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**EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS**

**MAR 14**
**NAACP OPEN MIC**
Open Mic will be a night for Georgia Southern's talented students to show their skills on stage. We are accepting a limited amount of performers to sign up in advance so shoot us an email to sign up early.
Thursday, March 14 at 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Russell Union Indoor Commons

**MAR 15**
**GATA CLASSIC TRACK & FIELD**
Come support track and field as they open their home outdoor season at Erk Park.
Friday, March 15 at 9 a.m.
Eagle Field at Erk Park

**MAR 17**
**TRY ARCHERY**
Try Archery is for anyone that wishes to discover the thrill of shooting a bow. Our certified coaches will teach the basics of shooting a bow as well as the required safety practices and techniques.
Sunday, March 17 at 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Shooting Sports Education Center

**MAR 17**
**SOFTBALL VS. COASTAL CAROLINA**
Go green and celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the Eagles, and help close the series against the Chanticleers.
Sunday, March 17 at 12 p.m.
Eagle Field | GS Softball Complex

**SPRING BREAK 2019**

**RAC Special Hours**
Saturday, March 16 - Sunday, March 17
RAC Closed
Monday, March 18 - Friday, March 22
6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 23
RAC Closed
Sunday, March 24
11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

**OUR HOUSE**

We asked GS students...

*Would you rather relive the same day 365 times or be in a coma for a year?*

**MICHELLE NURSE**

"Relive a day 365 times, because a lot can happen in a day."

**#PETSBORO**

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 @GA_Visuals!

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Owner: Rodger Elliott, computer science major

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**Spring Break**

To yeet or not to yeet? I know not for I can only tweet.

*Comics by Coy Kirkland*

**THE ENTIREITY OF SPRING BREAK**

I will destroy the earth with the ultimate sandwich.

Spring Break
Conner J. Kirsch

I must follow my dream.

Ah, hahahahahaha!

The Entirety of Spring Break

Nope...

It was worth it...

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**Michelle Nurse**

"Relive a day 365 times, because a lot can happen in a day."
Mohammad Abdallah is one of the new Parker Scholars, a program for exemplary GS business students.

Dean Allen Amason plans for GS’s business school to be one of the best in the country within a few years.

The College of Business was renamed to honor CEO Greg Parker’s $5 million donation.

Georgia Southern University’s amazing bus drivers get us where we need to go. Thank you all so much for what you do.

Georgia Southern’s Phi Mu chapter raised money this week for Coins for Kids by the Rotunda.

Georgia Southern held an American Red Cross Blood Drive in the Williams Center Tuesday.
Students travel from all over the world to attend GS. However, living abroad can be challenging for many international students. This is why GS offers on-campus housing at Centennial Place’s Global Crossroads Theme Community. Jabari Thomas, a multimedia film and production major, is a resident advisor for the Global Crossroads Theme Community. This is my explanation, including the thought of other students involved with the Global Crossroads TC.

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Cultures Collide at Georgia Southern

Daniel Betor, international trade and modern languages (Arabic) major, is currently on his second semester as a member of the Global Crossroads TC. He explained that he signed up because he thought that it would be an interesting opportunity and also sounded like a fun place to live for his first year at GS.

“You get to experience different cultures, languages and viewpoints while living here. [To anyone considering signing up] I say go for it. It is definitely something to try out,” Betor said.

Personal Experience

I myself am currently spending my second semester as a member of the Global Crossroads TC. Throughout these few months, I have had the chance to meet people from all over the world. It is pretty exciting living next to students from countries such as France, Venezuela, South Korea, Honduras and India to name a few.

In addition, I have had the opportunity to experience many different languages including Spanish, Korean and French. Although I am not fluent in any of the languages listed, hearing them being spoken by fellow members of the Global Crossroads TC is definitely something I will remember.

I have been taught so much in just a few months that I have been living in the Global Crossroads TC. I have learned that we all laugh in the same language and that it is a small world after all. I highly recommend this community to anyone who is interested in learning about the world around them.

Daniel Betor, member of Global Crossroads Theme Community.

Cy Taylor

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

New student organization aims to help dogs through Instagram posts and donations to Humane Society

BY SAVANNAH JOHNSON

Dogs of GSU is a student organization that aims to help the Humane Society boost dog adoptions and make Statesboro a better place for pets. This is the current mascot of Dogs of GSU.

"The list is actually getting quite long and we’re very excited about that," Ben Youngstrom, Dogs of GSU representative, said in an email.

The admins of the Dogs of GSU Instagram, @dogs_of_gsu, keep their page updated with new furry friends daily through picture submissions from students via direct message which then get added to a list of pups to be featured.

"The list is actually getting quite long and we’re very excited about that," Youngstrom said.

Students wishing to get involved with this organization are encouraged to interact with the Instagram page with comments and likes as well as using social media to encourage other friends to follow the page.

You can also donate to the Humane Society and engage in community events. The group is hoping to host a dog adoption event on campus as well as off-campus events to meet with followers of the page.

Official Dogs of GSU merchandise is coming soon. Half of the revenue from sales will be donated to the Statesboro-Bulloch County Humane Society.

Mariah Peart

Georgia Southern graduate student named 2019 New Face of Civil Engineering Professionals

Gustavo Maldonado, a civil engineering professor at GS, encouraged Peart to apply for the ASCE 2019 New Faces of Civil Engineering.

"Mariah was especially encouraged because of her qualifications," Maldonado said. "We immediately noticed that she was very responsible, she was intelligent, being successful on all the grades and test.

Peart plans to finish her graduate program and graduate in May with her Master’s Degree.

Peart said, "My plan after graduation is to have a career with an engineering company or a career as a government engineer where I can build a foundation in the skills that I have learned over the years. Also, I'm considering to pursue my Ph.D. in a Civil Engineering focus, for the future."

By Tori Collins

The American Society of Civil Engineers named a Georgia Southern University graduate student one of the New Faces for 2019 Civil Engineering Professionals.

Mariah Peart, a civil engineering graduate student with a concentration in structural engineering, was named one of the 2019 New Faces of Civil Engineering Professionals.

"I am overwhelmed with amazement," Peart said. "This award not only impacts me as a student, but it shines a positive light to the entire Civil Engineering and Construction Department, and to Georgia Southern University."

Every year ASCE recognizes 10 college students and 10 professionals in civil engineering. The applicants are selected based on their accomplishments and displays of talents relating to civil engineering.

Peart has an overwhelming resume consisting of accomplishments, rewards and community service projects. She has made the President’s List since Spring 2016 and served as ASCE Student Organization’s Secretary Officer and Vice President.

During GS’ 2018 Science Olympiad, Peart volunteered as a Construction and Operation judge for a roller coaster competition.

"These were all middle school students from different schools in the Statesboro area," Peart said. "It was remarkable to keep them encouraged in what they were doing, because it’s something they can really apply when they grow up."

Peart is currently working to become a Double Eagle. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from GS in May, 2017, and decided to return to further her education.

Peart’s parents were in the process of building their dream family home when Peart was a child. She was inspired to study Civil Engineering by witnessing her parents plan the building of their home and look over blueprints.

"I was a math person in middle school and I loved art," Peart said. "So when I got ready to apply for college my senior year in high school, I was lead to look at the Civil Engineering curriculum and I saw that it really fit for what I wanted to do in the future."

By Anthony Belifante

The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University students will no longer receive alerts from other GS campuses after a change was made to the Eagle Alerts system.

Students are now able to choose which campus or campuses in which they would like to receive Eagle Alerts.

Last year, students were receiving alerts from the Statesboro, Armstrong and Liberty campuses, with no way of differentiating which campus they wanted alerts from.

"That has been fixed, and it all depends on the subscriber going in and letting the system know which campuses they want to receive the alerts from," Laura McCullough, GS police chief said.

The Eagle Alerts system is designed to communicate vital information to the university community as quickly and efficiently as possible during a crisis.

For more information on Eagle Alerts, visit the campus’ FAQ page or contact Public Safety at (912) 478-5234.
Budget Redirection

BY KYLE CLARK
The Georgia-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University Faculty Senate held their monthly meeting to discuss issues such as budget redirection and changes to policy on March 7. The first action item of the night was in regards to the Tenure & Promotion Transitional Policy. Helen Bland of the Faculty Welfare Committee presented this change to the senate.

The primary focus of this item revolved around evaluation expectations for faculty. Faculty members who were hired before consolidation with Armstrong will be held to evaluation standards and expectations they were held to prior to commencement. New university-wide standards will be created and implemented at a later date.

This item was approved with no votes against it by the senate.

Due to an incident involving the fire alarms going off on the Armstrong Campus, the senate adjusted their agenda slightly in terms of ordering so that all action items were voted on once Armstrong’s senators returned.

In that time, Rob Whitaker, vice president of business and finance, gave a presentation on the budget redirection the university will be undertaking in response to decreasing enrollment and credit hours since 2012. In total since 2012, the university has lost over 40,000 credit hours and student headcount has been steadily trending downwards according to his presentation.

These trends are present on all GS campuses, not just the Statesboro Campus.

“We’re one university and we have one university problem to solve,” Whitaker said.

The university is asking for colleges to redirect 10 percent of their budget in ways that least affect students. This money will be used to help address both salary issues and be used to attempt to bolster enrollment and retention.

The senate then returned to discussing the action items of section 317 of the Faculty Handbook, pertaining to course evaluations.

Although the senate brought up no issues with the edits made to the section, concerns were raised about a lack of summer evaluations and being able to properly respond to evaluations.

Due to both of these issues, the motion failed to pass through the senate. Assistant Provost Candace Griffith then presented the motion to update section 218 of the Faculty Handbook. These edits pertaining to textbook policy were mainly minor edits to keep GS policy in line with that of board policy.

Although the motion passed 31-7, concerns were raised in regards to faculty being heavily encouraged to have low or no cost course materials that cost less than $40.

The final action item was the tabled motion in regards to announcements of deceased faculty or staff members. This motion was once again tabled for the next meeting at the behest of the Faculty Welfare Committee.

President Shelley Nickel gave her report focusing on her time here at GS seeing as how this will be her final month as interim president until Kyle Marrero assumes the position. One major talking point was how after consolidation GS has had a regional economic impact of over $1 billion.

Provost Carl Reiber delivered his report which mainly focused on engagement efforts and strategic planning. He also mentioned work at the momentum summit and the potential of converting the current “momentum year” system for new students into a “momentum approach” that carries on beyond the first year at GS.

“This was the beginning, the very, very beginning,” Reiber said.

The meeting ended with further discussion on the budgeting, leading to discussion of the cancellation of certain job searches for non essential roles. Discussion was tabled to be brought back up at the next meeting due to time having run out on both the original meeting and the extension.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held April 3 in the Nessmith Lane Ballroom. More updates will be provided as they become available.

COMMENCEMENT TRANSPORTATION

Shuttles now provided for Georgia Southern commencement ceremonies

BY NATHAN WEAVER
The Georgia-Anne staff

Armstrong Dean of Students Andrew Dies confirmed at a Statesboro Student Government Association senate meeting on March 6 that transportation will be provided for students and their guests attending this semester’s graduation commencement ceremonies.

“The signup for transportation will be coming out soon,” Dies said. “We have contracted charter busses, so if you’re graduating in Savannah you’re gonna be able to take a bus from here to the convention center, and then Armstrong Campus students that are graduating up here will be able to take a bus from the Armstrong Campus up to here. That is for anybody, students, family, guests. According to the university’s spring 2019 commencement FAQ page, buses will depart from the destination location 45 minutes after the ceremonies.

Update on SGA resolution against commencement changes

SGA President Jarvis Steele also spoke about what the next steps will be for the resolution calling for the reversal of the recent changes to Georgia Southern University’s commencement ceremonies.

“The legislation was officially passed by both the Statesboro and Armstrong/Liberty Campus SGAs as a unified senate at an SGA convention on March 2. Steele provided an update on the next steps for the passed resolution.

“Next I pass it up to higher administration and I let them know that this is the legislation that says that this is what the students want,” Steele said. “This is what the Student Government Association has voted on, and this is what we think should happen instead. It’s an official endorsement that this is what student government association thinks should happen.”

Dies clarified that although the legislation calls for the changes to commencement this semester to be immediately reversed, university administration has no intention of doing so.

Dies said, “There have been no changes to the commencement plan. We are still going with the college-based ceremonies. Spring commencement’s locked in. I mean we are still open to hearing your feedback, but we are locked into the plan for the spring.”

LED in Russell

Center for Sustainability Fee Grant funds LED lights for Russell Union Theater

BY MADELINE BRANCH
The Georgia-Anne contributor

Georgia Southern University’s Center for Sustainability has approved a grant for new LED lights to be added to the Russell Union Theater.

Rod Harper, maintenance coordinator of the Russell Union Facilities and Event Services, proposed a solution to solve environmental problems on GS’ campus.

Harper’s solution to improving energy efficiency on campus was to replace the Russell Union Theatre lights with new LED lights. The switch in lighting will purposefully save on operational and replacement cost and will last longer.

Harper’s reason for adding new LED lights specifically to the auditorium is that “changing the lights in the theater is a long process because it takes a lift that reaches out over the seating sloped floor.”

The cost of the project cost around $9,000, which was funded by GS’ Center for Sustainability Fee Grant. The project allows for any student, faculty or staff to propose a solution to improve environmental problems on campus.

Harper’s plan was to economically better GS’ campus by saving on the maintenance that it takes to change the former lightbulbs in the auditorium. The theatre lights have been on display for over a month now since they were added over the holiday break by the Physical Plant crew.
Five Spring Break Ideas

1. Savannah, Georgia
   The historic city of Savannah is known for its “old time” architecture and landmarks. There are many attractions to visit and one of the most popular places is River Street. This is literally a street by the river full of shops and dining places.

2. Tybee Island
   Tybee Island is a city right outside of Savannah, which is known for its sandy beaches and tourist attractions. This is the perfect place to go that’s inexpensive and close to campus.

3. Daytona Beach, Florida
   Instead of being typical and going to Panama City Beach, you could go to this beach in Florida instead which has much more to do. Daytona has many tourist attractions such as water parks, museums, shopping centers, and more.

4. Airbnb Someplace New
   Airbnb is a service where you can pay average people to stay in their homes instead of going to a hotel. This can give you the chance to vacation to a new place for half the price.

5. Staycation
   Staying on campus is not all bad. You can take the time to relax, go to parties or catch up on some things you were behind on.
Some parking lots on Georgia Southern University’s campus are emptier than others during the school year because of a lack of students purchasing parking permits in certain areas.

GS students can purchase parking permits for on-campus lots every year beginning in April, and while some lots fill up quickly, others are left with empty spots that may not be purchased at all.

Janice Steirn, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology, voiced her concerns about the availability of on-campus parking and the steps she suggested Parking Services take to rectify the problems they face.

“Several years ago I served on a committee that worked with Parking Services, and during that time I talked with Parking Services about the problem of the shortage of parking spaces,” Steirn said.

Steirn also said that she was told there were a good number of spaces on campus, but because they were considered “undesirable” - too far away from certain buildings on campus - Parking Services could not even give them away for free. The lots in question were Lot 11 and Lot 12, located near the baseball fields.

“I suggested that spaces that cost nothing are perceived as having no worth, that is, they are worthless,” Steirn said. “I further suggested that Parking Services offer those spaces at a reduced price, but not for free. Having a cost may make the spaces more valuable than getting them for free.”

However, Steirn said that her suggestions were not acted upon by Parking Services. It is noted in the Faculty Senate meeting minutes from May 22, 2018 that Steirn brought forth this issue once again. According to the minutes, Steirn also mentioned research done concerning the issue.

“She had tried to point out to [Parking and Transportation] some of the research that has been done in psychology that shows that if an individual has to pay even a small amount for something, that something is worth more to them than if they get it free,” the minutes said, “because when we get something for free, we consider it literally worthless.”

Steirn said she has mentioned ideas to Parking Services but no changes has been made.

“Simple rearrangement of some spaces would generate more parking for students, staff and faculty. But again, input is ignored,” Steirn said. Steirn also mentioned this issue again at the Faculty Senate meeting.

“Although the senate does have a senate member assigned to Parking Services, the Senate member is restricted to reviewing appeals of parking tickets,” Steirn said. “A better use of the senator’s time would be to collect and organize input that might improve the campus parking situation.”

Steirn mentioned her concerns about the lack of communication between Parking Services and the rest of the GS community.

“I have never been on a campus that does not have parking woes. We are not unusual in that respect,” Steirn said. “However, we have people who want to help improve the situation, and we are unable to do so if no one is listening.”

BY RACHEL ADAMS
The George-Anne staff
Response and parking statistics across campus

“The George-Anne contacted Parking and Transportation regarding Stein’s concerns brought in a prior faculty senate meeting.

“I do not feel right about responding to a reporter about a faculty member’s perception on the other questions,” Derrick Davis, director of parking and transportation, said. Jennifer Wise, GS director of communications, said via email that after checking with multiple people that no one had any information relating to Stein’s comments about unused spaces being free in the past. Davis did confirm Stein’s mention of a Faculty Senate member assigned to Parking and Transportation.

“Our Appeals Committee does have faculty & staff members,” Davis said, “but no Appeals Committee member works in Parking and Transportation department.”

Davis said in an email the number of permits purchased on campus each year has generally increased by 5 percent. There was a large spike in permits purchased from 2016 to 2017 because of construction in various on-campus lots, including Lot 42. Lot 42 sees the most permits purchased every school year with 2,054 permits purchased for fall 2018, while Lot 13 sees the fewest purchased with 175 permits purchased for fall 2018. Each lot on the GS campus has a certain number of spaces available to students, and the number of permits purchased every year depends on the space available in the lot during any given week.

“If a commuter lot has 100 spaces, we sell up to 110 spaces. We then take inventory to verify there are available spaces in that lot,” Davis said. “If that week there are 20 spaces available, during the busiest time of the day, we then sell 75 percent of those spaces to students on the waiting list. We then wait and recount next week.”

Though there are fewer spots available than permits sold, the difference is made up with the coming and going of students throughout the school year. “There are some students that purchase a permit in the fall, but don’t return in the spring,” Davis said.

More information about Parking and Transportation, including pricing and a map of the parking spaces available on campus, can be found on Parking and Transportation’s website.
STUDENT ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
RISE UP, SPEAK OUT, ORGANIZE: ADVANCING SOCIAL JUSTICE

Presented by:
Marieke Van Willigen, Department of Sociology & Anthropology

March 27 | 5:30 pm
Williams Center MPR

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

Wednesday, April 3 | 5:30 pm | Williams Center Multipurpose Room
Wednesday, April 10 | 4:00 pm | Williams Center Multipurpose Room
Thursday, April 18 | 5:00 pm | Williams Center Multipurpose Room
Tuesday, April 23 | 6:00 pm | Williams Center Multipurpose Room
Thursday, April 25 | 5:30 pm | Williams Center Multipurpose Room

The organization President and 1 additional leader MUST attend a renewal workshop.

Renewal Workshop Dates

Advisors are strongly encouraged to attend. 2 Wings points will be awarded for Advisors attending.

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Sudoku by Myles Mellor
Easy

To contact the creative editor-in-chief, email prodmgr@georgiasouthern.edu
THE BROWN DYNASTY

Both siblings recognized by Sun Belt for their achievements on the court.

SUN BELT MEN’S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

BY KAITLIN SELLS
The George-Anne staff

Senior guard Tookie Brown has been named Sun Belt Men’s Basketball Player of the Year as well as being named first-team all-conference, announced Monday.

Brown is the only player to log over 2,000 points as well as 500 assists while becoming the first four-time first-team all-league selection in the 44-year history of the Sun Belt conference.

Brown is also the first Eagle to win Player of the Year since 2006 while being the sixth in program history. The senior ranked eighth in conference scoring, third in field goal percentage, third in assists and fifth in minutes.

The guard scored double figures in 30 games as well as posting two double-doubles while leading the Eagles in scoring 21 times.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL SECOND TEAM ALL-SUN BELT

BY MCCLAIN BAXLEY
The George-Anne staff

Junior guard Alexis Brown has been named to the second team All-Sun Belt women’s basketball team, the Sun Belt announced Monday.

In her third year with the team, Brown was the second highest leading scorer in the conference with 17.4 points per game, doubling her total from a year before (9.0 PPG). The Madison native’s 506 total points scored was the most for a Georgia Southern women’s basketball player since Gwen Thomas’ 533 points in 1992-93.

Brown had 10 games where she scored more than 20 points. She had two 30 point games including a career-high 34 points against Troy.

Brown joins Patrice Butler and Angel McCowan as the only Eagles to earn All-Sun Belt honors.

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Both siblings recognized by Sun Belt for their achievements on the court.
The Georgia Southern men’s basketball team fell to in-state rival Georgia State, 90-85, in a crucial game March 9. This victory made GSU the regular season Sun Belt champions. “We weren’t ourselves tonight,” Head Coach Mark Byington said. “We were really sloppy on turnovers tonight.”

We had a lot of mental mistakes. We were caught up in some things that weren’t important.” In front of a sold out crowd at Hanner Fieldhouse, GS was led by junior forward Isaiah Crawley with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Senior guard Tookie Brown also put up 19 points as well. The rest of the team was responsible for the remaining 47 points.

GSU was led by sophomore guard Kane Williams, who contributed 23 points and four rebounds. Senior forward Jeff Thomas was a key defensive component, committing four fouls against GS in the first half alone. He put up 10 points overall.

Panther junior guard and conference leader D’Marcus Simonds added in 20 points and four rebounds. GSU had many strong shooters, especially from the three-point line. They shot an impressive 67 percent from the three in the first half, with five players recording double digit point values. Starting off struggling in the paint, GS trailed by 10 early on. Freshman guard Calvin Wishart picked up the slack and got a run going. GS went into the half down by only three points, but shooting 39 percent from the three.

In the second half, Thomas fouled out with about 12 minutes left and GS used the opportunity to tie up the score. After some sloppy ball handling and too many turnovers, GS fell behind and never caught back up. GSU scored 18 points from GS turnovers alone. The team struggled on the offensive side of the ball, shooting 43 percent from the field and 18 percent from the three.

GSU ended up at the foul line more often after the half, slowing down the rhythm of the game. Eventually, GS defense slowed down in the middle of the half and overall play became sluggish. When GS was down by 10 with a little over a minute left, Hanner Fieldhouse began to clear out. The game ended with a standing ovation for the two seniors.

Brown and Montae Glenn, who scored 11 points, were honored in a brief ceremony after the game. Overcome with emotion, GS left the court knowing they gave everything they had this season.

Byington is confident that the team will bounce back before heading to New Orleans for the Sun Belt Tournament. “The biggest game of the year is going to come down to New Orleans,” Byington said. “We’re going to learn, we’re going to practice and we’ll get better. I got a feeling that we’ll come out with extra motivation down in New Orleans.”

The team finished tied for second in the regular season Sun Belt race and earned a third seed in the tournament. The next opponent is unknown, but the team will play on Friday at 7:30 p.m. Central. The game can be streamed on ESPN+.

Final March 17

Quarterfinals March 15
Semifinals March 16
TBD

2019 Men’s Basketball Championship Bracket Announced

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After the Eagles fell to the Georgia State Panthers on March 9, the Sun Belt conference announced the 2019 men’s basketball championship bracket.

Following the Eagle loss, GSU won the regular-season Sun Belt conference, earning them the number one seed in the conference and 20-11 overall. They finished their season 12-6 in the conference and 20-11 overall. Texas State claimed the fourth seed, ensuring themselves and GS byes to the quarterfinals.

The rest of the seeding shows as follows:

- 5- Louisiana (10-8)
- 6- Coastal Carolina (9-9)
- 7- ULM (9-9)
- 8- South Alabama (8-10)
- 9- Arkansas State (7-11)
- 10- Appalachian State (6-12)

The tournament begins with a pair of first-round games on Tuesday where South Alabama will host Arkansas State and ULM will host Appalachian State. Winners of those games will advance to Thursday’s second round in New Orleans. Quarterfinals are Friday, semifinals are Saturday and the championship game will be played on Sunday.
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Rosemary Kramer to finish third place in NCAA Tournament

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Rosemary Kramer, a senior from Culloden, Georgia, made history this weekend for the Georgia Southern rifle team. She finished her final season named to the NRA First-Team All-American, a third place finish in the NCAA Tournament with her air rifle, SoCon Air Rifle Athlete of the Year, and as the 2019 SoCon Air Rifle Champion. She is the first person in program history to reach the NCAA Tournament. In the preliminary round, she shot almost a perfect score, 599 out of 600. In addition to Kramer’s success, her advisor Coach Sandra Worman was honored as the 2017 SoCon Co-Coach of the Year.

Women’s basketball coach’s contract not extended to next season

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Georgia Southern will not be renewing women’s basketball Head Coach Kip Drown’s contract for the 2019-20 season, announced Sunday morning. In Drown’s four seasons of coaching he showed a 32-86 overall record and an 18-57 record in conference play. This 2018-19 season the Eagles went 7-22 overall and ended conference play at 2-16, sitting last in the league rankings.

“I appreciate the effort of Kip Drown over the past four seasons with our women’s basketball program and want to thank him for leading the Eagles, both on and off the court,” Athletic Director Tom Kleinlein said in a press release. “We will begin a national search for a new leader of our program.” Assistant coach Lisa Jackson has been named interim coach as the national search for the permanent head coach will begin immediately. No updates will be released until the search is complete.
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