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**The Master and Margarita**

Georgia Southern Theatre plays with the devil and his minions in “The Master and Margarita.” We encourage early arrival for audience members as all seats are open admission. Ticket prices are $12 for general admission and $6 for Students.

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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 has been your worst roommate experience?**”

- Chandler Collier: “Not cleaning dishes or taking out the trash”
- Kevin Hartwell: “Made house rules without telling us.”
- Khari Cassura: “Not cleaning dishes or taking out the trash”

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**Up is Down**

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!

Members of Serve 912, a service volunteer organization advocate at for their upcoming trips the Rotunda last Friday.

The George-Anne welcomes letters to the editor. All copy submitted should be 350 words or fewer, typed, and sent via email in Microsoft Word (.doc/.docx) format to letters@georgiasouthern.edu. All submissions must be signed and include phone number for verification. GSU students should include their academic major, year of graduation, and hometown. Editorial staff reserves the right to edit submissions for length. Opinions expressed herein are those of the Board of Opinions, or columnists themselves and DO NOT necessarily reflect those of the faculty, staff, or administration of GSU, or Student Media Advisory, Student Media or the University System of Georgia.
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MEN'S GOLF COULD WIN IT ALL

Team prepares to compete in Sun Belt Championship

BETHANY-GRACE BOWERS

Bethany-Grace is a junior journalism major from Thomasville, Georgia.

With three tournament wins under their belt this season, the Georgia Southern Men’s Golf Team is ready to take on the Sun Belt Conference Championship. Even though they have had eight top ten finishes this season, their performance has not been the most consistent through every course.

Stars like senior Steven Fisk have led this team to all of the victories they’ve acquired seeing as he is ranked as the No. 8 golfer in the NCAA and his averaging score is outstanding at 69.08.

It’s always hard when teams go into a competition against their closest opponents, but with GS already being ranked No. 2 out of the 12 teams in the Sun Belt, all eyes are on them to pump out another victory.

Going into this tournament though, I have to break a few things down and put them in perspective:

DIFFERENT COURSE

In golf, every course is different, no questions asked. It’s going to be important for the Eagles to think about that going into this competition.

Even though GS has three wins on the season and they are ranked highly, if mistakes happen due to a change in scenery and playing on a bigger stage, their whole game could easily be thrown off.

Most people have heard that golf is around 90 percent mental and it’s completely true. Each hole challenges the player to focus on the physics of each angle and the thought process must be thorough.

THERE’S NO “I” IN TEAM

While players like Fisk, along with junior Brett Barron and sophomore Avery Price, are in the top 20 in the Sun Belt, it’s easy to congratulate them on individual records.

It’s great to recognize individual players, but this is now the time to focus on the whole team and working as a unit to win that title for GS.

The average score per round for the players sits at 71.38. This is not necessarily bad, however, there needs to be a great reduction in that team average in order beat out the other teams.

Arkansas State is sitting in the number one spot currently and their average total score is 285.44. In order for GS to beat them, the Eagles will have to improve their 285.55 total average to jump the Red Wolves.

NOT LETTING THE HYPE GET TO THEIR HEAD

GS Men’s Golf has killed it this season and it is apparent that they have worked hard to get where they are, but the Eagles can’t let that get in their head and I don’t think they will.

It says a lot when they continuously win and every teammate talks about how they chose to come to college at GS because of the great coaching and the team atmosphere. So, if they stay focused like they have been all season, things should land in GS’ favor.

As an athlete, it’s easy to listen to praise and forget about the goal, but this team would not be sitting at No. 2 and taking home eight top 10 finishes if there was not drive and determination on the course.

With these things in mind and the immense amount of talent that the Eagles have in the bag already, that combination is sure to play in their favor.

All the Eagles have to do now is practice, practice and think about how it will feel to hold that trophy on April 24 in Sandestin, Florida.
University Housing announced April 10 that at least 217 students of the approximately 470 living at University Villas will be relocated due to structural issues.

During one of the three Wednesday night meetings for University Villas residents, the executive director of university housing Pete Blutreich laid out the process of moving to the affected students and several of their other concerns.

**Bigger issues**

During the meeting, several students discussed the less than 48 hours of notice as one of the bigger issues to come out of the housing relocation. One student asked why the residents of University Villas were not notified of these issues earlier in the semester.

"Why were these tests done now instead of when everyone is in the building?" the student asked.

"We did know over spring break," Blutreich said. "But why weren't they done earlier?" the student asked. "You could have had more time to do these tests when no one is on campus."

Blutreich responded that housing scheduled for the engineers who identified the issue were scheduled to look at the complex in January.

"The decision was made to get them in and out as fast as we could get them in and that was in January," Blutreich said.

Blutreich said that all of the on-campus properties are being inspected thoroughly for any additional damages.

**On and off-campus solutions**

Students living needs will were accommodated wherever there was space available on and off campus.

Students were matched to 120 spaces available on various on-campus locations based on their living preferences. Available off-campus spaces included nine spots at the Monarch 301, 40 at the Hudson and various more at 111 South, the Vault and Cambridge.

Blutreich said that housing worked to keep roommates together.

Buses will be rerouted to The Hudson to help students with transportation needs. Other issues such as meal plans and schedule conflicts were addressed on an individual level.
TINY LIBRARY AT NEWTON
Tiny library debuts outside Newton Building

BY NATHAN WOODRUFF
The Georgia Alumni Staff

Construction of a little library outside the Newton Building was completed this week as part of a service project by the Georgia Southern English Honors Society in order to expand reading in the GS community.

“Our Georgia Southern University chapter of Sigma Tau Delta wanted to impact our school community through literature,” Brady Gwynn, president of the English Honors Society said.

The small structure will provide free books for students, as well as provide a place where students can drop off books for others to read, which encourages interaction.

By Matthew Enfinger

President Marrero discusses latest construction plans for Georgia Southern

Georgia Southern University President Kyle Marrero provided an update on the Center for Engineering and Research currently undergoing construction as well as planned construction with East Georgia State College at the faculty senate meeting on April 3.

In his report, Marrero discussed the $5.2 million that has helped with the funding of furniture, fixtures and equipment of the building, which is set to open fall 2020.

“I know that makes science and engineering very happy to see that building coming forward,” Marrero said.

Two years ago, GS received the design money to move forward with the project, and received money for construction last year, Marrero said.

With the building still under development there are also plans to make EGSC more present on the GS campus.

EGSC recently received $3.5 million for renovation of the Nessmith Lane building. There are also plans for GS to have career services on the EGSC campus, Marrero said.

GS has also received funding from the house and senate for renovations of the Armstrong campus athletic center, which will help with student support and advising.
This week and next, the Black Box Theatre will play host to not one time period, but three. Different worlds are colliding in the Georgia Southern University Theatre Program’s production of “The Master and Margarita.”

The GS theatre program is performing the play based on the novel of the same name by Mikhail Bulgakov, a Russian playwright. “The Master and Margarita” will premiere on Wednesday.

Bulgakov’s novel was not published until years after his death, as it critiqued the Soviet Union and communism, and the play was produced years after that, before the collapse of the Soviet Union.

A Play of Magical Realism

Nicholas Newell, associate professor of theatre, said that “The Master and Margarita” was the last thing Bulgakov wrote before he died, though it was not published until 30 years later.

“Even then, it was immediately banned. It was passed around in handwritten copies from person to person,” Newell said.

The play is being directed by Newell, who described its genre as magic realism, though at the time of the novel’s creation, the genre was not yet popular.

“The Master and Margarita” is a very fantastic story about how the devil comes to Moscow and is pleased that everyone is forced to be an atheist in the communist Soviet Union, but is also a bit perturbed that nobody believes in him, so he and his demon minions start creating mischief,” Newell said.

The play takes place not only in Moscow, but also in ancient Jerusalem and a third, magical realm, a sort of limbo that is separate from the other two settings.

“Bulgakov’s writing created multiple settings in the play, which have presented some unique challenges for the cast and crew. ‘Bulgakov was a playwright, but I think when he was writing this novel, it was sort of a way to relieve the frustrations of actually having to physically put something on, and so he created a lot of magical stuff that’s very difficult to stage, like flying, for instance,’ Newell said. “And because it’s so vast, because part of it takes place in 1930’s Moscow, and part of it takes place in Jerusalem, and part of it takes place in sort of a magical realm, sort of like limbo, we have to jump around a lot, so it’s not a standard living room set that we just stay in.”

Newell said that he was most excited about the ways the cast and crew have presented some unique challenges.

“The play is also an example of a story within a story because the Master wrote a manuscript that was eventually going to persevere, just as “The Master and Margarita” itself eventually persevered.

“This play becomes the story of how the book took place, even if there’s no magic, it was the last writings of someone before he died,” Newell said. “So this was his fantasy. This was his escape.”

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Bringing the characters to life

The cast of “The Master and Margarita” is made up of more than twenty people, with some principle roles and many ensemble roles. The George-Anne asked some of the principle cast members about their roles in the play.

Nicholas Parrish, a sophomore theatre major, plays Ivan Nikolayevich. Parrish said he felt somewhat close to the character and gets to bring in his own experiences when acting.

“I feel like Ivan is the most relatable character in the play because he reacts in the events he experiences throughout the play is the same way most people would probably react to...
Delaney Chesnick plays the role of Keroview in GS' production of "The Master and Margarita.”

Woland, played by Andrew Shepherd, measures Berlioz, played by Jacob Whitfield, head to determine how he will die in a scene from "The Master and Margarita.”

Berlioz played by Jacob Whitfield (seated left), Woland played by Andrew Shepherd (middle) and Ivan played by Nicholas Parrish (right) discuss their beliefs on Jesus Christ in a scene from "The Master and Margarita.”

Deja Holmes (left), who plays the role of Azazello and Andrew Shepherd (right), who plays Woland watch as Moscow burns in a scene in "The Master and Margarita.”

the given situations,” Parrish said in an email. “I feel like Ivan is a person who is quite disappointed with where he currently is in life and feels he could be doing better with his life.”

Parrish said that he is most excited to get to see everything come together and how a live audience will react to the show.

“We have all been giving our best and care about this show deeply. This show means so much to our director and I’m excited to be part of such a passion project,” Parrish said.

Cat Wyatt, a junior theatre and psychology major, plays Margarita Nikolyevna. Wyatt said Margarita is the hardest character she has had to play during her time at GS.

“It’s hard to understand her without living the life she lived,” Wyatt said in an email. “She is very desperate to save her love, and goes to extreme lengths to do so. It’s been fun playing a character who is willing to just do pretty much anything if it gets her what she wants.”

Christopher Lyles, a junior theatre major, plays The Master.

“Playing this character entails a lot. The Master is very emotional, but in his own way. And he still has to remain in control of everything that’s going on, which is not easy,” Lyles said in an email. “I am most excited about seeing everybody’s reaction and performing with everyone. Whenever we put on a show everybody usually enjoys it and we have a lot of fun.”

Michael Houston, a senior multimedia film and production major, plays Pontius Pilate. Houston said that he enjoyed exploring Pilate’s thoughts and emotions throughout the story.

“I always wondered how any man would react in Pilate’s place, when faced with that same case. What did he feel, then, when faced with an innocent man that was being condemned for seemingly no reason?” Houston said in an email. “That is the centerpiece of The Master’s play, exploring the emotional battle Pilate fought with himself in condemning Jesus of Nazareth to death, and to be able to explore Pilate’s guilt, sorrow and pursuit of redemption has been an incredible journey.”

Houston also plays Lutsynsky, a Soviet critic.

“Lutsynsky has been a ton of fun to play. He’s the stereotypical face of the early Soviet government, and playing around with that comedically is such a joy,” Houston said. “I won’t go too much into what goes on with Lutsynsky as the play unfolds, but I will say things get fog wild with him. It’s been a blast.”

Julien Mendes, a sophomore theatre major, plays Yeshua. Mendes said that he is trying to bring a sense of class and sophistication to the character while keeping his evil nature.

“I looked toward the sadistic and cold Hannibal Lecter in Silence of the Lambs for the evil part and then decided that David Bowie was the best inspiration for the style part,” Shepherd said in an email. “He’s also an extremely snarky and sarcastic devil, and I just used my own sense of humor for those parts.”

Shepherd said he is most excited to see the audience’s reaction to the show, given its many layers and plotlines.

“I’m most excited about how the audience will react to the layers of the show,” Shepard said. “This is a play with like three different plotlines that all come together, and I think it’ll be great to see how people react to that.”

Master and Margarita will run from Wednesday to April 24. There will not be performances on April 21 or 22. Ticket information can be found on the College of Art and Theatre’s website.
BASEBALL BREAKS LOSING STREAK AT HOME

Behind late game heroics, GS downs CSU 7-4 to improve to 21-16 on the season

BY RYAN KOSTENSKY
The George-Anne Staff

Georgia Southern baseball found themselves back on the diamond Tuesday night coming off a series loss to Texas State and looking for answers.

In what has become a trend, the Eagles used a four-run bottom of the seventh to seal victory and avoid their first season sweep by Charleston Southern since the late 80’s.

Down by a run in the seventh inning with two runners on, sophomore first baseman Jason Swan stepped to the plate and delivered a towering home run over the left field wall to give the Eagles a 7-4 lead, which would stand as the final score.

The homerun was Swan’s first of the season, and it couldn’t have come at a better time.

After the game, Swan talked about his team’s ability to mount comebacks in the late innings.

“We’re just always fighting, like never give up,” Swan said. “That’s what we’re taught to do, never give up, just fight to win.”

The Eagles took the lead in the bottom of the first, when red-shirt-senior outfielder Tyler Martin drove in junior second baseman Steven Curry with a single into left field. Both Martin and Curry would go on to record three hits, with all of Curry’s coming via doubles.

In what was a designated staff game, sophomore LHP Nick Jones went three innings and stabilized the game for the Eagles. In his three innings of work, the sophomore allowed just two hits while recording six strikeouts.

The dynamite doubles team is the GS men’s tennis team, an undefeated 8-0 conference duo to have found the most consistent success this season. Di Aloy, as they’ve gone 5-3 overall and 14-3 in the conference, showing to be just over 50 percent.

The Eagles head north to Conway, South Carolina for a conference battle against Coastal Carolina, in a matchup of one versus two in the East division of the Sun Belt. As per policy of the Sun Belt Conference, teams don’t play on Easter Sunday, so the three-game series is set to go from Thursday through Saturday. First pitch between the Eagles and Chanticleers is slated for 6 p.m.

TENNIS TEAMS COMPETE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Both men and women look to seal Sun Belt during tournament play

After their last regular-season performance, both Georgia Southern tennis teams are almost split with their overall record of 30-32 and their conference record on 7-10. Showing to be the most successful doubles team on the court is red-shirt-senior JC Alcala and junior Stefano Di Aloy, as they’ve gone 5-3 overall and showing to be undefeated in the conference-collecting three Sun Belt wins. The dynamite doubles team is also on a four game winning streak.

The GS men’s tennis team heads into the tournament at the No. 6 seed, and will compete in the quarterfinals on Friday at 1:30 p.m. The Eagles will face No. 1 seed Coastal Carolina, who beat the Eagles during regular season 4-2.

Women’s Tennis (12-12; 4-6)

The women’s tennis team went even on the overall season, showing for a 12-12 record, and almost split their conference record as well, going 4-6.

Singles wise the Eagles showed to be decently successful on the courts, going 78-53 overall and showing for a conference record of 27-26. Freshman Luisa Hrda has proven herself as she’s shown for a 17-2 overall record, an undefeated 8-0 conference record and a win streak of 13 matches. On the doubles court, GS has gone 41-28 overall and 14-13 in the conference, showing to be just over 50 percent. The duo to have found the most success this season seems to be sophomores Arianne De Winter and junior Arianne De Winter.

The women’s tennis team just barely made the cut for the tournament, ending the season in the No. 8 spot. Tournament play will begin Thursday at 1:30 p.m. for the Eagles as they face No. 1 seed Appalachian State who beat GS in the regular season 4-1.
BY KAITLIN SELLS
the George-Anne Staff

After splitting a busy four-game week of play 2-2, the Eagle softball team will be back in action with a three-game weekend series against conference opponent, Texas State.

Georgia Southern (19-21, 5-12)
The Eagles have shown for a semi impressive season so far, almost splitting their overall record at 19-21, but falling short on conference play—showing for a 5-12 record.

The Eagles are coming off a win over Troy, who they played in a three-game series the previous weekend. This win was the only of the series and helped the Eagles avoid a weekend sweep to the Trojans.

As a team, GS is showing for a .271 average on the bats after collecting 185 runs, 286 hits and 40 home runs on the season. Leading the Eagles is senior infielder Hannah Farrell, who is batting an impressive average of .392 while showing a slugging percentage of .567. Farrell has collected four home runs on the season as well as 19 runs and 47 hits.

Pitching wise we can expect to see freshman Ashleigh Morton on the mound at some point during the weekend as she’s more than proven herself this season so far. The freshman from Macon, Georgia has pitched for 60.1 total innings and shows for an ERA of 3.83. Morton has only allowed 76 hits and 47 runs while throwing for 21 strikeouts.

Texas State (22-19, 10-7)
The TXST Bobcats have shown for an impressive conference season so far, going 10-7, but have fallen onto a two-game losing streak—something the Eagles can look to take advantage of.

The Bobcats are coming off a series loss to Coastal Carolina, where they won the first game of the series 5-3, but fell in the following two games—ceeding the series win to the Chanticleers.

As a team, the Bobcats are batting an average of .258 while showing a .369 slugging percentage. Team leader junior outfielder Christiana McDowell is batting an average of .389—majorly boosting the Bobcats’ statistics with her 32 runs, 49 hits and three home runs off her 126 at-bats.

The Eagles should prepare to see sophomore pitcher Meagan King on the mound at some point during the weekend series, as she’s pitched 121.2 total innings for the Bobcats, logging a 3.34 ERA. King has thrown for 66 strikeouts while only allowing 65 runs.

Series play will open at Eagle Field with game one and two on Thursday starting at 5 p.m. Game three will be on Saturday at 11 a.m.
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