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**EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS**

**UPB PRESENTS: AQUAMAN**
University Programming Board presents a Dive-In movie, Aquaman. This event is open to GS students only, please bring your Eagle IDs. Please bring your own towel.
Friday, April 12 at 9 p.m.
Recreation Activity Center | Aquatics Center

**OUTDOOR POOL BLOCK PARTY**
Come join us for the Block Party celebrating the spring opening of the Outdoor Pool! There will be fun, food, games and prizes.
Saturday, April 13 at 12 p.m. to 5 p.m
Recreation Activity Center | Outdoor Pool

**EGGSTRAVAGANZA EGG HUNT**
This free event is open to the community, and all are encouraged to come out and enjoy inflatables, candy, games and refreshments.
Sunday, April 14 at 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Sweetheart Circle

**LAKESIDE LUAU**
Enjoy delicious Hawaiian-inspired dishes like sesame-crusted ahi tuna, grilled swordfish, pineapple rice pilaf and coconut-crusted shrimp.
Special event cost for EagleXpress is $12 and for cash/credit/debit is $15.
Thursday, April 18 at 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Lakeside Dining Commons

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Jag
Owner: Eli Hall, senior public health major

Want you and your pet to be featured next time? Post your photo on Twitter with the name of your pet and a little bit about you (name, year, and major). Make sure you include #petsboro and tag @GA_Visuals!

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Comics by Coy Kirkland

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Alternate names for animals

Murder Duck

Great Toothy Torpedo

A Dying light bulb bug

by Chase Taylor
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!

The Statesboro Commission on Diversity and Inclusion is hosting its first listening session on Tuesday. The commission will host sessions on April 16, 23 and 30.

Clarissa, Becca, and Shelby were selling tacos at the Rotunda March 5 for their sorority.

The Georgia Southern Botanical Garden hosted a pop-up workshop on beekeeping. Ed DiNello of Brooklet’s The Bees Knees was the guest instructor.

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Knowledge your rights,
and the rights of others

SHIANN SIVELL
Shiann is a senior journalism major from Gibson, Georgia.

Early in March, an immigration activist was traveling with two passengers in his car, later identified as undocumented immigrants.

According to an article from the Washington Post, Bryan MacCormack was driving the two passengers from a local courthouse in Hudson, New York after handling a traffic violation.

MacCormack said that he saw two Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers waiting outside the courthouse and proceeded to the vehicle. He identified the passengers and left the courthouse and proceeded to follow them.

The confrontation that followed was documented by one of the passengers in MacCormack’s car with his cellphone.

One of the officers showed MacCormack a document through the driver’s window: a warrant to arrest his passengers.

“Those are not warrants of arrest, sir,” MacCormack says to the officer in the video.

“Yes, they are, sir, warrant of arrest of alien,” the officer said.

“Yeah, warrant of arrest of alien, not signed by a judge. It’s not a judicial warrant,” MacCormack responds.

“This is a lawful warrant,” the officer continues.

“Signed by a judge?” MacCormack asks.

The officer continues to say that the warrant is valid under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

However, MacCormack, who also happens to be executive director of the nonprofit organization Columbia County Sanctuary Movement, dismisses his claim.

“OK, that’s fine,” MacCormack says. “But it’s not under the Constitution. You have no jurisdiction over me as a citizen. I’m the driver of this vehicle.”

MacCormack says the officers eventually left without making any arrests, and they ultimately didn’t have authority to do anything.

A copy of a Warrant of Arrest of Alien can be found on the Immigrant Legal Resource Center website. Since the Trump administration began its crackdown on undocumented immigrants, hundreds have people have been needlessly harassed by ICE and Border Patrol.

In a few cases, many citizens are detained simply out of suspicion of being undocumented.

For example, two women were detained by U.S. Customs and Border Protection for speaking Spanish outside a convenience store in Montana in early February.

Both of the women were legal citizens and born on American soil.

The American Civil Liberties Union later investigated the incident and filed a civil suit, stating that the agents "offered no other justification for their detention" and that the agent’s actions violated the women’s Fourth Amendment rights against unreasonable search and seizure.

There are several other cases like these two that show that ICE and Border Patrol are going above the law to detain citizens.

However, there are ways citizens and non-citizens can protect themselves and others.

The simplest way of all is to know the basic laws when it comes to warrants and arrests.

Know your Rights

The idea of being stopped and detained by ICE may seem a bit far-stretched in rural Georgia but that doesn’t mean we still shouldn’t know the difference between a warrant and a virtually unlawful scrap of paper.

1. Warrants are signed by judges

An arrest warrant is an official document signed by a judge, which authorizes a police officer to arrest those named in the warrant.

Warrants typically identify the crime for which an arrest has been authorized, and may restrict the manner in which an arrest may be made.

To obtain a warrant, a police officer typically submits a written affidavit to a judge or magistrate. The affidavit, given under oath, must be sufficient to establish probable cause that a crime was committed and that the person named in the warrant committed it.

Usually, however, if police have a good reason, or a “probable cause” to believe that a crime has been committed and that the person they want to arrest committed the crime, they can make an arrest without asking a judge for a warrant.

The major exception to this is when someone under arrest is in their home.

2. Border Patrol has no right to ask you for your identification unless you are within 100 miles of a border zone

In this 100-mile zone, Border Patrol agents have certain additional authorities. For instance, Border Patrol can operate immigration checkpoints.

Border Patrol, nevertheless, cannot pull anyone over without "reasonable suspicion" of an immigration violation or crime and reasonable suspicion is more than just a "hunch."

Similarly, Border Patrol cannot search vehicles in the 100-mile zone without a warrant or "probable cause" defined as "a reasonable belief, based on the circumstances, that an immigration violation or crime has likely occurred."

For example, a woman in Nevada stopped the Fourth Amendment violation of search and seizure on a Greyhound bus in June 2018.

In a recent letter to Greyhound’s general counsel, the ACLU explained that Greyhound is not obligated to consent to the Border Patrol’s warrantless and unjustified raids on its buses.

According to ACLU.org, roughly two-thirds of the United States’ population, or about 200 million people, live within the 100-mile zone, or within 100 miles of a U.S. land or coastal border.

The following states lie entirely or nearly entirely within the 100-mile zone:

- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Florida
- Hawaii
- Maine
- Massachusetts

- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New York
- Rhode Island
- Vermont

3. Immigrants have the right to due process.

In some cases, however, illegal citizens are not granted a hearing. At the beginning of President Trump’s “zero policy” immigration crackdown, he tweeted that undocumented immigrants should be immediately returned “from where they came” with “no judges or court cases.”

When asked about the president’s tweet, White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders pointed to the process of “expedited removal,” which was created by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996.

Just because you don’t see a judge doesn’t mean you aren’t receiving due process,” Sanders said.

It’s not all black and white, it’s hardly gray.

There are so many issues when it comes to arrests, and even more so when it comes to arrests of undocumented immigrants.

However, one thing that is clear is that the mass raids on people are a violation of human rights. Taking children from their parents and locking them in detention centers is cruel, and no law should justify what the U.S. is doing to them and their parents.

If the president truly wants to stop excess deportation and immigration, he should talk with the leaders of these countries and assist with finding solutions for the people rather than continue with this unnecessary cruelty.
Georgia Southern University’s new president Kyle Marrero finished his first week by greeting students at the Statesboro campus’ Starbucks and Dining Commons April 5. Since his first day on April 1, Marrero has held a series of meet and greets and campus walks on the Statesboro, Armstrong and Liberty campuses.

Biology graduate student Bailey Chandler was working on an assignment in Starbucks when Marrero introduced himself to her. They spoke about the components of Chandler’s upcoming project. “I think he’s super outgoing and impressionable,” Chandler said. “I told him I really enjoyed his first PR stunt with walk a Mile in Her Shoes. I think that’s a good indication of the type of person he is.”

Deangelo Miller, sophomore exercise science major, and Azortae Sanders, freshman geology major, spoke with Marrero about starting a new organization called The Society for Minority Advancement and Mentorship. Both Miller and Sanders said Marrero gave them advice on the organization and were glad that he was easy to approach.

“I think it’s pretty unique how he actually came out to blend in with the student life and try to get involved today,” Miller said.

Marrero continued his meet and greet at Dining Commons and even joined a group of students at their table where they discussed student life. Before he and the students had their lunch, Marrero stated that his first week at GS had exceeded his expectations and that he was planning to continue to be as involved as possible with the campus.

Marrero said, “My goal is to be present on this campus for the students, faculty and staff to know that I’m part of this community.”

Marrero on a Mission
President Marrero visits students at Dining Commons and on-campus Starbucks

2018 Fellow
Georgia Southern Professor named 2018 fellow of the National Collegiate Honors Council

Steven Engel, Ph.D., director of the Honors Program at Georgia Southern University was named a 2018 fellow of the National Collegiate Honors Council.

The NCHC awards fellows for their scholarship, service and leadership skills on their campus and within the national honors community. Back in 2013 Hew Joiner, Ph.D., director emeritus of the Bell Honors Program, was also named a fellow of the NCHC, making this the second time that a professor at GS has won this award. “I have the greatest respect for Dr. Hew Joiner,” Engel said. “He developed the Bell Honors Program here into a genuine national model for honors education. To be included in the same group as him as an NCHC Fellow makes me incredibly proud.”

Engel came to GS in 1999 and has been the director of the Honors Program since 2005. He has been involved with honors education at the state, regional and national level. Engel has also served as the president for the Georgia Collegiate Council in 2013, the president of the Southern Regional Honors Council in 2015, a member of the NCHC finance committee since 2008 and a treasurer and an executive board member since 2014. Engel plans on growing the Honors Program moving forward to continue to provide opportunities for undergraduate research and experiential learning, because he insists that, “these are the kind of skills employers and graduate schools want to see.”
Statesboro Food Bank chosen for Community Bag Program

BY BISOLA OKE
The Georgia Southern staff

The Statesboro Food Bank has been chosen for the Community Bag program for the month of April.

The purpose of the program is to give customers of BI-LO, Harveys, Winn-Dixie and Fresco y Más the opportunity to give back to the community while supporting the statesboro food bank.

The George-Anne staff

Statesboro Community Bag Program

BY KYLE CLARK
The Georgia-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University Faculty Senate voted down a new faculty workload policy, which was designed to outline new average workload expectations for the three main areas of a faculty member’s workload on April 3.

The workload policy was first introduced in fall 2018, when a committee of faculty from each teaching college drafted a new policy.

The three main functions of university faculty are teaching, scholarship and service.

Teaching is holding lectures and office hours along with grading assignments and responding to students, according to the policy. The general expectation is that this will be 60 percent of a faculty member’s workload.

According to this policy, a semester-long, three-credit course would be nominally equivalent to 10 percent of this section of workload.

Scholarship is the active pursuit of extending knowledge in one’s discipline. This is set to be at minimum 30 percent of one’s workload.

Service is faculty taking part in committee work for departments and service to the institution and the community, which is generally expected to be no less than 10 percent but no more than 30 percent of a faculty member’s workload.

Attending meetings is expected of faculty regardless of their workload. It will be up to department chairs to outline the expectations for their departments in each of these three categories.

Armstrong senator Christy Moore, a senior lecturer for the Department of Diagnostic and Therapeutic Sciences, expressed concern with department heads not being receptive to work with faculty on finding the proper hours.

“We’re overworked, we’re exhausted, we’re ready to quit,” Moore said.

Another issue was a general concern that this policy was not vetted in a way that was satisfactory. Senate Chair Dustin Anderson said this new workload policy was made by an ad hoc committee, which is a committee created and appointed for a specific task, whereas most faculty welfare issues come from and are vetted by the faculty welfare committee.

“The composition of that committee did not include elected members by the faculty, so that caused me some concern,” history professor Michelle Haberland said.

The senate voted against these revisions with 22 votes against and 11 for it, meaning the senate will have to try and reach an agreement at next month’s meeting.

Anderson said if the senate fails to pass a new policy, it will be forced to use the current workload policy next semester.
Following a series of inspections that took place over spring break, various structural concerns were discovered in select apartment units within University Villas.
Juwan Smith wins Student Government president seat for 2019-2020

“I HAVE THE PASSION TO MAKE THE SACRIFICES NEEDED TO BRIDGE ALL THREE CAMPUSSES TO MAKE ONE FAMILY. I WILL CREATE INTENTIONAL MEETING SPACES FOR ALL CAMPUSSES TO COME TOGETHER AND DISCUSS CONCERNS ON ALL THREE CAMPUSSES. IT IS MY HOPE TO SHOW EACH STUDENT THAT FAMILY DOES MATTER.”

JUWAN SMITH
2019-2020 SGA president

BY MATTHEW ENFINGER AND NATHAN WEAVER
The George-Anne staff

Juwan Smith will be Georgia Southern University’s 2019-2020 Student Government president. Smith’s campaign was inspired by the tv show “Family Matters” and ran on goals to represent the voices of all students on all three GS campuses. Smith aims to take on issues such as consolidation and campus safety.

Smith said his first plans following the election is to meet with all the executives from each campus and to work out to identify and develop a mission statement for what GS want to see for the year and for student government association.
From the time we are born, we have no choice but to trust our parents to guide us, to mold us and to help us make better decisions for ourselves. The greatest challenge they are supposed to help us overcome is what to do with our lives after we are legally no longer their responsibility.

In families where a college education was not stressed or considered, many young people will struggle to decide what they want to do with their lives. Many may be able to figure such things out without parental assistance. But some will need more help than others. Parents may be less equipped to offer while others must decide on their own paths without guidance.

Three Georgia Southern University students shared their stories of how they overcame the stigma held against them thanks to the help of tact and unique mentors.

**Three Students, Three Stories**

**Ruben Benitez**

Ruben Benitez, a fifth year senior public relations major, was born in Colombia but transitioned to the United States when he was three. His mother attended accounting school but had to drop out after she became pregnant with him. She soon married a south Georgia man and Benitez gained two older step siblings. While his family was well-off financially, Benitez said that neither his older siblings nor his parents attended college and the bar for him to go was set very low. He originally had trouble applying to colleges and financial aid and had to figure such things out without parental assistance. However, his mother did step in to influence him to pursue a secondary education.

"I was kind of a gimmick," Benitez said. "When I originally wanted to go into the military because I had no idea what I wanted to do. But then my mom was like, ‘No, you’re not going to be in the military, you’re going to college.’"

Society in general, Benitez said, does not have much of a focus on students, let alone education.

"Whether it’s first-generation or not, I don’t think they put the focus on helping people to graduate,” Benitez said. "In high school, they didn’t really prepare you to apply for college."

Benitez said that while college is important, it is ultimately not the equivalent of happiness.

"College isn’t for everyone,” Benitez said. "I struggled with it and if I had someone with experience with it as well, someone who helped me out with it alone the way, it would have been a lot easier.”

**Christopher Bernard**

With neither his parents nor grandmother having gone to college, freshman theater major Christopher Bernard said he thought for the longest time a secondary education wasn’t an option for him.

Both of his parents were caught up in a lot of bad stuff, he said, and he was subsequently raised by his grandmother.

"Both my parents failed out of high school in, I believe, the 10th grade,” Bernard said. "I never really knew my dad. My mom always said (school) wasn’t for her. One of the reasons she quit was because she got pregnant. She had her first three children in her teens."

Bernard said his grandmother tried to encourage him to stay in high school and receive his diploma. However, his biggest influence was a retired GS pianist, professor Michael Braz. Braz showed Bernard the campus and told him that college would help him immensely.

"He’s the reason I’m here,” Bernard said. "He’s helped do things such as finish paying tuition, help me get scholarships I didn’t even know I can get. Even now he’s pushing me to think about my graduation.”

Bernard said that he believes that those with their simular background can be more successful in college than the generation before.

"I feel like there are a lot more doors open who are from rough backgrounds and can’t necessarily afford college or aren’t really the college type of people,” Bernard said. "There are so many more opportunities, you just have to show that you can do it.”

**Kristen Edwards**

Kristen Edwards, a senior public relations major, is able to share the title first generation college student with her older sister.

Both of Edwards’ parents attended college, but did not finish or receive their diplomas. Edwards’ father had a basketball scholarship but left for the military, and her mother left after a year.

However, there was always an expectation that their children would attend college.

"My parents always wanted me to go to school or get a job,” Edwards said. "The only time I ever really wanted to quit was when I got too overwhelmed with my work. But I’m not really a quitter.”

Edwards said that her sister is one of her greatest inspirations. With a six-year age gap she was like another parent to her and made sure she stuck to her academics before and during college.

"I think in a way she wanted me to be better than her too,” Edwards said. "It’s like a rivalry, but I feel like it was more parental. It was never spoken, but more subtle.”

Edwards plans on working on an internship after she graduates before attending law school.

**Statistical Odds**

Over 7 million students are undergraduates attending four-year public and private colleges and universities. About 20 percent are first-generation students and 50 percent of all first-generation college students in the U.S. are from low-income families.

According to a 2018 report from the U.S. Department of Education, about one-third of U.S. undergraduates in 2011-12 had parents who hadn’t attended college.

Students of these low-income families may need professional mentoring. Often, first-generation students apply only to a single college and do so without help. They can’t afford multiple application fees and they are unsure of how to determine a good fit, as their parents have not taken them on any college tours.

Resources available to help students combat the first-generation struggle can be found in the financial aid offices or from academic advisers.
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Byington to stay at Georgia Southern despite Elon rumors

BY MCCLAIN BAXLEY  
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern men’s basketball coach Mark Byington took to Twitter Thursday night to shut down rumors of him being a candidate for Elon University’s head coaching vacancy.

“Eagle Fans… with news spreading about other jobs, I just wanted to clear something up. I’m staying at Georgia Southern,” Byington said in a tweet. “#UnfinishedBusiness.”

Elon fired their coach of 10 years Matt Matheny at the conclusion of the regular season. Rumors of Byington being a candidate for the CAA school were first reported by WJCL’s Frank Sulkowski Thursday via Twitter.

“Multiple sources telling @WJCLNews that Georgia Southern Men’s Basketball coach Mark Byington is a candidate for the @ElonMBasketball head coaching position,” Sulkowski said in a tweet.

In February 2018, Byington signed a contract extension through the 2022 season. Byington has been the head coach for GS since the 2013 season and has posted three 20-win seasons, including five straight 10 conference win seasons. He has an overall record of 111-84 with the Eagles.

How the Eagles landed the number twelve golf recruit in Georgia

BY BETHANY-GRACE BOWERS  
The George-Anne staff

The No. 12 golf recruit in the state of Georgia last year ended up picking Georgia Southern as the place that would be his home for the next four years.

Wilson Andress, the freshman from Macon, Georgia, started playing golf, as well as other sports, at a very young age and he soon knew that golf was his passion.

“When I was younger my dad and I always played a lot,” Andress said. “Starting in 6th grade, I kind of got interested in golf and that’s when I started playing, right after I got done with travel ball and All-Stars [baseball] that summer. That’s when I got serious and I quit baseball after 6th grade and I just focused on golf.”

Andress knew that he wanted to play golf early on, even before high school. During his 7th grade year, it was time for baseball tryouts and he shot that down immediately.

“I told my dad that I didn’t want to do that,” said Andress. “I wanted to play college golf instead.”

With that strong mindset, he continued to play golf throughout high school and did indeed perform well enough to consider playing on the collegiate level. When looking at schools, Andress considered others, but felt at home at GS.

“Our coach was awesome, the players, everyone here, is an awesome fit.”

With only a few tournaments under his belt at GS, Andress has performed well this season and had a few success stories.

He has had two top 10 finishes, one being at the Hummingbird Intercollegiate Tournament in Cashiers, North Carolina, finishing T7 and the other being at the AutoTrader Collegiate Classic in Duluth, Georgia, finishing T4.

At the AutoTrader Collegiate Classic, Andress finished nine under par and accumulated 17 birdies. He shot 70-68-69 on the tournament, ending with a total of 207.

With so much room to grow and time to do it, Andress has a promising future playing golf as a GS Eagle and fans are already wondering what his next step might be, maybe even playing golf professionally.

“People have asked me that, but I don’t know for sure,” Andress said. “We’re just going to see how golf goes over the next few years, but definitely the plan is to focus on school.”

With that mindset, Andress will have his head focused on golf but also in the books as a civil engineering major.

The GS Eagles have definitely added a strong asset to the team with Andress and fans are ready to see where he will be and where his team will be later on in the season, as well as years to come.
Women's Tennis swept during weekend play

BY KAITLIN SELLS
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern women’s tennis team went 0-2 on weekend play after traveling to the Carolinas to take on conference opponents.

Appalachian State (L, 1-4)
The first opponent the Eagles saw on the weekend was long-time rivals, the ASU Mountaineers who took the win over GS 4-1.
The Mountaineers came out strong by taking the doubles point early on after collecting wins over Eagle duos junior Paula Boixader and freshman Luisa Hrda as well as senior Lindsay Truscott and sophomore Charlotte Van Diemen.

On the singles court, Boixader was the only Eagle to collect a win and earn GS their only point of the match as she took the match 6-2, 6-4, respectively.

Coastal Carolina (L, 2-4)
The Eagles concluded their weekend play taking on the CCU Chanticleers who ended up taking the win over GS 4-2.

Doubles team Truscott and Van Diemen earned a 6-0 win on the court but it wasn’t enough as Boixader and Hrda were taken down 6-1 as well as senior Emilia Bujan and junior Arianne De Winter were defeated 6-3, earning CCU the doubles point.

Hrda fought like fire on the singles court and took her match 6-2, 6-3, respectively. Freshman Elizabeth Goines was the other Eagle to collect the second point for the Eagles after going 6-3, 6-3 on the court.

The Eagles will be back in action as they play their last regular-season matches at home both Saturday and Sunday, taking on the University of South Alabama and the University of Troy.

The women’s tennis team now sits 11-11 overall and 3-5 in the conference as well as being on a two game losing streak.

COASTAL CAROLINA (L, 2-4)

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Georgia Southern announces 2019 football promotions

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BY BETHANY-GRACE BOWERS
The George-Anne staff

After coming off of a series win over Appalachian State, the Georgia Southern baseball team faces a full week ahead, already halfway completed after competing against Kennesaw State.

After the Eagles finished their single game against the Owls Wednesday, they are set start prepping to take on the Texas State Bobcats in a three game series that will go from Friday to Sunday.

The Bobcats' current season record is looking a little bit better than the Eagles' with them sitting at 20-12 overall, however, their conference records match perfectly at 7-5.

TXST is coming off of a win, but a series loss against Troy as well as coming off a non-conference matchup versus Texas A&M on Tuesday before they’re set to meet the Eagles in Statesboro for the weekend.

A couple Eagles to watch this weekend are infielders junior Steven Curry and sophomore Austin Thompson. Both Eagles had two hits in the last game against App State and Curry had two RBIs.

Both have performed well this season for GS and fans are eager to see what the next games hold for these two.

GS currently sits in the number two spot in the eastern division of the Sun Belt and TXST sits at third in the western division.

Game play is set to begin in J.I. Clements Stadium at 6:30 p.m. on Friday. Both Friday and Saturday’s games will be streamed on ESPN+, while Sunday’s game will be shown on True Blue TV.

BY KAITLIN SELLS
The George-Anne staff

After completing half their busy week of play facing off against the College of Charleston on Wednesday, the Georgia Southern softball team will conclude play by taking on the University of Troy in a three-game weekend series.

Georgia Southern (18-19; 4-10)

After collecting a 9-1 win over ULM, the Eagles were finally able to break their six game losing streak and now show for an overall record of 17-19 and a conference record of 4-10.

As a team, the Eagles show a batting average of .272, while junior outfielder Shelby Wilson is the one who leads GS with her .383 batting average. Wilson has collected 24 runs, 36 hits and seven home runs on the season during her 94 at-bats. Senior catcher/infielder powerhouse Logan Harrell collected another home run against ULM, tallying her season total at 10 while she’s hitting a .312 batting average while notching 21 runs and 34 hits off her 109 at-bats.

Pitching-wise we can expect to see freshman Ashleigh Morton on the mound at some point during the week of play as she showed for a powerful performance against ULM, allowing her to claim her seventh win on the season.

Morton has seen the mound for 54 innings this season, throwing for 19 strikeouts and showing a 3.76 ERA.

Troy (29-13;11-4)

The Trojans will be a difficult opponent for the Eagles as they sit in third in the Sun Belt, showing for a conference record of 11-4, as well as having the momentum of an 11-game winning streak behind them.

Troy proves to be dangerous on the bats as they show for a team batting average of .282 while sophomore outfielder Talia Truitt leads the Trojans with her .357 average off her 112 at-bats. Truitt has tallied 27 runs and 40 hits on the season, allowing her to show for a .366 slugging percentage.

GS needs to be on the lookout for freshman star pitcher Leanna Johnson who’s logged an impressive 2.24 ERA while showing for a record of 20-5. The freshman has pitched for 149.2 innings on the season where she’s allowed 106 hits and only 51 runs while throwing for 163 strikeouts.

The Eagles will face the Trojans in a three-game series at home, kicking off Friday at 5:30 p.m.

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

**Renewal Workshop Dates**

- 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

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

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**Every Student Organization Must Have Their President & 1 Additional Leader Attend**

- Thursday, April 12th, 4:30 pm; Russell Union Theater
- Tuesday, April 17th, 5:30 pm; Williams Center Multipurpose Room
- Friday, April 20th, 3:30 pm; Russell Union Theater
- Wednesday, April 25th, 6:00 pm; Russell Union Theater

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