GEORGIA SOUTHERN WELCOMES

KYLE MARRERO

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Marrero to become Georgia Southern’s 14th president April 1

Shelley Nickel says farewell to Georgia Southern

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## EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS

### A NIGHT AT JUMPSHOT
This event is free to the first 350 students. You must have a valid Eagle ID to attend and participate. Paintball will also be available for a discounted rate. Bring cash or card. See you there!

- **Thursday, March 28 at 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.**
- Jumphot Facility | 158 E Parrish Street

### FOLLOW YOUR CURIOSITY
Follow Your Curiosity is an event geared towards giving students the chance to go through different labs and see what they have to offer. It is not only for Biology students, but all of COSM!

- **Thursday, March 28 at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m**
- Biological Sciences

### SOFTBALL VS LOUISIANA
Spirit Night at Eagle Field! Show your Southern pride and wear blue!

- **Friday, March 29 at 6 p.m.**
- Eagle Field

### MOZILLA MIXED REALITY SPEAKER
RM Senior Developer of Mixed Reality at Mozilla teaches us about the possibilities of Extended Reality.

- **Tuesday, April 2 at 6 p.m.**
- Art Building Lecture Hall

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### #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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### OUR HOUSE

We asked GS students...

**“What was your favorite part of Spring Break?”**

- **Alex Thackery**: “Taking a week off from classes.”
- **Kenterious Goolsby**: “I went on a mission trip to Memphis.”

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**Comics by Coy Kirkland**
#SeenAtSouthern

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

Caitlyn Cofer and Theresa Duggar from the Office of Career and Professional Development were at the Rotunda on Monday talking to students about two courses, Career Exploration & Professional Development. Find out more at the Career Center.

Students gave their input on what they are looking for in a Student Government Representative at the Rotunda on Tuesday. Here are the responses!

Graduate student Zak Kelley will be showcasing his interactive exhibit “Neo_Fluxus and Dragons” from March 28 to April 1.

The Diet Coke Truck came around to the Williams Center to help students relieve stress and find inspiration on Wednesday.
From the beginning of time, women have rocked this world and left their indelible mark on society. Beginning biblically with the First Lady of Humanity, Eve to the Rapper Eve the First Lady of Ruff Ryders. Women’s History month is the opportunity to uplift and acknowledge all the phenomenal women both past, present and future that have and will continue to make this world spin on its axis.

If you think about it, how many women have impacted your everyday life? From your favorite aunt to the school nurse that never sent you back to class - she knew you were faking - amazing women have enriched and made our lives so much better everyday. You see, we are not only saluting the rich and famous or the ones we read about in our textbooks. No, this is about all women. According to the Women’s History Month website, the now month long celebration was originally “Women’s History Week” and began to be celebrated nationally in 1981. That year, Congress also requested the president to officially proclaim Women’s History Week on March 7, 1982. For five years, congress continued to add resolutions and designate one week in March to Women’s History. In 1987, the National Women’s History Project petitioned Congress and the week was changed to Women’s History Month. This month, we continue to honor this proclamation and observe great women.

Here are some things I do to celebrate Women’s History Month:

**Brush up on my Women’s History:**
This is, of course, a very obvious one, but it’s something that could be done every month of the year. Each year, I like to find a phenomenal woman that I didn’t know about before and read up on her. This not only increases my general knowledge of history, but it also helps me fuel my momentum to want to know more about the women of the world and just how amazing we are.

**Support women who own small businesses:**
If you’re a small business owner, you know how hard it can be sometimes to sell your brand or try and get people genuinely interested in what it is you’re doing. What I do during Women’s History Month is I like to find women who are small business owners and promote or invest in their business. It could be as simple as giving them a shoutout on your social media or making a purchase. I’m sure whatever the contribution would be greatly appreciated.

**Taking the time to thank special women in my life:**
I’m sure there’s no shortage of amazing women around you. Whether it’s your mother, a professor or your favorite grocery store clerk. Take the time to thank the women around you who you see or feel are working hard and being of service in some kind of way. A kind word and a smile could go a long way, or writing a few personalized thank-you notes and handing them out to women around the campus. This is a great practice of showing appreciation.

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Students were demonstrating as members of Turning Point USA, a conservative group aimed at college students. They were told they had to reserve the free speech zones on campus or they’d face disciplinary action.

BY KYLE CLARK AND MATTHEW ENFINGER
The George-Anne staff

Turning Point USA, a conservative group named by college students, was asked to leave Georgia Southern University’s free speech zone at the Rotunda due to not following procedure to reserve a spot. It is unclear when the interaction occurred however a video of the event recieved attention following coverage by Breitbart and Campus Reform on March 21. The incident began when

Lewis Leaving

Georgia Southern Vice President for Student Affairs named interim president at Atlanta Metropolitan State College

BY BRENDAN WARD
The George-Anne staff

Geoj Lewis, vice president for student affairs at Georgia Southern University, has been named interim president at Atlanta Metropolitan State College effective July 1.

Lewis will serve as interim president following the retirement of current president Gary McGaha. Lewis joined GS in 2002 to lead student diversity programming and later served as GS’ dean of students until 2012 when he left to become vice chancellor of student affairs at Indiana University Northwest.

Lewis returned to Georgia in 2013 and became vice president for student affairs at Armstrong State University and continued to hold the position after Armstrong’s consolidation with GS. President Shelley Nickel shared her thoughts on the departure of Lewis in an email Wednesday. “Geoj is a tireless advocate for students and an innovative administrator who can now use his experience to help advance the University System of Georgia,” Nickel said in the email. “It is a testament to his expertise, and to Georgia Southern’s talent, that he was selected for this opportunity. He is well suited for this new opportunity and I am happy for him, but saddened that we will be losing his energy and expertise.”

An interim VP for student affairs has yet to be named, but The George-Anne will provide updates as more information becomes available.

RESERVATION REQUIRED

Georgia Southern responds to group escorted off campus free speech zone

Area Request Form at least 48 hours in advance to speak in the public areas of campus. This is to prevent competing groups from speaking at the same and to ensure there is adequate staffing. Jennifer Wise, director of communications at GS, said the university does not have any record of Turning Point USA being a registered student organization at GS. "GS' Freedom of Expression policy a group not affiliated with GS may fill out a Designated Public Forum

Lake Dredging

Sustainability project seeks to monitor campus lakes following dredging

The Center for Sustainability approved a grant proposed by Assistant Professor Emily Kane, Ph.D, that will monitor campus lakes and ensure proper build up of wildlife. Kane proposed her $30,000 project to the Sustainability Center during their FY2019 call for proposals as they strive to create a greener campus. Each year, projects ranging from $1,000 to $100,000 are proposed. Of the 28 proposals submitted last year, 15 were approved that would cost a total of $266,997 according to GS’ Freedom of Expression policy a group not affiliated with GS may fill out a Designated Public Forum

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STUDENTS REACT

Freedom’s Landing to be only on-campus housing option for upperclassmen next semester

Javan Hutchison, junior electrical engineering major and resident at Watson Hall, said he loves living at Watson because of the sense of community.

“If they want to move upperclassmen to Freedom’s Landing then maybe they should allow upperclassmen to have different rules because they’re treating us different just because we’re upperclassmen,” Hutchinson said. “I love my Watson community, that’s why I’m still there.”

Kosi Odikpo, junior electrical engineering major, found affordability in student housing and now has to change his plans.

“This basically forces me to find some way to make enough money to be able to stay on campus. Part of the reason I even stayed on campus is because they had affordable living rates but now I can’t even do that,” Odikpo said. “I have no way of signing a lease either since I’m not 21 yet. All in all, it’s pretty frustrating.”

Norman Stringer, a senior electrical engineering major, says he felt displaced by the decision.

“Overall I feel that displacing all of the upperclassmen and putting them into Freedom’s Landing is not the best choice. It seems to be a very sudden decision that will have a large impact on all upperclassmen who live on campus,” Stringer said.

NEW CHAIR

Georgia Southern announces new chair of Department of Civil Engineering and Construction

Georgia Southern University announced David W. Scott as the new chair of the Department of Civil Engineering and Construction. Scott will begin his employment on July 1, according to a press release.

According to Georgia Tech’s website, Scott is a graduate of Georgia Tech with a doctorate’s degree in civil engineering. After graduating from Georgia Tech, Scott worked as a research engineer at the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center until August of 2000, when he left to work as an assistant professor in civil engineering at Georgia Tech Savannah.

Scott has been awarded various honors throughout his professional career, including the Dow Chemical Award for Excellence in Composites Research, a Commendation for Technical Excellence from the U.S. Army and a Junior Faculty Teaching Excellence Award from the Georgia Institute of Technology’s Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning, according to the Georgia Tech website.

Scott also authored several papers in a variety of technical journals and has presented at conferences both nationally and internationally.
A Spotlight on Georgia Southern’s Sexual Assault Response Team

BY NOELLE WALKER

The Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) at Georgia Southern University was established to provide support and resources to survivors of sexual assault and to educate the community on sexual violence. SART is a comprehensive program that includes a Rape Crisis Center, which provides 24/7 support, as well as various educational and community-building initiatives. The team is dedicated to ending sexual violence on and off campus.

SART is part of the Office of Student Activities and the Counseling Center, Health Services, and the Office of Student Affairs. The team is composed of a director, an educator adviser, a co-chair, and a sexual assault student advocate. SART has a full-time Georgia Southern job.

SART’s mission is to help end sexual violence and to promote a culture of respect and consent. They do this through various initiatives, including educational programs, community events, and support services. SART’s success is evident in the positive feedback they receive from survivors who have used their services.

SART has been recognized for its efforts to prevent sexual violence. In 2018, representatives from the Sexual Assault Response Team, Sexual Assault Student Educators, and Health Promotions were honored at the Leadership Awards Banquet at Georgia Southern University. SART was awarded the Gold Excellence Award from NASPA for programming in the area of Health and Wellness.

SART continues to be a leader in preventing sexual violence and promoting a culture of respect and consent. They are committed to helping survivors and educating the community to break the cycle of sexual violence.
President Nickel sends farewell address to Georgia Southern community

Interim President Shelley Nickel sent out a farewell address to the Georgia Southern University community Tuesday.

Nickel has served as president of GS following the resignation of former president Jaimie Hebert in 2018. Her tenure comes to an end as new president Kyle Marrero will take over on April 1.

The full letter can be read below:

Colleagues and Students:

Time has passed quickly since I arrived on campus last summer. As my presidency at this remarkable university comes to an end, I will be leaving with many warm memories from convocation and commencement to ribbon cuttings, groundbreakings, and naming celebrations to Homecoming, football Saturdays and parades. There was also that baptism in “Beautiful Eagle Creek.”

What I will remember and miss the most are the people. Students who are passionate about what they are doing in the classrooms and labs, in sports and clubs. Faculty and staff who are dedicated to making a difference in the lives of students and are committed about their teaching, research and service to the university.

We are stronger today than we were a year ago. We will be even stronger one year from now. I look forward to watching Georgia Southern’s continued growth and success, knowing there are great things in store for the university.

Thank you for welcoming me into the Eagle Nation and for the time that I got to spend with you. I will always carry a bit of blue with me.

I wish you much success.

Sincerely,

Shelley C. Nickel
Interim President
Georgia Southern University

Interim President Shelley Nickel sent a farewell address to the Georgia Southern University Tuesday. Nickel has served as president since the departure of former president Jaimie Hebert in 2018.
Eagles soar at the Schenkel Invitational

BY BETHANY-GRACE BOWERS
The George-Anne staff

The Schenkel Collegiate Golf Invitational had its 40th year Anniversary Tournament March 15 to 17 at Forest Heights Country Club in Statesboro.

Going into final rounds on Sunday, East Tennessee State University was leading the tournament and the team trailing was the Mississippi tournament and the team University was leading the Sunday, East Tennessee State Club in Statesboro.

Georgia Southern was able to finish the tournament at 26 under par and leading the pack was senior, Steven Fisk.

“I got off to a really good start on the back,” Fisk said. “And just kept hitting solid shot after solid shot and kept myself in the right position.”

GS had laid low for the first few days of competition and fans were not sure which way it would go, but on March 17, the Eagles answered that question.

Fisk, who has had much success at GS, led the team over the weekend, winning the individual competition.

Spectators and competitors alike saw the Eagles run away with the led and that restored so much pride into the Men’s Golf program after watching the title go to bigger conferences the past few years.

“It’s just so much different than anything else that we see all year. The support that we get from the members of the course and our fans it’s incredible.” Fisk said. “It does have a different vibe to it and a different feeling while we’re out there.”

Fisk is on his way to being one of the best golfers in college golf and his career and training at GS has prepared him for just that.

GS golf is proud to represent the community of Statesboro and it means so much to them.

“Statesboro is incredible,” Head Coach Carter Collins said. “I mean you look at everybody around here right now, the guys that were here at the turn, number 12, this lace was electric and our guys fed off the energy from the crowd so we owe a lot to Statesboro and we’re appreciative of everything they did to get us ready and push us through to the finish line.”

SHOOTING STAR
Rosemary Kramer represents USA

BY KAITLIN SELLS
The George-Anne staff

Senior rifle student Rosemary Kramer has been selected to Team USA for the World University Games in Naples, Italy from July 3-9.

Kramer is one of four rifle students selected across the country to compete in Naples.

Based off her NCAA-record of 599 in the air rifle preliminaries as well as going on to finish third to become the first medalist in GS history there’s no question as to why Kramer was selected to help represent the USA.

The senior will be joining Liz March of TCU, Levi Clark of Memphis, and Will Shaver of Kentucky on the squad to represent the United States.

ANITA HOWARD
New women’s basketball head coach named

BY AMANDA ARNOLD
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern women’s basketball team named Anita Howard as the new head coach Wednesday morning.

Howard, a 2003 Armstrong State University graduate, coached three seasons at Columbus State where she accumulated an overall 45-18 conference record, two NCAA Division II Championship titles, and an Elite Eight appearance.

Before coaching at Columbus State, she coached at Livingstone College, a private HBCU in North Carolina, and Salem College, a small liberal arts women’s college in North Carolina.

She led huge program turnarounds at both schools. She led CSU to a 31-2 record and the Peach Belt title in her first season, and led Livingstone College to 23 wins, which is the longest winning streak in HBCU women’s basketball history.

She was awarded the Great South Athletic Conference Coach of the Year in 2013, the John “Whack” Hyder Georgia College Women’s Coach of the Year in 2017 and the 2017-18 Peach Belt Conference Coach of the Year.

The GS women’s basketball team finished their 2018-2019 season 7-22 overall and 2-16 in the conference. Former coach Kip Drown’s contract was not renewed. He coached a 32-86 record over four seasons.

A press conference for Anita Howard will be held on April 1 at Paulson Stadium.
GLOWCHELLA
THURS, MAR 28
8-9:30PM
AT THE MAC GYM

*Live DJ
*Dance Party / Half Workout
*Neon Face Paint
*Food, prizes & fun

#TeamUp

Intramural Sports
CRI OPEN GOLF
2 person scramble
$25/pp - includes cart fee, green fee, dinner and gift

Online Registration
Feb 18 - Apr 2
Tournament Date
April 5 @ 1 pm shotgun start

Register at IMLeagues.com/GeorgiaSouthern

STUDENT AFFAIRS WEEKLY BUZZ
STATESBORO CAMPUS - 3.28.19

ARCHERY DATE NIGHT
March 21 @ 6:30 PM

EDUCATION CAREER FAIR
THURSDAY • MARCH 28 • 6-8 PM

FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL
March 28, 2019 | 11AM - 6PM

WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES
March 29, 2019

Holi. Festival of Colors.
THURSDAY • MARCH 28 • 6-8 PM
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MUSIC • ACTIVITIES • GAMES • CRAFTS
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Every Thursday
8 a.m. To 10 a.m.
The International Men’s March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault & Gender Violence

April 2, 2019
Check-In Begins at 4 p.m.
March Begins at 5:30 p.m.

Russell Union Ballroom
Statesboro Campus

Cost: $10 Students
$20 Non-Students

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