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Blake Williams, Co-EIC of the George Anne Daily

New Year, New Grub

By: Blake Williams

As Georgia Southern students, it is nice to see options other than our usual McDonald’s or Chic-Fil-A come to our small town. We celebrate the increase in restaurant choices around Statesboro. New restaurants help our local economy go around.

What’s new: Jim ‘N Nick’s will be the first of 6 new food joints coming to Statesboro this year. Scheduled to open next Wednesday according to Grice Connect. The restaurant will consist of drive-through, pick-up, and dine-in.

- The menu ranges from pulled pork, chicken tenders to burgers and catfish plates. The new Jim ‘N Nick’s restaurant will be the third in
our area. The other two locations are in Bluffton, S.C., and Pooler, GA.

**What’s next:** Later in the year, you can expect to see:

- **Texas Roadhouse** - Steakhouse with the usual shrimp, ribs, burgers and chicken choices.
- **Slim Chickens** - Tenders, salads, wraps, sandwiches and waffles.
- **Sully’s Steamers** - Bagel sandwiches.
- **Huey Magoo’s** - Tenders, sandwiches and salads.
- **Five Guys** - Burgers, hotdogs and milkshakes.

Be sure to check out the new restaurants coming to Statesboro in 2024.

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**We're so excited to be back #georgeanne**

By: Jordyn Mobley and Shaniya Anderson
Problems With The New FAFSA Design

By: John Wright

**What Is The FAFSA:** The Free Application For Federal Student Aid is an application for federal student aid such as federal grants, work-study funds and loans. With the FAFSA, students receive financial aid to four-year universities and trade schools. Many states also use your FAFSA information to determine your eligibility for state and school aid.

**Why it Matters:** The Department of Education (DOE) launched the newly redesigned FAFSA on Dec. 31, 2023. The DOE indicated they would first institute a soft-launch period. The soft-launch includes planned outages to maintain the site, allowing for updates creating a better user experience.

- Some of the benefits of the new model include “A better user experience for the FAFSA, expanded eligibility for federal student aid, and reduced barriers for certain student populations (e.g., homeless and unaccompanied youth, incarcerated students, English language learners, and students from low-income backgrounds),” according to the University of Denver.

- Already though, students and contributors are seeing issues with this new FAFSA model. According to U.S News and World Report, the new FAFSA model has seen multiple problems such as inaccurate displays of school names, multiple campuses showing in place of one school, and an inability of parents without Social Security numbers to contribute to the application.

**What now:** The federal deadline to submit the 2024–25 FAFSA form will be June 30, 2025. Students should voice any concerns regarding the new FAFSA updates by calling the Federal Student Aid information center at 1-800-433-3243.

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