder Mekhia Freeman in the sixth inning to injury in the first match with IUPUI. Regardless, senior infielder Hannah Farrell scored the first run of the night and kept the momentum alive. Down by one, senior infielder Logan Harrell hit a home run and ignited a fire behind the bat. Her run was followed by GS taking the lead and eventually defeating IUPUI 8-3. All three freshman pitchers saw action this game, Jess Mazur for majority of the game, before she was substituted by Ashleigh Morton and Shelby Barfield for the last inning.

In Friday's second game against Morehead State, GS scored a run early on but fell behind a 4-2 score. A hit by sophomore outfielder Ellington Day put the Eagles on top and junior infielder Alia Booth capped off the game with a run in the last inning. Sophomore Rylee Waldrep and senior Kaylee Ramos successfully pitched the whole game and led GS to win 6-4.

Saturday's games proved to boost up some GS confidence. GS defeated Morehead State once again, 19-2 in just five innings. With home runs from a plethora of GS players including redshirt-senior outfielder Macy Weeks, freshman first baseman Faith Shirley, junior infielder Layton Harrell, senior infielder Hannah Farrell, and senior catcher Logan Harrell, the Eagles found themselves really successful on bat.

After this entertaining win, GS went on to defeat Mount St.Mary's in a close 3-2 match. GS led 2-1 for majority of the game, but the opponent came back at the top of the seventh inning. Shayla Smith scored as soon as she got to bat, taking the lead for GS. Waldrep pitched for five innings striking out seven, while Ramos pitched the remaining two.

GS closed out the tournament with two games on Sunday. UMKC handed GS the only loss of the weekend, 2-1. Logan Harrell hit the lone point in the third inning. Shelby Wilson attempted to tie the game in the seventh inning but was called out at the last base.

Bouncing back from this close loss, GS defeated Mount St.Mary's 6-1 in the final game of the tournament. By the third inning, GS led 4-1. Smith and Shirley scored the final two runs of the night. Morton pitched for four innings, before turning it over to Barfield for the remaining innings.

With another successful weekend in the books, GS will travel to NC State next weekend to participate in the NC State Invitational.



Eagles steal win in marathon weekend

Georgia Southern splits first two games, drops 13-inning game three in opening series against No. 15 Auburn

BY MCCLAIN BAXLEY
The George-Anne staff

With a young team and a raw bullpen, the Georgia Southern baseball team was able to steal a win from No. 15 Auburn and take the Tigers into 13 innings in Sunday's series finale.

Following the Eagles' 11-2 season-opening loss Friday night, head coach Rodney Hennon said the game was lost in the first inning, where the Tigers put up five runs on junior RHP Seth Shuman.

"In college baseball, the big inning is huge," Hennon said. "It's hard to win when you give up the big inning."

The Eagles chipped away throughout the losing effort, scoring their second run of the season in the second inning, but couldn't match the highflying efforts of the Tigers' bats.

Saturday's game two held a completely different script. A completely younger script.

Three freshman Eagles stepped into glory in Saturday to give GS the 7-5, 13-inning victory.

It began with freshman RHP Braden Hays. His first two innings were perfect—a strikeout, three groundouts and two flyballs preserved momentum on GS' side.

Then Hennon's feared big inning happened, this time in the third.

Hays' first pitch of the third inning was met with a double to left field, but he responded with a strikeout.

Judd Ward stepped up and delivered a single to bring home Kason Howell. Two batters later and Hays was facing a bases loaded, two outs situation.

If the left field wall at Plainsman Park had been a little shorter, the Eagles would've been staring at a five run deficit instead of a four run after Edouard Julien blasted a ball to left field.

The four runs were all AU could muster up in the third frame.

Hays and preseason All-American pitcher Tanner Burns continued to battle and deal with no threatening offense being created.

Sophomore shortstop Austin Thompson's two-run home run in the sixth inning changed that. AU singled in the bottom frame, but three quick outs from sophomore LHP Hayden Harris extinguished any extension of the lead.

The Eagles tied the game in the top of the seventh with two more runs by way of an error and a wild pitch. Another sophomore pitcher, David Johnson, performed well and did not allow any runs.

GS took the lead in the eighth and AU sent the game into extra innings.

It was in the bottom of the eleventh inning that the second freshman star began his rise. Aidan McAlister got the final two outs, the final out with a clean pick off at first.

For most freshman, coming into a sudden death situation is not the ideal first outing experience, but McAlister welcomed it.

"It was a big, electric crowd today. A lot of hecklers," McAlister said. "It was a big experience out there today. I've been dreaming about this my whole life."

Three up, three down from both

squads sent the game to the 13th inning where another freshman's moment awaited.

Facing an 0-1 count, freshman designated hitter Noah Ledford took a swing that sent the ball over the right field wall. The remaining GS faithful went ecstatic.

"I knew I had to do something positive to start the inning because it was getting late," Ledford said. "All of us were getting tired so I had to get something good out of the way."

The offensive cushion didn't end with the second homerun of the game. AU's Ryan Watson, who hadn't allowed a hit until Ledford, began to lose control and allowed junior Mason Miller to get a single down the middle.

Watson was pulled, Miller advanced to third on a wild pitch and was then brought home on another wild pitch.

McAlister went back out for the 13th frame to try and give the Eagles their first win of the season. A strikeout and two fly balls were all McAlister needed to earn his first career win.

The Eagles were able to come back from the multi-run inning, something they failed to do the night before. Hennon credited that to the full team effort and more regular pregame.

"It's always a little tense there late in the game, I'm not going to lie," Hennon said. "But I think as a whole, we were more relaxed as a club today. Just the way were able to get out and go through a normal pregame routine today."

The offense that was present Friday was there again Saturday, but the Eagles were able to convert and bring their teammates home. The bullpen and youth also worked hand in hand to give GS the upset victory.

"Those guys showed a lot of poise out there for their first time pitching at this level. It was encouraging," Hennon said. "When your starter gives you a good start out of the gate, like Braden did, it makes all the difference in the world."

Junior college transfer Kyle Gray earned the game three start for the Tigers and gave up a walk to Searcy in the second inning. Two batters later, junior second baseman Steven Curry was hit for the second time this season to put two Eagles on base.

An error loaded the bases before Searcy scored an unearned run on a flyball for the game's first score. Another error brought Curry home to make it a 2-0 game.

Another new pitcher for GS kept the Eagles in the game—Sunday's edition was Montreat College transfer Daniel Collins. Collins went five innings giving up just one run, one walk, while striking out two Tigers.

GS maintained its one run lead into the seventh inning where Julien hit an inside the

park home run off the left field wall. Momentum that had been encapsulated by GS was now in AU's full control.

Freshman RHP Jonathan Edwards was able to settle down after the home run, making quick work of the next three batters to take the tied game into the eighth inning.

"Going on the road early in the year is always a good test for your team," Hennon said. "I thought we showed a lot of poise and a lot of composure."

Down by a run and down to their final three outs, it was time for former leadoff man sophomore Jason Swan to take matters into his own hands.

"I just wanted to get on base for my team and tie it up," the first baseman said. "I was just hype when I got the single up the middle."

With a man on first and one out, AU made a pitching change. Martin hit a single against closer Jake Owen.

Swan stole third, his second stolen base of the season. An error moved Martin to second with Searcy at the plate.

Searcy struck out swinging and got out at first, but not before Swan made his way home with ease.

"I knew I had to score for my team, so when they dropped the third strike and threw it down to first, I took off and knew I was going to make it all the way," Swan said.

Harris worked a seamless bottom of the ninth to force another extra inning ballgame.

The pitcher's duel between Owen and Harris carried over into the 10th and 11th innings, before senior LHP Lawson Humphries relieved Harris.

Neither team was able to create any serious offense until the bottom of the 13th, where a string of walks led to a bases loaded. A four pitch walk from senior LHP Tristan Roberts sent the Tigers into a dogpile and left the Eagles speechless, heads hanging.

"Nobody backed down and nobody gave in," Hennon said. "Obviously, not the result that you want, but if we can continue to take the same approach to the game that we did this opening weekend, I think a lot of good things will happen to this club."

At 1-2, the Eagles will head home for a Tuesday night matchup with Georgia Tech before hosting



West Virginia in a three game weekend series. Players and coaches alike saw positives in the series loss and feel they have just as good of a shot as any team to compete any given night.

KAITLIN SELLS/staff
Eagles now show a record of 9-4 after notching a succesful 5-1 weekend in Statesboro

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Sophomore infielder Jason Swan now looks at 0.333 batting average after their weekend at Auburn.

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