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This Wednesday marks the first game day in the ‘Boro! Temps for the game in addition to the early part of the week look great. Fall weather will be here before you know it, so enjoy the 80s while they last.

CORRECTION

The article titled, “Investigation of rape and alcohol violation report at Eagle Village continues” published in the Sept. 26, 2017 edition contained inaccurate information attributed to The Statesboro Herald which that newspaper subsequently said was incorrect.

The Statesboro Herald said it had incorrectly quoted GS communications director Jennifer Wise as saying students had been charged with an alcohol violation.

A correction was also made by The George-Anne to rephrase the inaccurate statement of “many students”. Both corrections have been made in the online edition of the article.

The George-Anne regrets this mistake.

We asked our followers last week which coffee shop is the best around town, and these were the results.

The George-Anne
@TheGeorgeAnne

Happy #NationalCoffeeDay! What is your favorite coffee shop in Statesboro?

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**#WhereAtSouthern**

Where was this photo taken?

Go to @gsustudentmedia on Instagram or @SeenAtSouthern on Twitter every Tuesday to test your knowledge of our campus. Tweet us a selfie or send us your guess and check back in Thursdays issue to see if you were right, and you could be featured in Thursdays edition!
Opinions

WHY I’M HERE

My sister has always been my role model and I try my best to do things however she did. Unfortunately I didn’t take my grades as seriously as she did and it led to me having a harder time securing financial aid. Money has always been a large factor in my life and I felt it most prominently while applying to college, especially when I didn’t really have a plan for what I was going to do once in college.

80 percent of students in the United States end up changing their major at least once.

National Center for Education Statistics

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College was always an abstract goal for me. An idea that seemed too far off to fully accept as an option. I never understood how people knew what they wanted to do for the rest of their lives at such a young age, to cut off all other options and focus everything on one goal or outcome. I’m admirable, but at the same time terrifying.

People asked me months ago what my plans were after high school and I didn’t really have a true answer for them. Now people ask me why I’m going to college and what I plan to get a degree in and I honestly have no idea. I’m so sure about many things in my life, but when someone asks me something as simple as what do I want to study in school and I’m lost.

Both my parents went to college and my father spent long time getting his masters in extremely higher level mathematics, while this degree was very prestigious, it didn’t help much in getting a higher paying job to combat all of the debt. With the debt looming over my family I was fearful of pursuing college, but my sister was older than me and she made it through with significantly less debt than most people I knew.

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Charles is a undeclared freshman from Alpharetta, Ga.
The Crucible
A LOOK BEHIND THE CURTAIN

BY BRENDAN WARD
The George-Anne Staff

The Georgia Southern University department of music held a performance of Frank Ward's opera The Crucible last February.

The production cost a majority of the department's budget according to Arrika Gregory, director of GS' opera and a professor of voice at GS.

"The biggest budget item is always the set which must be sizable enough to not be dwarfed by the space," Gregory said. "Usually we rent from other companies and have them shipped which is extremely expensive. This year it worked out that [the theatre department] was able to build a set for us, which meant we only needed to pay for materials and labor."

WHAT IS THE CRUCIBLE?

The opera is based on the 1953 Arthur Miller play of the same name, that takes place during the Salem witch trials. The Crucible follows a group of young women, led by Abigail Williams as they accuse various residents of Salem of being witches. Abigail accuses the wife of the main character, John Proctor, out of jealousy. John is ultimately accused and is hanged.

The play was intended to serve as an allegory for McCarthy's hunt for communists in the 1950's, with the hunt for witches symbolising the United States' hunt for communists in the 1950s. Arthur Miller, was personally investigated for Communism, by the House Committee on Unamerican Activities during the Red Scare.

Georgia Southern performed an opera adaptation of the play written by Robert Ward. The opera originally premiered in 1961 at the New York City Opera and won a Pulitzer Prize for writing in 1962.

GS' PRODUCTION

Over 50 GS students worked on the production with 23 performers filling 21 roles, with two roles being doubled cast and having their parts split between two performers making up the cast, 28 comprising the orchestra and 11 students making up the crew.

For a typical production the cast would be entirely GS students, but the difficulty of The Crucible required that two outside singers be brought on, according to Gregory.

"The difficulty of [The Crucible] required that we cast two roles, Abigail [Williams] and [Judge] Danforth, with older singers," Gregory said. "Young voices are not often developed enough to safely perform these roles, especially the judge."

The role of Judge Danforth was performed by a guest tenor from the University of Delaware and Abigail Williams was played by GS faculty member Jillian Durant.

JILLIAN DURANT

In GS' production, the part of Abigail Williams was performed Jillian Durant, a GS alumna and faculty member.

Durant is a soprano who has been singing since her childhood. She received her bachelor's degree in 2012 and her master's degree in 2014, both from GS.

According to Durant, a lot goes into preparing for a leading role.

"Before you even start to rehearse with the music director and the rest of the cast you must learn your own part," Durant said.

Apart from The Crucible, Durant performed in Gianni Schicchi, Gallantry, and Into The Woods, as an undergraduate and Cosi fan tutte, The Devil and Daniel Webster, Pirates of Penzance, and Trouble in Tahiti, as a graduate student.

REHEARSAL

Rehearsal for The Crucible began in October 2016, which was earlier than usual according to Gregory.

"The cast began musical rehearsals for the February production in October,"

Gregory said. "It is highly unusual for our [Performing Arts Center] show to be so early, so we had to begin preparations in the prior semester."

The first rehearsals held focus primarily on the music. Performers rehearsed specific pages with the other cast members who also sing on those pages. These rehearsals focused on how the various parts fit together, so singers are expected to come already knowing their parts.

Interlaced with the musical rehearsals are cast meetings where the singers work on characterization.

The next step after the initial music rehearsals are blocking rehearsals. Blocking rehearsals focus on the singer's movement, gestures, timing and how all of that is impacted by characterization. During these rehearsals, the stage is marked off with tape that is the size of the props that will be used on stage, this allows the performers to get a feel for how the stage will be set up for performances.

Finally, rehearsals move into the venue where the production will be performed and the focus of the shifts to adjusting the material to fit the venue, such as acoustics, space and light cues. These rehearsals are also in costume and the orchestra is present.

COMING UP SHOWS

The next big performance for the GS opera is Mansfield Park on Oct. 20 and 21 at the Averitt Center in downtown Statesboro.

Mansfield Park is an opera written by John Dove that is based on the novel of the same name by Jane Austen.

A full list of upcoming shows can be found on the department of music's website under the calendar.
THEATER STUDENTS PREPARE FOR THEIR UPCOMING SHOWS

Lights, Camera, Action

Students from the Theatre and Performance Arts Program are in preparation of performing several student written and directed plays.

The theatre and performance program offers students the opportunity to direct, write and act out their own pieces.

Senior theatre major, Annaliyah Ferguson-Salin, feels the curriculum helps to mold potential, actors, directors, writers, etc., into professionals by giving hands on training.

“They [professors] are very hands-on, our professors pretty much lets us loose, obviously with some direction,” Ferguson-Salin said.

An Evolving Culture

The program has evolved over the years according to senior theatre major, and director of The Makeup Artist, Kathryn Burrell.

“It kind of comes in waves. when you get new groups of people in, they come in with new expectations and different ideas. It’s a very evolving culture,” Burrell said.

Professors from the program allow their students to put their own personality into the plays they create. Burrell was able to add her own strong feminine flare to her play The Makeup Artist, which is scheduled to open Oct. 13 in the Black Box theater of the arts building.

Another One

The Theater and Performance Arts program offers amateur directors and actors work experience to add to their resumes.

Acting and directing professor Lisa Abbott, says many of the professors come from a professional background.

“We try to maintain professional standards and professional quality expectations in rehearsals so we try to run them, as if they were working for a regional theater company,” Abbott said.

Abbott says the key to being an effective actor is learning to integrate your mind, your voice and your body.

Faculty from the program refer to the Main stage productions as their “laboratories”. Essentially the main stage is where many of the students receive their hands on training.

Theater South

The theater and Performance Arts program gives its students the ability to explore all avenues of the theater world.

“Actors are required to go into the shop, which means they help the shop people build the set. You also can volunteer to help in the costume shop. They give you all these avenues to not just act,” Ferguson-Salin said.

Theater South is a student organization that accepts members from different majors. The group offers workshops to help sharpen your auditioning and acting skills.

We’re Looking for a... Photo Booth Manager

• Book clients
• Manage events
• Make money

E-mail resume to: sreid@georgiasouthern.edu
MONDAY, OCT. 9:

Banner Competition
(by the Office of Student Activities)
Student organizations design theme-related banners that will hang on the Pedestrium through the week of Homecoming.

Paint the Campus Blue
(by the Office of Student Activities)
Campus departments design theme-related displays on their windows and/or doors to compete for spirit points.

Biggest Fan on Campus Tailgate
(by the Office of Student Activities)
11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Russell Union Rotunda
Student organizations can set up tailgates and enjoy games, music and a Biggest Fan on Campus competition!

True Blue BBQ
(by the Office of Student Activities)
11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Russell Union Rotunda
Who has the best BBQ chicken on campus? Student organizations can set up grills at their tailgates and compete to win over our expert judges. Organizations must register to participate. Who will be crowned?

Penny Wars
(by Fraternity & Sorority Life)
11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Russell Union Rotunda
Students will raise money throughout Homecoming Week and donate the designated time. Money will be collected at the designated time.

T-Shirt Swap
(by the University Programming Board)
11 a.m. at Russell Union Rotunda
Students can exchange non-Georgia Southern University collegiate apparel for a brand new, Georgia Southern Homecoming t-shirt. Don’t have a collegiate t-shirt to swap? Simply pay $2 and bring any other t-shirt and you can own one. Remember to bring your Eagle ID. Only 175 t-shirts available per day. Be sure to get there early!

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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11:

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(by Fraternity & Sorority Life)
11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Russell Union Rotunda
Students will raise money throughout Homecoming Week in support of the services and programming of the 39 fraternity and sorority chapters at Georgia Southern University. Money will be collected at the designated time.

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Royalty Candidate Voting
(by the Office of Student Activities)
Be sure to vote for your favorite King, Queen, Duke and Duchess candidates. Voting will be on MyInvolvement starting at 8 a.m. and ending on Thursday, 12 at 2 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 12:

Penny Wars
(by Fraternity & Sorority Life)
11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Russell Union Rotunda
Students will raise money throughout Homecoming Week in support of Eagles for Eagles. There will be a twist each day. Money will be collected at the designated time.

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Comedy Show
(by the University Programming Board)
7 p.m. at Hanner Fieldhouse. Doors open at 6 p.m.
Prepare to laugh your feathers off! The University Programming Board is excited to bring you this exciting comedy show! Comics: Darren Brand, Chico Bean, Rip Michaels and Katsuo Miller of MTV’s Wild N’ Out. Remember to bring your Eagle ID.

Friday, Oct. 13:

Homecoming Parade
(by the Office of Student Activities)
4 p.m. from College of Education (Lot #4) to Sweetheart Circle
Student organizations, campus departments, and members of the community enter parade floats, Kray Kars, and characters in a spirit-filled parade. Parade Begins at Sweetheart Circle at approximately 4:15 p.m.

5 p.m. at Sweetheart Circle
Join us on Sweetheart Circle as we wrap-up a Totally 90s week. Enjoy free food and activities for everyone! We’ll have a few special performers and an award ceremony for all of the Homecoming events that occurred during the week. Come and see who will be crowned Duke/Duchess and who made King/Queen Court! Celebration is a Georgia Southern tradition, you don’t want to miss!

SATURDAY, OCT. 14:

TRUE BLUE 5K/10K RACE
(by Campus Recreation & Intramurals)
8 a.m. at the Recreation Activities Center (RAC)
Students and community members can stay active and participate in this year True Blue 5K/10K all while supporting their Georgia Southern University colors and apparel. Visit georgiasouthern.edu for registration information.

Crowning of Homecoming King and Queen
(by the Office of Student Activities)
Half-Time at Paulson Stadium
Two students, nominated by their organization and voted for by their peers, will be crowned the 2017 Homecoming King and Queen!

If you need accommodations related to access, please contact the University Programming Board at UPB@georgiasouthern.edu or by phone at 912-478-2603 at least two weeks prior to the event.

TODAY’S CELEBRATIONS:

October 9-14 | GS Eagles vs. New Mexico State
GeorgiaSouthern.edu/Homecoming

Totally 90’s

TUESDAY, OCT. 10:

Penny Wars
(by Fraternity & Sorority Life)
11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Russell Union Rotunda
Students will raise money throughout Homecoming Week to support the new Georgia Southern University Tailgates and Events. One penny per tailgate campus wide. Be sure to get there early!

October /nine.lining/hyphen.up/one.lining/four.lining | GS Eagles vs. New Mexico State
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ALSO PROUD TO PARTNER WITH:
GS FACULTY MEMBERS WEIGH IN ON REVISED ACADEMIC CALENDAR

BY BRETT DANIEL

Georgia Southern University faculty members Brandi Moody and Tyson Davis said they’re satisfied with the administration’s recent revision to the academic calendar, which adds another five days of classes in December, among other changes.

DAVIS: ‘REALLY, WHAT’S THE BIG DEAL?’

Davis, multimedia film and production professor, said he doesn’t have a problem with the revision.

“I honestly don’t see where regular school continuing through finals week makes any big difference,” Davis said. “I mean, we are here, anyway. You can call it finals week, but we are still here working and studying and spending two hours in each class.”

Davis added that he doesn’t see the extension of classes as a punishment by administration and said the revision was necessary due to accreditation requirements. Davis also referenced the length of summer classes to support his reasoning.

“Quite frankly, if we can fit regular semester classes into four-and-a-half weeks during the summer, I just don’t see it being a big problem not having the regular final exam time over four days of a 16-week semester, in lieu of just continuing classes,” Davis said. Overall, Davis said he’s satisfied with the revision.

“I don’t think there are many options and it seems to me to be the most logical,” Davis said. “I think the plan implemented by administration made and makes the most sense.”

SUGGESTION OF SATURDAY CLASSES

Moody, a writing professor, suggested a slight tweak to the revision, an idea that probably would have resulted in contention from some in the university community: Saturday classes.

“It might not be a popular idea,” Moody said. “But if we could have managed it, that might have eaten less into time both instructors and students need during finals week.”

Overall, Moody said she’s satisfied with the revision, even though it means the last week of classes will be more hectic as a result.

STUDENTS: ‘IT IS WHAT IT IS’

Students offered their thoughts on the revision and most adopted a realistic attitude about the matter.

“It’s a bummer, but they had to do what they had to do,” Hailey Oblitey, freshman fashion merchandising major said.

“It makes sense, but I don’t have harsh feelings,” Logan Gornik, sophomore nursing major, said.

“It’s less time with my family, but I don’t have harsh feelings,” Joe Guilbaud, senior marketing major, said.

Osajee Glenn, freshman interior design major, however, said she isn’t very pleased with the revision.

“I’m disappointed,” Glenn said. “I wanted to go home and on vacation earlier.”

For more information regarding the changed Fall 2017 academic schedule please go to http://em.georgiasouthern.edu/registrar/resources/calendars/.

FAMOUS ANIMATOR JIM JINKINS TO GIVE LECTURE AT GEORGIA SOUTHERN

BY BRETT DANIEL

Jim Jinkins, animator and creator of the popular ‘90s animated TV series "Doug," will give an artist talk on Thursday, Oct. 5 at 5 p.m. in room 2071 of the Arts Building.

Jinkins will discuss his work in the field of animation, which in addition to "Doug" includes hit cartoon series such as "Stanley," "PB& J Otter," "Jojo’s Circus" and "Pinky Dinky Doo."

"Whether a student is an artist or not, hearing Jim speak about his career and experiences is beneficial to all," said Derek Larson, associate professor of studio, animation, video and new media design.

“He’s a great, original storyteller who created some of the most iconic characters from the ‘90s. The talk will last for about an hour and students will be able to ask Jinkins questions at the end, said Larson. In addition, animation students will be able to show Jinkins their own artwork.

Larson said it’s important that his students receive firsthand experience with professionals and hopes Jinkins’ talk will encourage students to think about their own careers.

He said, “Feedback from professionals like Jim is what every artist needs.”
GS GAME DAY PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

BY NOELLE WALKER
The George-Anne Staff
Georgia Southern

University’s first home game on Wednesday, Oct. 4 will lead to closure of parking spaces and changes in routes of bus transportation according to GS Parking and Transportation.

Parking Lot Closures
The Erk Russell Park parking lot that surrounds Paulson Stadium and Eagle Field will allow parking until 12 p.m., according to GS Parking and Transportation. Vehicles must be removed by 2 p.m. or face towing charges.

Parking at the RAC will also be closed to students, faculty and staff at 12 p.m. All vehicles must be removed from the RAC parking lot by 3:30 p.m. or face towing charges.

Bus Transportation
The RAC bus stop location will be moved to Akins Blvd. at 1 p.m. and will only stop after making a full route into campus.

All other bus routes will run their regular scheduled times however, The Gold Route will have an increased amount of buses running after 5 p.m. to accommodate game day crowds. The route will also run one additional hour after the game ends.

Parking on Campus
At 12 p.m., students and staff will be allowed to park anywhere on campus, besides RAC and Stadium. Parking will be on a first come, first served basis without the risk of receiving a parking citation. Spaces in of the Performing Arts Center as well as those in Hanner lots will also be available for use.

The university will still enforce safety violations and asks drivers to avoid parking in game day areas, Health Services patient parking, fire lanes, handicap spaces, sidewalks and reserved parking spaces.

The university warns drivers to expect major delays and for residents of university housing to keep cars parked at the residence halls.

REGISTRATION CLOSES TODAY!

Register at cri.gs/IM_Register
EAGLES TO BEGIN CONFERENCE PLAY ON HOME FIELD AGAINST ARKANSAS STATE

SCOUTING THE RED WOLVES

Head coach Blake Anderson, in his fourth season at Arkansas State, has led his teams to the Sun Belt title in each of the last two seasons.

So far this year, the Red Wolves have been a very dominating defensive team but have allowed opponents to score over 40 points in two of their first three games.

At quarterback, redshirt junior Justice Hansen has been spreading the ball around to his impartial jury of receivers impressively so far, completing 68.8 percent of his passes with 10 touchdowns and only two interceptions through three games.

Six ASU receivers have amassed over 100 total yards receiving this season, but none has cracked the 200-yard mark, which shows Hansen’s ability to find the open man, no matter who that may be.

“We feel really good particularly when we’re healthy in our secondary, we feel like that’s one of the strengths of our entire football team,” GS head coach Tyson Summers said in a press conference last week.

Summers added that Arkansas State runs a lot of short routes, so he said the number of catches doesn’t necessarily speak to how dangerous the ASU passing attack is.

“A high number of those are screens, so it’s not as much about how many catches they’ve got in my opinion as it is about how many yards they’ve got off of those catches,” Summers said.

ASU Junior tailback Warren Wand is only 5 feet 5 inches tall, but he was Second Team All-Sun Belt Conference last season. He can be hard to find behind the ASU offensive line and hard to tackle with his low center of gravity.

On defense, the Red Wolves allowed 44 points to SMU and 48 to Nebraska, but they have talent.

Last season, senior defensive end Ja’Von Rolland-Jones was just the second defensive player ever to be named Sun Belt Player of the Year.

He was fifth in the nation in sacks, but he has yet to get going this season.

“He [ASU defensive coordinator Buster Faulkner] usually plays with a very dominating defensive front,” Summers said. “He’s got two guys on his defensive line this year that jump out at you, as good as anybody in the country.”

GS running back gets a hand-off during practice.
The Eagles have a total of 687 yards in this season.

SCOUTING THE EAGLES

Wednesday night can’t come soon enough for this Georgia Southern football team who has had just as many off-field distractions as on the field action.

We prefaced this before the game against New Hampshire but that ended up being six hours away in Alabama, not the “Prettiest Little Stadium in America”. This game will be the official home opener, a game GSU hasn’t lost since 2006 to kick off the worst season in program history.

Since the transition to FBS, the Eagles have gone 3-0 in Sun Belt openers outsourcing opponents 96-35. Coming home finally should get rid of the hostile environments this team has had to deal with both in Auburn and Bloomington.

It’s hard to guarantee there won’t be some hostility towards this team and coaching staff, but it won’t even be on the same level as it was in Jordan-Hare a month ago.

Arkansas State is bringing five different big playmaking receivers Wednesday night and that means the GS secondary has to play lights out.

Summers is aware of this and attributes to the corner position, saying “you’ve gotta be somebody that can play and whether a big play or a big play happens on you, you’ve gotta put it behind you.”

So far, the secondary has been adequate. They’re only allowing 166 passing yards a game, but they’ve played three teams that are heavy run teams, and those teams have been able to run all over the Eagles defense.

GS is allowing nearly 260 yards of rushing per game.

Sophomore linebacker Todd Bradley and redshirt junior safety RJ Murray have been the backbone of this defense with 17 tackles each. The defensive line, other than Logan Hunt, needs to step up and be a force for the running game against a passing offense like Arkansas State’s.

As a redshirt freshman, he was expected that there would be some growing pains for starting quarterback Shai Werts.

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Last season, senior defensive end Ja’Von Rolland-Jones was just the second defensive player ever to be named Sun Belt Player of the Year.

He was fifth in the nation in sacks, but he has yet to get going this season.

“He [ASU defensive coordinator Buster Faulkner] usually plays with a very dominating defensive front,” Summers said. “He’s got two guys on his defensive line this year that jump out at you, as good as anybody in the country.”

GS running back gets a hand-off during practice.
The Eagles have a total of 687 yards in this season.

SCOUTING THE EAGLES

Wednesday night can’t come soon enough for this Georgia Southern football team who has had just as many off-field distractions as on the field action.

We prefaced this before the game against New Hampshire but that ended up being six hours away in Alabama, not the “Prettiest Little Stadium in America”. This game will be the official home opener, a game GSU hasn’t lost since 2006 to kick off the worst season in program history.

Since the transition to FBS, the Eagles have gone 3-0 in Sun Belt openers outsourcing opponents 96-35. Coming home finally should get rid of the hostile environments this team has had to deal with both in Auburn and Bloomington.

It’s hard to guarantee there won’t be some hostility towards this team and coaching staff, but it won’t even be on the same level as it was in Jordan-Hare a month ago.

Arkansas State is bringing five different big playmaking receivers Wednesday night and that means the GS secondary has to play lights out.

Summers is aware of this and attributes to the corner position, saying “you’ve gotta be somebody that can play and whether a big play or a big play happens on you, you’ve gotta put it behind you.”

So far, the secondary has been adequate. They’re only allowing 166 passing yards a game, but they’ve played three teams that are heavy run teams, and those teams have been able to run all over the Eagles defense.

GS is allowing nearly 260 yards of rushing per game.

Sophomore linebacker Todd Bradley and redshirt junior safety RJ Murray have been the backbone of this defense with 17 tackles each. The defensive line, other than Logan Hunt, needs to step up and be a force for the running game against a passing offense like Arkansas State’s.

As a redshirt freshman, he was expected that there would be some growing pains for starting quarterback Shai Werts.

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