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A fun, educational event available for students with karaoke and free snacks. Come out and learn about non-consensual porn and cyber harassment and what can be done to reduce it!

Thursday, September 19 at 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Russell Union Ballroom

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INTERNATIONAL CONVERSATION HOUR

International and American students, as well as faculty and staff, are invited to drop in during this time to visit with each other, and with members of the university and the community.

Friday, September 20 at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
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LONESTAR PERFORMANCE

Lonestar has released multiple Platinum-selling albums and earned ten No. 1 hit singles. Come out to the PAC to watch them perform!

Friday, September 20 at 7:30 p.m.
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A beginner archery program designed for shooters that want to learn a new life skill while having fun with your special someone. All equipment is included!

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#PETSBORO



Pet Name:
Murphy

Owner Name:
Caitlin Shelby,
senior
psychology 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!



GEORGIA SOUTHERN STUDENTS

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Fiction Photography And more

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MODERN MISH-MASH

Tykia Lumpkin is a 21-year-old African-American woman, and a junior at Georgia Southern University-Armstrong Campus. Her current major is Marine Biology; however, she plans on entering graduate school to pursue an art degree with the aid of her minor in studio art. As of right now, she is at current a loss of what she wants to do with her life. When she started college, she wished to do something that she was passionate about. That was science for her. At first, she thought that perhaps she should pursue an art degree, but her mother worried whether or not that this career path would last her indefinitely. However, after some discussions on the subject, her mother relented and is fully-supportive of her endeavors in art. Tykia is about to graduate next year, so this is the year that she will take her life into her own hands and mold it to her will. She doesn't know what the future will bring, however, if there's something that she's uncannily good at, it's being stubborn and determined.



SELF PORTRAIT - BLACK AND WHITE ACRYLIC PAINT



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#SeenAtSouthern

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

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This good boy here is Rocky! He is an explosives detection canine. Today, he and his partner, BJ McKellar, are having a mini photo shoot/training session on campus! Catch him sniffing around Paulson Stadium before next Saturday's game against Louisiana-Lafayette!



LAUREN SABIA/staff

What are some perks of not driving to class every day? Brendan Merritt, junior, rides his bike to save money on parking passes, to save time looking for a parking spot, and to be more active!



KRISTEN BALLARD/staff

There was a Major and Career Exploration Fair in the Russell Union Ballroom! Students stopped by and talked to teachers and fellow students about their major to help make a decision. Dr. Beth Howells, top photo, right, encourages students to choose to be a part of the English department.





Georgia Southern's HIIT Class:

Why spending 45 minutes in HIIT class challenged my daily workout routine

MADELINE BRANCH

Madeline Branch is a junior marketing major

Normally, my Saturday mornings consist of listening to music as I clean the house and prepare for the upcoming week. For some reason, this Saturday, my urge to feel active seemed a lot more compelling.

If you are anything like me, then finding the right routine for the gym can become a bit overwhelming, especially if you do not work out as often.

My initial thought for going to the RAC Saturday morning was to do a quick workout and come out feeling rejuvenated like I had done something really good for my body. Instead

of leaving the gym feeling relaxed, I felt the exact opposite.

I have never had a workout quite as intense as the HIIT class at the RAC. The High Intensity Interval Training is exactly what it sounds like.

What makes the HIIT class so different than any other workout is that it is a cardio interval training that limits your usual recovery period to keep your heart rate up. Because you have a shorter recovery period, it makes your workout seem more extreme than usual.

Don't get me wrong, though. I know how it feels to go through a strenuous workout and to leave the gym feeling like you have strained every muscle in your body. My body's post workout satisfaction was exhilarating and had me leaving the gym with a burst of energy.

When I walked into the workout room, the atmosphere was very lively. I could see the sweat and seriousness on two other students faces who were already in the process of completing a previous workout the instructor had them do.

The instructor greeted me with a very warm, "Hey" and told me to grab a weight ball and weights where we would begin working on upper body strength.

As the class moved on, we went through various sets of exercises that were targeted to work out different parts of our bodies. The exercises consisted of star jumps, push-ups, planks, squats, weight lifting

and lunges.

It was interesting to see the looks on other students faces and hear their opinion about the class. I think everyone was in awe of how intense it was.

"It's a lot of fun, and it is really challenging," Kate Verboom, a student at Southern, said. "Being pushed to do my very best by my fit instructor was the best part."

"If I could describe the HIIT class in one word, I would definitely say it was intense," said Alana Wright-Howard, another student here at Southern who attended the class. "I wouldn't mind taking that class instead of working out on my own."

Our fitness instructor for that day was Natalie Woodward. Woodward teaches HIIT class

usually on Tuesdays at 5:30 and sometimes on Saturdays.

"I like seeing regulars come in and getting stronger but love seeing new faces getting comfortable throughout the class," said Woodward.

I never thought it would be possible to feel like you went through a day's worth of workouts within 45 minutes before I tried HIIT. After this class, I don't think it would ever be necessary for me to spend three consecutive days in the gym when I could just go to a HIIT class for a day at the RAC.

My experience with HIIT class was a memorable one. I would encourage everyone to try the class at least once if they haven't already.

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MADELINE BRANCH

Do you have an opinion that needs to be heard?

The George-Anne welcomes letters to the editor and appropriate guest columns. All copy submitted should be 350 words or fewer, typed, and sent via e-mail in Microsoft Word format to gaeditor@georgiasouthern.edu. All submissions must be signed and include phone number for verification. GS students should include their academic major, year and hometown. The editors reserve the right to reject any submission and edit submissions for length.

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SOUTHERN SWEETHEARTS

Georgia Southern alumni to get married at Sweetheart Circle



PHOTO COURTESY OF FRANK FORTUNE

Dennard Scoggins proposes to Wanda Parrish at the Georgia Southern football home opener with plans to marry at Sweetheart Circle.

BY SARAH SMITH

The George-Anne staff

Dennard Scoggins came to Georgia Southern University in the fall of 1960 and one of his first classes was English 101.

"I knew I had to find me somebody to help me through English 101," he said.

Then Wanda Parrish walked in.

Scoggins went and sat behind her and said it took him a few minutes to work up the nerve to tap her on the shoulder and introduce himself.

Now, 59 years later, 78 year-old Scoggins proposed to 76 year-old Wanda Parrish at the home opener for the 2019 GS football season.

"Georgia Southern had meant so much to us," Scoggins said. "Met here, fell in love here early...Georgia Southern brought us back together because of our love for football mainly."

The university brought the couple together and so it was only fitting for Scoggins to propose to Parrish at Paulson Stadium.

While in college, they dated for roughly two years. Parrish said that their stories vary, but they ultimately decided to go their separate ways.

They both moved on and pursued happy marriages to other people but would see each other often at Georgia

“**I'M THE LUCKIEST MAN IN THE WORLD.**”

DENNARD SCOGGINS
Alumni of Georgia Southern

Southern events and say hello, according to Parrish.

In 2016, their spouses had passed and Scoggins even came to Parrish's husband's funeral.

They reconnected later that fall and spent a lot of their time at Georgia Southern football games.

Their relationship began to grow that fall.

"We fell in love all over again," Parrish said.

"Absolutely," Scoggins quickly replied.

Parrish told a story about Scoggins getting in a wreck that Thanksgiving. Scoggins fell asleep at the wheel but was lucky to have Parrish alongside him in the hospital for 26 days, according to the couple.

"We spent Christmas in the rehab center," Parrish said. "He would say something about, 'I really thank you for staying with me' and I said where else

would I be? I want to be with you."

They later moved in together and the rest is history.

Was she surprised to when Scoggins go on one knee?

"No," Parrish said with a smile, as they had discussed marriage for a while.

The two will get married at Sweetheart Circle on Oct. 18 before the private 1906 Society event at Sweetheart Circle. Only graduates of GS are allowed to get married at Sweetheart.

"We wanted Georgia Southern to be a part of our marriage," Scoggins said. "After we proposed and I got up, we started walking over to the sidelines where the student section was and the band started playing the fight song. We just kind of danced around a little bit going in that direction and the student section went crazy."

That spontaneous connection created a special moment for the couple and gave them a sense of youthfulness.

"We like marriage and we hope this is going to be a happy marriage," Parrish said.

Scoggins knows how fortunate he is to have been loved by his first wife and by Parrish.

"I'm the luckiest man in the world," Scoggins said with a smile.

ONE BORO HIGHLIGHTS DIVERSITY

One Boro's Multimedia Diversity Showcase highlights diverse groups and businesses



PHOTO COURTESY OF CITY OF STATESBORO

One Boro to host a multimedia diversity showcase to show Statesboro how diverse te city already is and can be.

BY SARAH SMITH

The George-Anne staff

STATESBORO — One Boro invites all people of Statesboro to participate in the Multimedia Diversity Showcase.

Residents of Statesboro can submit all types of media based on businesses, individuals, a community group or student organization that are actively inclusive and pursuing diversity, according to Suzanne Shurling, a city commissioner.

Submissions for the showcase are due Sept. 29.

"We want to showcase how folks are already practicing being diverse and inclusive in Statesboro," Shurling said.

Awards will be given out at The Longest Table event on Oct. 12 for various different categories, voted on by different community members at the event.

"If you bring people together and fuss at them about you're not being diverse enough, it doesn't get through," Shurling said. "There are negative connotations of the word, diversity, so we want to show people that you are already doing this."

Statesboro Food Bank serves a wide population of the community. At The Longest Table event, everyone is welcome to a free meal but, "we need to feed our community beyond that," Shurling said.

It is encouraged to bring

non-perishables to the event to support the people beneath the poverty line in the county.

"Those of you who can, bring some food for folks to take home," Shurling said.

Comprised of GS professors, retired community members and counselors, One Boro is Statesboro's City Commission for diversity and inclusion.

"We kinda see ourselves as the representation for the city to take the city's concerns on diversity and inclusion to city government," Shurling said.

After being establishing in Nov. 2018, one of the first actions One Boro took to further spread their mission was listening sessions all over the City of Statesboro. This allowed community members to come and tell the staff what areas needed to be improved.

Shurling wants this to become an annual event in Statesboro. The Longest Table facilitates conversation and turns strangers into neighbors.

Their flyer reads, "meet your neighbors," encouraging people to talk to others in the community that they have never spoken to before.

The Longest Table will be held outside of city campus on 58 East Main St. from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Submissions for the Multimedia Diversity Showcase can be submitted here.

MOVE TAKES INITIATIVE

MOVE initiative strives to improve the college experience of African American men



NATHAN WOODRUFF/staff

“WE WANT TO TEACH PEOPLE, OF COURSE, HOW TO BE LEGENDARY.”

Aaron Tate

public relations chair of the MOVE Initiative

The most recent MOVE event was Barbershop Talk at the Georgia Southern Unity Festival on Thursday, Sept. 12.

BY NATHAN WOODRUFF

The George-Anne staff

STATESBORO — The MOVE Initiative at Georgia Southern provides a culture of academic support and success for African American men on the GS campus during the 2019-2020 academic school year.

Aaron Tate, public relations chair of the MOVE Initiative, said that improving the academic success of African American men was the goal.

“Our organization is basically about

the holistic development of men. We are an African American male initiative so we focus on retention, progression and graduation rate,” Tate said.

“We want to teach people, of course, how to be legendary.”

MOVE is part of the University System of Georgia’s African-American Male Initiative, designed to increase the number of African-American males who complete their post-secondary education.

Aaron Graham, MOVE Initiative

historian, said that the initiative allowed him to make more friends and earn a better GPA.

“MOVE has impacted me in a lot of ways... socially, academically and spiritually,” Graham said. “I’ve gained more friends. My GPA has gone up. I’ve just gotten out more. I’ve stepped outside of my comfort zone a lot more.”

MOVE’s most recent event was called Barbershop Talk at the Unity Festival on Thursday, Sept. 12.

Graham said that Barbershop Talk is

meant to bring an atmosphere where people can just be themselves.

“We wanted to bring that same atmosphere you get from an African American males standpoint. When you go into a barbershop, you are free to just talk about anything,” Graham said. “There’s just no pressure and you can just be yourself.”

The next event for the MOVE Initiative will be the Eagle Luau with Campus Recreation and Intramurals at the RAC on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

WEST NILE VIRUS

First human case of West Nile Virus found in Chatham County this year



PHOTO COURTESY OF GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

According to the CDC, in 2018 there were 36 human cases of West Nile and two deaths across Georgia.

BY TATIANA JOSEPH-SAUNDERS

The George-Anne staff

The Coastal Health District confirmed this year’s first human case of West Nile Virus in Chatham County.

According to the CDC, in 2018 there were 36 human cases of West Nile and two deaths across Georgia.

This should not be too alarming,

as only one in five people develop symptoms after contracting the virus.

“Georgia Southern shouldn’t be alarmed about this, but they should be aware,” said Ginger Heidel, risk communicator for the Coastal Health District. “We see WNV happen in [Chatham County], in humans, this time of year it’s not terribly uncommon to see that happen.”

GS professor of biology Lance Durden, Ph.D., said that most people who have previously been exposed to the disease should be immune, but that there are still serious cases of WNV.

“Many people are now probably immune to the disease if they were exposed, and recovered when it spread across the USA from East to West 10 to 15 years ago,” Durden said. “However, serious cases including deaths are still recorded every year.”

Durden also said that students could avoid contracting the virus by being aware at dawn and dusk, using repellent, and avoiding high mosquito populations areas help avoid catching the virus.

“Like anybody else, students are most at risk of contracting the disease when the mosquito vectors are most active, i.e., at dusk and dawn,” Durden said. “Discarding standing water in flower pots, gutters, etc. also helps since mosquito larvae breed in those areas.”

Durden said if a person is symptomatic, early on the symptoms are not clear.

“Symptoms are not definitive, especially in the early stage of the disease and other mosquito-borne diseases,” Durden said. If students think

they have contracted the virus they can contact their doctor and ask for a WNV blood test, since the virus is detectable.

The CHD plans on keeping an eye out and relying on local doctors to notify the health department on future cases of WNV. CHD contacts Mosquito Control for updates if there seems to be certain mosquito populations with WNV.

Heidel also suggested students wear mosquito spray, specifically with the ingredient DEET.

“GEORGIA SOUTHERN SHOULDN’T BE ALARMED ABOUT THIS, BUT THEY SHOULD BE AWARE.”

Ginger Heidel

Communicator for the Coastal Health District

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS THE BAHAMAS

Statesboro community rallies around Bahamian students after Hurricane Dorian

“WE JUST WANT TO ENCOURAGE OUR FELLOW EAGLES, WHETHER CURRENT OR ALUM, TO BE VERY SENSITIVE TOWARDS OUR SITUATION.”

Brittni Swain

GS student organizer of the local Hurricane Dorian relief



PHOTO COURTESY OF VERSACE NICHOLLS

“They are helping us financially, emotionally and spiritually,” Brittni Swain, a GS student organizer of the local Hurricane Dorian relief said.

BY TATIANA JOSEPH-SAUNDERS

The George-Anne staff

STATESBORO — The Statesboro community has come together to help Georgia Southern University students affected by Hurricane Dorian.

Local organizations have reached out to Bahamian GS students, and have worked to figure out ways to help their families who have been devastated by Hurricane Dorian.

John Long with Christian Social Ministries has made a huge effort by supporting students going through such a difficult time.

“We have people that are providing aircraft, we are coordinating with as many people as we can to help [the Bahamian students] with their immediate needs,” Long said.

CSM is also hosting drives and

encourages students to donate non-clothing items that would be necessary to rebuild your daily way of life, as if you had to start from the ground-up. Some examples are towels, soap and toothbrushes.

The Bulloch chapter of National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, VOAD, is also helping through the web platform Grice Connect.

DeWayne Grice, along with David and FayeBeth Ball, organized a luncheon Sept. 7 and 23 students attended. At this luncheon, the Bahamian students shared how they are worried about surviving financially while their parents are worried about simply surviving.

Later, Grice and VOAD found that a total of 38 students were financially affected by Hurricane Dorian.

“We put a call out on social media

and through local churches and other organizations for help,” Grice said. “As of now, all 14 of the college students have been matched with either individuals or organizations that have ‘adopted’ them.”

Students with families affected are still astounded by all of the help they have received over the past few days.

“(Statesboro organizations) are extremely supportive,” Brittni Swain, a GS student organizer of the local Hurricane Dorian relief said. “They are helping us financially, emotionally & spiritually. They have helped us gather families around Statesboro to adopt each Bahamian student, to get through this difficult time.”

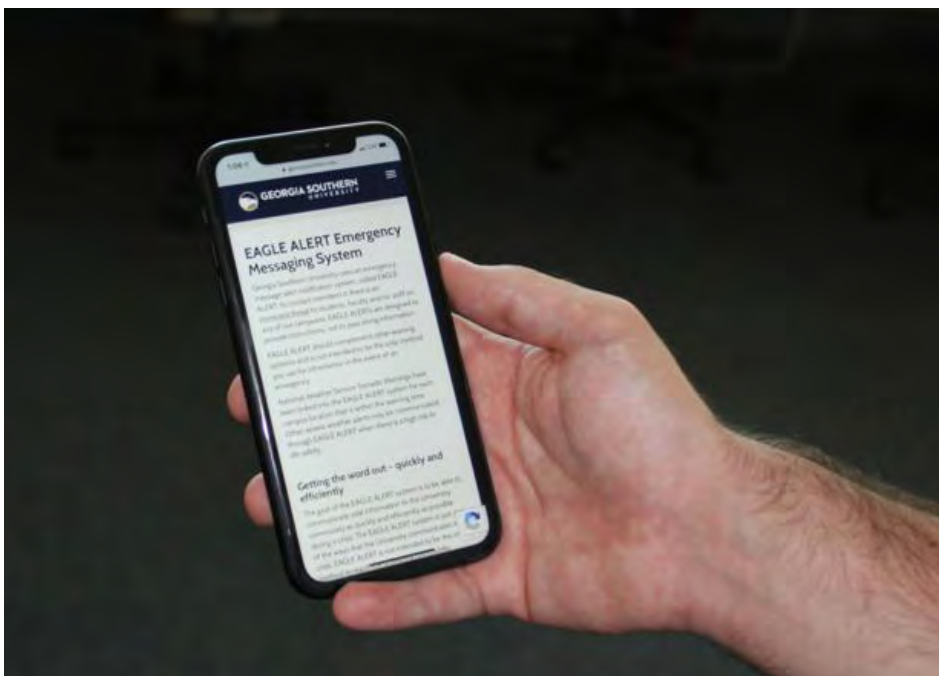
These are the donation centers open to those who wish to provide aid to families affected by Hurricane Dorian.

- Bulloch County Sheriff's Office
- Bulloch County Annex Building on N Main
- Fostering Bulloch at N. Walnut and Elm
- Christian Social Ministries at 122 E. Parrish or College Plaza (next to the Dollar Tree)
- Synovus Bank on Fair Road
- Weichert Realtors across from IHOP

“We just want to encourage our fellow eagles, whether current or alum, to be very sensitive towards our situation,” Swain said. “We appreciate all donations & would like everyone to volunteer with CSM, Foresting Bulloch & VOAD because all the help we can get is appreciated. Donations are still being gathered on campus to take back to The Bahamas.”

TWO SHOOTINGS

Why weren't there any Eagle Alerts sent out this weekend?



ALEXA CURTIS/staff

BY MCCLAIN BAXLEY

The George-Anne staff

STATESBORO — There were two separate shootings over the weekend and both of them happened less than a mile from the Georgia Southern University campus, yet there were no Eagle Alerts sent out.

One of the shootings was at Cambridge apartments and the other one happened about four hours later at Stadium Walk apartments. Parents and students expressed concern and questioned why there was no alert from the school.

An Eagle Alert is the university's emergency system that sends messages through a student or staff member's university email, a phone call or text message. For some emergency situations, the school also posts on the GS website and MyGeorgiasouthern.

“The law requires us to send an alert when there is an “imminent threat” to the faculty, staff and/or students on one of our campuses,” John Lester, Ph.D, spokesman for GS said in an email. “Both these incidents happened off campus, and --- after University Police learned about what happened -- nothing indicated there was any imminent threat to the Statesboro campus or any of our students or employees.”

Since the fall 2016 semester, 55 emails have been sent from a sender titled EAGLE ALERT. Nine emails have been sent from the Dean of Students or GS communications regarding “CAMPUS ALERT” or Weather alert.

“Ultimately, it's a decision by University Police based on their charge to keep campus safe and secure,” Lester said.

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BYRD AND BRINSON RECEIVE CONFERENCE HONORS

BY KAITLIN SELLS
The George-Anne staff

Both junior linebacker Rashad Byrd and senior cornerback Monquavion Brinson received Sun Belt honors after their performance at Minnesota.

The Eagles fell in a close loss to the Golden Gophers, almost

stealing the upset after there were two defensive scores, by both Byrd and Brinson.

One of the defensive captain's earned defensive player of the week by not only logging a team-high of 11 tackles against Minnesota, but also picking up a sack, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery which he returned

for 44 yards for a touchdown. That touchdown put the Eagles in the lead with just under four minutes left in the fourth quarter.

Brinson received Special Teams Player of the Week presumably because of his 77-yard touchdown return on a blocked field goal by redshirt-sophomore linebacker Reynard Ellis. This was Brinson's first collegiate touchdown.

This is both Brinson and Byrd's second player of the week honors this season.



KAITLIN SELLS/staff
Rashad Byrd (45) recorded a team-high of 11 tackles against Minnesota.

VOLLEYBALL HEADS TO KNOXVILLE FOR FINAL TUNE-UP BEFORE CONFERENCE PLAY

BY MICHAEL SMITH
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern volleyball will head to Knoxville, Tennessee to participate in the Tennessee Invitational this weekend in its last series before conference play opens Sept 27 at Coastal Carolina. The Eagles will play three matches against North Dakota State, Eastern Tennessee State and the host Volunteers on the SEC Network.

After a tough 2018 season and a coaching change, Eagle

volleyball has begun to make improvements under first year head coach Chad Willis. After winning four of its first seven games, GS will look to stay ahead of an even record with a final tune-up entering Sun Belt competition.

GS' opponents are currently a combined 15-9, but only one team clears the .500 mark by more than one game. The North Dakota State Bison have gone 5-4 to this point, collecting tight wins over Illinois-Chicago, Central Michigan and Buffalo.

The Bison offense is led by homegrown junior outside hitter Alexis Bachmeier, who currently leads the squad with 81 kills and a high of 21 points in that aforementioned win against the Chippewas.

The Tennessee Volunteers enter their home tournament 3-4 on the season, including a pair of losses to a then sixth ranked Illinois team. UT's wins have come in a 3-0 thrashing of Miami-Ohio and 3-2 wins over Michigan State and Houston. Despite the record and close

games, the Volunteers received votes and earned top 25 rankings at various points throughout the season. That collection of talent, both from this particular opponent and the tournament as a whole, doesn't intimidate the Eagles.

GS will close the weekend with a match against the 7-2 East Tennessee State Buccaneers. ETSU has played four Sun Belt teams to this point and collected wins over Troy and Georgia State as well as 3-2 losses to Coastal Carolina and

App State. The Bucs' offense runs through freshman setter Emily Arnold, who currently leads the team in sets with 224 (for reference, the next closest player has 22). Although ETSU plays at a lower level, their current record and record against teams of GS' class suggest all three matches will provide a trying test to a young Eagle squad still developing its rhythm and chemistry.

The Eagles' first match of the tournament against NDSU is set for 3:30 p.m. Friday.

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WORLDWIDE TALENT

Georgia Southern women's soccer provides mixing pot of cultures in South Georgia



GRAPHIC: REBECCA HOOPER/staff

BY MICHAEL SMITH
The George-Anne staff

One of the great values in a large American university, and through the course of life, is the ability to experience humanity through a previously unknown lens.

At a school like Georgia Southern, the opportunity to wear those tinted glasses can frequently present itself through a wide variety of cultures and representatives of the rest of the world.

Sports teams, especially the GS soccer program, often provide an opportunity for international exchange.

The GS women's soccer roster, for example, lists eight players born overseas, and two of them took the opportunity to speak on their home lives, their thoughts on Statesboro, and their general thoughts and reactions to their own taste of an American experience.

Sophomore midfielder Nora

Falnes joined the Eagles out of Stavanger, Norway for the opportunity to continue her soccer while earning her degree.

While her intention was never to specifically live overseas, Falnes never had a clear idea of "what [she] wanted to be, work wise, and in Norway you can't really combine playing soccer at a high level and education."

In an attempt to balance the need for an education in an unknown field and her known love for soccer, she looked into playing away from home.

Vala Kristin Theodorsdottir is another foreign-born sophomore midfielder, hailing from Reykjavik, Iceland. Theodorsdottir followed a similar path to Falnes in her transition to Statesboro.

She wanted to find a place that allowed her to compete on the field and work in the classroom. One of the major factors that helped her choose GS was the care and support

from the locker room, which she struggled with at her previous school, Kansas State.

"The team was so much more welcoming, and I fit so much better," she said after moving to Statesboro this spring.

That spirit and support has helped both players through the difficulties of living far from home. Although the two have learned English in school from a very young age, communication with the team and in class, remains a concern.

Falnes admits she felt self-conscious about speaking and hearing everything in English nearly full time when coming to America, especially when it comes to the classroom setting.

"With every class in English I was so confused," she said. "Should I take notes in Norwegian, should I take notes in English? I couldn't keep up with what the professors said."

As a whole though, both addressed many of the changes as minimal. Issues arise when

talking with family back home for Falnes, as there is a seven hour time difference. This makes scheduling time to talk very difficult for her.

Simple things for us such as unit conversions, has forced an adjustment period for both players. When told to run a mile by coaches, they find themselves asking, "How far is that?"

Of course, the Statesboro heat and humidity was a transition as well for Theodorsdottir, since

Iceland only gets four hours of daylight during the winter.

Both players found that the people in Statesboro are generally more friendly than their home countries. They've felt the southern hospitality that America has been teased about overseas.

"People are super welcoming here," Falnes said. "At home, people are more closed. If you're on a bus it's normal to just sit alone, if someone sits

with you it's kind of like 'Why are you sitting with me?' but here it's 'Oh how are you,'" Falnes said.

The generalization of Americans as ignorant to the remainder of the globe was one of the few things that did not shock either athletes.

"I was kind of shocked how little Americans knew about the outside world," Falnes said.

She said that people wonder whether or not Norwegians ate cereal or, appallingly, asked her, "Do you guys have windows in your houses?"

Apparently, people often confused the European nation's lifestyle with the furs and Igloos of North American Eskimos.

As a whole, the experience has been worthwhile for both Eagles, for their individual development and for the continued improvement and celebration of background and outlook of Georgia Southern.

TWO DEFENSIVE TOUCHDOWNS NOT ENOUGH FOR AN UPSET, EAGLES LOSE 35-32 IN MINNESOTA

BY MCCLAIN BAXLEY
The George-Anne staff

With just under four minutes left in the fourth quarter against Minnesota, Georgia Southern head coach Chad Lunsford threw his arm around defensive coordinator Scot Sloan's shoulders.

Both coaches had signs of glee after linebacker Rashad Byrd had just returned a Golden Gopher fumble 44 yards to give the Eagles a 32-28 lead.

Twitter was buzzing at the thought of another Big Ten school falling, GS faithful in TCF Bank Stadium were jumping with pride and it looked like the Eagles were going to pick up just their second Power 5 victory in program history.

But the celebration was premature.

Tanner Morgan orchestrated a 13 play, 75 yard scoring drive that took off 3:34 to leave GS just 13 seconds to play with before the upset bid became a thought of the past.

"There's a lot of things to point fingers at," Lunsford said. "We have to do a better job of ball security. We have to control the clock in the second half. We have to get our defense off the field."

Ball security wasn't a problem in the first quarter for the Eagles. It was the Golden Gophers who had trouble on offense.

On just the second play of the game, Morgan threw the ball and safety Kenderick Duncan Jr. came down with his second interception of the season. The redshirt-sophomore returned the interception down to the Minnesota 21 yardline.

The next play, Logan Wright ran behind a stout interior offensive line to find the endzone, putting GS up 7-0.

After finding nothing on the ground, the Minnesota offense resorted back to their passing game. Morgan hit Tyler Johnson on a slant and Johnson took it 73 yards to tie the game.

GS' ensuing drive ended with a 25 yard field goal from Tyler Bass, retaking the lead.

The Golden Gophers then used an 11 play drive to drain down the GS defense. Another connection from Morgan to Johnson gave Minnesota the lead again.

Justin Tomlin, who started over injured Shai Werts, couldn't get anything moving on offense and Anthony Beck had to punt the ball back to the home team.

Both teams exchanged drives of stagnant offenses before GS put the ball on the ground for the first time.

Tomlin hit tight end Cam Brown on the right side who cut the ball up field. Once he got past the line of scrimmage, Brown was stripped by

Antoine Winfield Jr.

Minnesota found the endzone to make it a 21-10 game.

With 3:26 left in the first half, Bass hit a 45 yard field goal to make it a one score game.

The Golden Gophers rushed for nine yards before failing to convert a 4th and 1 to give GS the ball on the Minnesota 34.

Just before halftime, Tomlin took the ball to the right and dove for the pylon to score.

A quick, scoreless third quarter set the game up for a 20-21 Minnesota lead to start the fourth quarter.

"I'm proud of our guys for their effort," Lunsford said. "They fight, they're resilient, I love them. They're my type of dudes, but we have to find a way to finish and unfortunately that's not what we're doing right now."

The resiliency was there as Monquavion Brinson took a blocked punt 77 yards to score, making it a two point game. The resiliency was there when Byrd returned the fumble for the core.

But the finishing was vacant. The fourth quarter final drive was plagued with missed defensive assignments, including a 3rd and 29 play that Morgan scrambled 21 yards on. The Golden Gophers converted the 4th and 8.

"We played our butts off

til the end and that's all we can ask for one another and my teammates," Byrd said. "Effort is good. Attitude is good. We just have to fix the little mistakes then we'll be something good."

The Eagles now head into a bye week before beginning Sun Belt play. They have a lot to look at with injuries and suspensions still in play.

And there's three very different performances from the GS offense while the defense has been fairly consistent.

Bob DeBesse's offense had just 198 yards of total offense and Tomlin accounted for 132 of those. He rushed for 57 yards, a touchdown and a fumble on 14 attempts, while going 5-for-9 through the air to pick up 75 yards.

"I'm disappointed in myself in the fumble I had," Tomlin said. "As a team we played tough."

Now, Lunsford and his team stare at a 1-2 record and face a 2-1 Louisiana team in Paulson Stadium in two weeks.

"We'll find out a lot about our team right now," Lunsford said. "These next two weeks will be tough. There's a dejected group in there, but like always you can't let a loss define you. You have to go on and play better the next time."

FASTBREAK

PAST WEEK

FOOTBALL

@ Minnesota, Sept. 14 L, 32-35

MEN'S SOCCER

Georgia Southern @ North Florida, Sept. 13 W, 2-1

WOMEN'S SOCCER

@ Georgia, Sept. 13 Canceled

Georgia Southern vs UAB, Sept. 15 L, 0-1

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

vs UNC Asheville, Sept. 13 W, 3-1

vs Southern Miss, Sept. 13 W, 3-0

vs Winthrop, Sept. 14 L, 0-3 @ North Florida, Sept. 17 L, 2-3

UPCOMING GAMES

MEN'S SOCCER

@ Stetson, Sept. 18 vs Campbell, Sept. 21

@ UAB, Sept. 24

WOMEN'S SOCCER

@ Coastal Carolina, Sept. 20 vs Little Rock, Sept. 22

VOLLEYBALL

Tennessee Classic vs North Dakota State, Sept. 20

@ Tennessee, Sept. 21 vs ETSU, Sept. 21

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RASHAD BYRD

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WHAT TWITTER SAID ABOUT GEORGIA SOUTHERN'S NEAR UPSET BID OF MINNESOTA



GS INVITATIONAL

BY AMANDA ARNOLD
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The Georgia Southern volleyball team went 2-1 in the Georgia Southern Invitational over their three game weekend, improving to 4-3 overall.

In the first game against UNC Asheville on Friday morning, GS was led by sophomore outside hitter Maddie Bryant who tallied 17 kills and 18 digs, a career-high.

The team fell in the first set but found an offensive rhythm to take the match 3-1.

On Friday night, GS swept Southern Miss with a strong defensive front, 3-0. The Eagles

held the lead for the majority of the game and hit a season-high .309. Sophomore setter Madison Brown notched 41 assists, while junior libero Landon Jones added 19 digs.

The game brought in a crowd of 520 people, which nearly matches the attendance for last year's rivalry game against Georgia State where GS won 3-1.

On Saturday, GS struggled behind a game full of inconsistency. After falling behind by two sets in the match, GS made an effort to take over the game in the third period but came up short.

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- 13 Helpful
- 14 Crannies' pals
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- 17 Raptor
- 18 French cheese
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- 22 Creates a picture
- 23 Position
- 25 Summer hrs. in D.C.
- 26 Walked
- 27 Holiday event
- 29 Horse trots
- 30 English river
- 31 Meager
- 33 Actor Kilmer
- 36 Store sections (Abbr.)
- 38 Kind of nut
- 39 Indian side dish
- 41 Compass pt.
- 42 Pressed
- 45 Operatic prince
- 46 Go-between
- 47 Appraisal
- 49 Daybed
- 51 Children's card game
- 52 Sign of the zodiac
- 53 Brick holder
- 54 Naval unit
- 56 Laziness
- 58 Carries on
- 61 Pipe joint
- 62 Flower holders?
- 63 Fancy tie
- 64 Miss the mark
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- 66 Motif

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- 11 À la ___
- 12 Small fry
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- 19 Life stories,
- 21 March date
- 23 Garden tool
- 24 Roof overhangs
- 26 *Beetle Bailey* character
- 28 Pantry pest
- 29 Scrawny
- 32 Duplicate
- 33 Close attention
- 34 Make reparations
- 35 Florida's Key ___
- 37 Warning signs
- 40 River islet
- 43 Feels remorse
- 44 Apothecary's weight
- 46 Camera position
- 48 Noah's landfall
- 49 Recluse
- 50 Command
- 51 Usurp, usually by force
- 53 Minute arachnid
- 54 Pinnacle
- 55 Short run
- 57 Fishing aid
- 59 Male cat
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