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**Weather Bar**

A great weekend is up ahead in the forecast. Nothing but sun, sun, sun until Sunday, when it’ll rain, rain, rain.

**Thursday**
- High: 83º
- Low: 59º
- 10 percent chance of rain

**Friday**
- High: 84º
- Low: 60º
- 10 percent chance of rain

**Saturday**
- High: 82º
- Low: 64º
- 0 percent chance of rain

**Sunday**
- High: 74º
- Low: 63º
- 70 percent chance of rain

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**Totally 80’s**

October 9-14 | GS Eagles vs. New Mexico State
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**2017 DOO-DAH DANCE & STEP SHOW**

Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m.
Hanner Fieldhouse

**TICKETS ARE $1**

Tickets can be purchased from Oct. 3 - 6 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Russell Union Rotunda or 2:30 - 5 p.m. in the Office of Student Activities (Williams Center).

Tickets will be available as scheduled, until sold out. Tickets will NOT be sold day of or at the door unless we do not sell out the week before. Limit 2 tickets per Eagle ID.

MUST HAVE EAGLE ID, NO EXCEPTIONS

If you need accommodations related to access, please contact the University Programming Board at UPB@georgiasouthern.edu or by phone at 912-478-2605 at least two weeks prior to the event.

**Step it up!**

Tomorrow is the last day to buy tickets to Doo-Dah!

Tickets are just $1 and can be purchased from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Russell Union Patio (left of the Rotunda) and from 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Office of Student Activities (on the 2nd floor of the Williams Center).

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Find the full calendar of events at http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/homecoming/ and contact UPB@georgiasouthern.edu for more information.

If you guessed the Greenhouse by the Williams Center, you were right!

Keep checking @gsstudentmedia on Instagram or @SeenAtSouthern on Twitter every Tuesday for new puzzles. Guess correctly and you could be featured in the paper!
ALBANI BERRYHILL
Berryhill is a freshman communication arts major from Villa Rica, Ga.

Irina was just an unplanned, but well-needed, vacation that allowed me to go home and have extra time to “study” for my exams. While everyone else was losing power and having traumatic experiences, I received nothing but heavy rains and extra sleep. However, although I was not physically affected by Hurricane Irma, I did experience strong emotional scares and anxiety, specifically for my best friend Angelina. Angelina is Puerto Rican and moved back to San Juan, Puerto Rico the summer before college. When I first heard about Irma I was not worried about me or Statesboro because all I could focus on was my best friend stuck on that tiny island. Angelina is no stranger to hurricanes, so she told me not to worry and that she would be safe. Unfortunately, I am an extremely worrisome person, so no matter how many times she told me she would be alright, I would not believe her until the moment Irma officially ran her course.

I kept checking every news website for updates, blowing up her phone, and posting “prayers for mi mija (a nickname and spanish term we always call each other) down in Puerto Rico” on my social media. The whole time she would let us—me and our best friend D’asia—know that she was alright, and would charge her phone using a generator. We kept sending encouraging messages followed by the black heart emoji, which for some odd reason is super special to her and significantly more important than the red heart emoji, for reassurance. She could feel our love for her and was touched. Fortunately, Angelina and her family made it safely through hurricane Irma.

As we know, the Earth is extremely hormonal right now, and there’s a new hurricane, earthquake or some other natural disaster happening every other day. Right after surviving Hurricane Irma, Hurricane Maria came to annihilate Puerto Rico. Right before Maria hit, Angelina told us that she would be alright and that they have been preparing for this hurricane, but she was scared.

This was that last time I communicated with Angelina. I have not been able to get in contact with her since then and probably will not hear from her for weeks or months. Luckily, her mom told me that she was fine; however, it is stressful not being able to communicate with your best friend or hear her personally say she is fine. Puerto Rico is basically destroyed right now and they will not have power for quite some time. All I can do is pray and do whatever I can to help.

I share sympathy and sorrow to all the victims of Irma, Maria and the multiple other natural disasters. My heart goes out to you. Lord knows I am worried and miss my best friend, and I do not know when I will hear from her again. Until then… I will continue to send love and “prayers to mi mija down in Puerto Rico.”

ALBANI BERRYHILL
Freshman communication arts major

185 MILES PER HOUR
THE TOP SPEED OF IRMA’S WINDS. FASTER THAN HURRICANE ANDREW’S AND KATRINA TOPS SPEEDS AT 175 AND 174 RESPECTIVELY.
Jordan Tejeda, owner, prepares a pizza before putting it into the rotating oven. According to Tejeda, having a rotating oven allows the pizza to be cooked “100 percent consistent cooking.”

Tejeda cuts the pizza into pieces after it has been taken out of the oven. Generally, the pizzas take less than ten minutes to be ready from preparation to cooking.
It was during his time working at a Mexican restaurant in Augusta that Jordan Tejeda finally realized what he wanted to do in the food industry. He had been working as a server for many years before deciding to take the next step, owning his own restaurant.

“I worked with some people there that had been working there for 10 years and I would ask them ‘There is nothing wrong with serving, but don’t you want to be a manager or eventually own your own place?’” Tejeda said. “They were completely content with just their own place, so I just worked so long in restaurants, I decided, ‘well I know I want serving, but don’t you want to be a manager or eventually own your own restaurant?’”

His dream of owning a restaurant became true on Aug. 2017 when Nonna Picci Southern Woodfire Pizza officially opened in Statesboro. Although Tejeda, chef and owner at Nonna Picci, wasn’t convinced about pizza when the business first was proposed to him, considering he had a background in fine dining, he quickly developed a love and appreciation for pizza.

“At first, I was a little off put by pizza. I mean, who doesn’t love pizza? But coming from a background of fine dining I wanted something a little bit more spectacular,” Tejeda said. “The more I started studying and working with dough, I realized that the crust of pizza is really just a vessel for any opportunity. If you want Asian cuisine, you can make Asian pizza. It’s just like a plate. I look at pizza crust as a plate.”

**A DIFFERENT TYPE OF PIZZA**

Although Tejeda recognizes there are already a lot of pizza places in Statesboro that people enjoying eating at, he believes the pizza at Nonna Picci is different and unique.

Cooked under specific temperatures in a woodfire oven that has a rotating stone inside, something uncommon in the business according to Tejeda, makes the pizza experience at Nonna Picci unique. Tejeda understands that Chicago, New York and San Francisco are considered the “pizza capitals of the country,” but feels his pizza can compete with any of them because of the water used at Nonna Picci.

“The reason why those pizza places are so good in Chicago and New York is because their water is so great. We import our water from a natural spring just outside of Washington D.C., so there is no difference,” Tejeda said. “We have had several people from Chicago and, specially, New York come in and say they can’t tell the difference between the best places in

New York and here, which is very lifting of our spirits because that is everything we have worked for.”

The decision to cook using woodfire was made early in the process once Tejeda was on board on the project. The rotating stone is just a bonus that makes the cooking easier and more precise for customers to enjoy. A pizza is cooked and ready to be served in two minutes because of the rotating stone and the 650 to 700 degree temperature that the pizza is cooked, according to Tejeda.

**CHOOSING A LOCATION**

They choose Statesboro once they came across a location at 807 S. Main Street, which they considered “a unicorn property.” The location used to be a Nissan car dealership, the showroom of the dealership became the restaurant and the warehouse behind the showroom they hope to make into a full-scale bar in the future.

Tejeda tosses pizza dough up in the air as it’s being prepared. Although he wasn’t passionate about pizza before, he quickly fell in love with the art and now enjoys cooking them.

“Although the location is not considered part of the Blue Mile, a project to revives downtown Statesboro, Tejeda is happy with the location and the space available with the property they currently have.
Loyal customers

Creating a loyal clientele that comes into Nonna Picci often has been one of Tejeda’s biggest surprises. “My biggest surprise, which is an amazing surprise, is our percentage of repeat customers,” Tejeda said. “We have so many people that come more than three or four times a week, and to me, that is the most surprising thing.”

Michael Braz, a GS emeritus professor of music, is one of those customers who comes in five to six times a week to enjoy his mushroom pizza. Braz decided to come in to Nonna Picci the first time because “it was on the way home,” and hasn’t regretted it ever since. Braz feels it’s important to support local businesses like Nonna Picci.

“For me, it’s about the community. We have the national chains already. There is a whole program that urges people to spend like $50 a month supporting local merchants and things like [Nonna Picci] and I try to do more than that,” Braz said. “It’s a great way of knowing the people who are building, who are kind of contributing to the community too.”

For Tejeda, the biggest reward is being able to see the customers enjoying the pizza. “I designed the kitchen, all of the decisions and I was like, I want them to feel it’s their kitchen and they are cooking the pizza with us.”

Looking ahead

The restaurant has only been open for a month with some success, but once the Statesboro location is “up and running 100 percent,” Tejeda hopes to expand and move to the next restaurant, hopefully in Savannah.

For anyone who hasn’t had a chance to go to Nonna Picci, Braz and Tejeda encourage potential customers to come out and try a unique style of pizza.
The performance of the football team during the 2017 season has resulted in a lot of fans asking for the dismissal of Athletic Director Tom Kleinlein and Head Football Coach Tyson Summers. As reported by Underdog Dynasty, alumni and donors have sent emails to President Jaimie Hebert threatening to pull donations to the football and athletic programs if changes are not made.

In an interview with The George-Anne on Wednesday, Hebert said he was concerned about the possibility of donors and alumni pulling donations because of the impact it could have on the university as a whole.

“Anything that impacts the university is concerning to me. We work on a regular basis, on a daily basis to try to diminish any factors that may have negative impact on the institution,” Hebert said.

TOM KLEINLEIN

One of the reasons why Hebert has been supportive of Tom Kleinlein and no change can be expected in the near future, considering Kleinlein just signed a new four year extension this summer, is because Kleinlein has meet all the goals Hebert set for him when Hebert became president.

“The things that I described earlier. Increased GPAs, increase APR, much better standing fiscally. Those were the major objectives I gave Tom Kleinlein when I first became president here. The Athletic department, not just Tom, but everyone that works with him, really did well to hit those objectives,” Hebert said. “Those things, solid academics, solid finances are the critical foundations to build a program that can be successful long term. This administration has done a fine job building that foundation.”

Hebert listed the GPA for the athletic is over 3.0, the Academic Progress Rate (APR) increasing as an institution and the fiscal position of the athletic department as good things the department has accomplish under the leadership of Kleinlein.

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PERFORMANCE OF THE TEAM

Hebert wasn’t concerned about the performance of the football team and felt confident that the team will turn it around.

“It’s early in the season. It’s very early in the season. [Wednesday] we begin conference play and I’m confident in our student-athletes,” Hebert said.

KLEINLEIN AND SUMMERS’ JOB SECURITY

When asked if he has taken the possibility of dismissing Summers or Kleinlein into consideration, Hebert quickly dismissed the questions.

“I won’t discuss personnel matters,” Hebert said.

The Eagles have started the 2017 season 0-3 for the first time since 1994. During Hebert’s and Summers’ time at Georgia Southern, the team has had a record of 5-10.
BY GEORGE ANDERSON  

The Georgia Southern University Public Safety is currently in the process of investigating multiple thefts on campus and offers ways to prevent thefts from occurring.

Laptops, cell phones, iPads, books and book bags are just some of the items that have been reported stolen according to GS PD Facebook page.

“Most thefts at the RAC occur due to people leaving valuables in insecure areas,” GS Police Chief Laura McCullough said in an email.

There has been an increase in thefts with 26 reported in 2017 compared to 19 in 2016, according to McCullough.

America Minc, campus recreation and intramural director, said that the thefts occurring on campus could and should be avoided.

“This is a behavior issue in terms of the patron, not the people who are stealing,” Minc said, “You wouldn’t go to Walmart and leave a cell phone in a cart unattended, why would you do it here?”

AVOIDING THEFT

Terry Briley, GS PD captain, recently sent out an email regarding the thefts and including a list of ways to avoid theft.

“Never leave your items unattended for even the shortest amount of time. Even if you think you are close enough to keep an eye on them,” Briley said in an email. Briley also provides the following tips:

While in class, the library, or the lab, always keeps personal belongings in view.

When using restrooms, do not leave your valuables unattended.

Try not to bring valuables with you or minimize the amount of valuables you carry.

Students should report cases of theft to the campus police at 912-478-5234.

FAFSA APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS

BY GEORGE ANDERSON

The 2018-2019 Free Application for Financial Student Aid (FAFSA) application is now available to students, according to an email sent out by the financial aid office.

This year, the financial aid office and students had problems with financial aid, which was addressed at the State of the University by Amy Ballagh, vice president of student affairs and enrollment management.

“This is why it is so important for you to apply for financial aid as soon as the application is available and to quickly respond to financial aid when additional information is requested,” Ballagh said.

The application became available Oct. 1, and the priority date is Feb. 1, 2018. According to the financial aid office, it is important to apply by the priority date because “funds are limited for some campus need-based financial aid”.

For more help on the FAFSA process, visit studentaid.ed.gov.

PRIORITY DATE:  
FEB. 8, 2018

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3. Georgia Southern University’s school code for the FAFSA is 001572.
4. The priority date for the 2018/2019 FAFSA is Feb. 1, 2018. It is important to apply by the priority date because funds are limited for some campus need-based financial aid.
5. Avoid the long lines next summer! Reapply early!

If you have questions, contact our office of 912-478-5413 or email the Financial Aid Counselor at finaid@georgiasouthern.edu

Office of Student Activities & The University Programming Board

We invite you to participate in Weeks of Welcome ( WOW) events to prepare you for success during your time on campus. WOW is a jam-packed 6 weeks of events and activities to assist first-year, transfer and returning students in making new friends and getting involved on campus. You don’t want to miss out! The more events you attend the greater your chance to win prizes! For a complete list of events and activities.Contact Information: OSA@ Georgiasouthern.edu

UPB Presents: Homecoming 2017

Monday, October 9th – Saturday, October 14th

The University Programming Board and the Office of Student Activities is excited to announce the 2017 Homecoming theme: GA Southern: Totally 90’s Homecoming week at Georgia Southern University is an experience and tradition the students have looked forward to for decades. The Spirit & Traditions committee brings organizations together on campus to enjoy the tradition of homecoming through spirited events and memorable moments. The week consists of nonstop events and events on campus, along with the parade and celebration at the end of the week, and the crowning of king and queen during halftime at the football game on Thursday. Working for months on end, they facilitate all of the events and partner with countless others to guarantee an unforgettable homecoming for alumni, students, and the surrounding community. Contact Information: UPB@GeorgiaSouthern.edu

Office of Leadership and Community Engagement

Georgia Southern National Day of Service, Sunday October 7, 2017

Join Georgia Southern Alumni and Students as we give back to our local communities on Sunday, October 7, 2017 Sign up to see projects in your local area! Questions can be directed to Rachel Miller at rachelmiller@georgiasouthern.edu

Multicultural Student Center

Pride Power

Multicultural Student Center and Gay-Straight Alliance presents Pride Power in the Russell Union Ballroom on Thursday, October 12, 2017 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact the Multicultural Student Center at (912) 478-5410

Hispanic Heritage Month Symposium

The Multicultural Student Center will host a Symposium to discuss various topics such as US-Cuban Relations and the Evolution and Culture of Spanish language. This event will be from Noon – 2 p.m. in Russell Union 2080. For more information please contact the Multicultural Student Center at 912-478-5409

YOUR STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES AT WORK

The Weekly Buzz is sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.
GS junior Ansley Bowman follows through on a drive. Bowman tied for 34th at the Jacksonville Classic.
The George-Anne 10/5/17 Crossword

Across
1 Long suit
6 Canyon effect
10 Rainbow goddess
14 Part of MGM
15 Tooth part
16 Lymph bump
17 Not together
18 Oversupply
19 Bubbly drink
20 Trig function
21 Stargazer
22 Hindu ascetic
23 Square dance
24 Kind of alert
25 Kind of wave
26 Formerly, once
27 Speech pattern
28 Direction at sea
29 Noted traitor
30 Formerly, once
31 Kind of alert
32 Speech pattern
33 Exude
34 Pueblo dweller
35 Heavenly glow
36 Heavenly glow
37 Place to put the feet up
38 Place to put the feet up
39 Place to put the feet up
40 Heavenly body
41 Cookie containers
42 Cookie containers
43 Kind of wave
44 Kind of wave
45 Make more candy
46 Make more precise
47 Make more precise
48 Salon supplies
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61 Direction at sea
62 Pueblo dweller
63 Embalde
64 Speech pattern
65 Did seed
66 Horror film staple
67 Square dance
68 Say it ain’t so
69 Trade punches
70 Pincer

Down
1 Accrue
2 Old photo color
3 Abide
4 Flubbed
5 Preschooler
6 Units of work
7 Farm newborn
8 Store sign
9 Place to put the feet up
10 Disguised
11 Trade punches
12 Inactive
13 Scorch
21 Heavenly glow
22 ’easter
24 Witch’s work
27 Put in the hold
28 Out of gas
30 Assortment
31 Washday problem
32 Short run
33 Rhine tributary
34 Fencing sword
35 Vegetate
36 Way back when
37 Follow orders
40 Make more candy
41 Make more candy
42 Make more candy
45 Recipe amt.
47 Mother Teresa, for one
49 Mariner’s
50 Afternoon affairs
51 Afternoon affairs
52 Dry out
53 Gladden
54 Staircase post
55 Mississippi
56 Spawning fish
57 Traffic marker
58 Dentist’s directive
59 Poet Pound
60 Suggestive look
61 Disney dwarf
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NEWSPAPER DRESSMAKING COMPETITION
NOW ACCEPTING TEAM APPLICATIONS!

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Submit team member names, all contact info and any questions you have to smmarketing@georgiasouthern.edu

Team submission deadline: October 9th

EVENT DETAILS
THURSDAY | OCTOBER 19, 2017
Dressmaking 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Fashion Show 7:30 p.m.
William’s Center Multipurpose Room