SGA suspends quorum at final spring meeting
More than $6,000 in spending OK'd; action raises questions

Shannon STUART • guest writer

When the final Student Government Association meeting occurred on Wednesday, April 14, it created mixed feelings not only between executives and senators but also among the student body.

For the second consecutive week, SGA was unable to meet quorum, the two-thirds majority which is required in order for SGA to carry out certain functions, such as voting. When quorum is not met and SGA has exhausted all avenues in which to reach quorum, a motion can be made to call for quorum. If this motion is made, the meeting is essentially over. However, if a motion for quorum is not made, a motion can be made to suspend quorum; members present

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Report: Student attacked at The Pointe at Southern

A Georgia Southern student reported that he was attacked and robbed when leaving an apartment at The Pointe at Southern around 6 a.m. Tuesday.

The student reported to police that as he was walking to his car, a black man approached him and began to choke him until he passed out. No weapons were used in the attack.

In a campus alert posted at My.GeorgiaSouthern, the student's glasses were broken and cell phone stolen.

The student went to East Georgia Regional Medical Center for treatment.

Any information about this crime: Contact the Statesboro Police Department at 912-764-9911.

Compiled by staff

Above: City councilmen Travis Chance, Gary Lewis, City Manager Shane Haynes, Mayor Joe Brannen and city councilmen John Riggs, Tommy Bitch and Will Britt take center stage in the Nessmith-Lane Building on Tuesday at the first city council meeting to take place outside of chambers. Below: Students fill the auditorium at the historic event.

Derek JOYCE • staff writer

On Tuesday, the Statesboro City Council had their first meeting outside of their city hall chambers in the Nessmith-Lane Building. Statesboro Mayor Joe Brannen said, “We are looking at this as historical. We had a good crowd, and we were happy to be here.”

The council is hoping that by increasing involvement at council meetings, it will increase involvement of the students with city politics and the Statesboro community.

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USG approves new program

Submitted to the George-Anne

The University System of Georgia's Board of Regents approved a new online Master of Science in Computer Science degree at Georgia Southern.

“The online Master of Science in Computer Science degree program is another example of how Georgia Southern's College of Information Technology is leading the way in preparing professionals for a future in a field that touches every aspect of our lives,” said GSU President Brooks Keel.

The program is the latest addition to GSU's growing list of 100 percent online programs. The university's online programs are particularly attractive for individuals who need more flexibility in order to complete a degree and may not be able to travel to the main campus.

“A student's distance from Georgia Southern, or the obligations of a demanding career, used to stand in the way of many professionals pursuing degrees,” said Gary Means, provost and vice president for academic affairs at Georgia Southern University.

The online Master of Science in Computer Science degree is the first graduate degree to be offered by COST, which was founded in 2003. Since that time, the college has quickly positioned itself as a leader in information technology higher education.

Crawl, walk or run to support GSU cadets

ROTC to host 5K event Saturday

Kailla BOSTICK guest writer

Georgia Southern's ROTC is opening up not only to the students of GSU but to the entire Statesboro community for a day dedicated to fitness and fun Saturday.

The 5K Crawl, Walk, Run for Fitness is open to people of all ages and fitness levels from GSU and the Statesboro area.

"The 5K is just a fun way for us to promote health and fitness while also raising money for our department," said Cadet Sgt. Siso Ntuli, one of the cadets involved in selling tickets for the event.

In order to participate in this day of fitness with the ROTC, a registration packet must be filled out and an entry fee must be paid.

The registration fee is $15 for GSU faculty, staff and students with ID and $20 for community members.

All pre-registered participants are guaranteed a ROTC 5K Crawl, Walk, Run for Fitness T-shirt. Participants that register at the pavilion on Saturday will be given a T-shirt while supplies last.

"It is called the 'crawl, walk, run' because we want everyone to come out for this day and support us no matter their level of fitness," said Cadet Sgt. Lauren Elder.

The ROTC is also opening up a free quarter-mile "kiddie" race for children ages 6-14. Although entry for children is free of charge, they are still required to fill out a registration form to participate.

The Kiddie Crawl, Walk, Run will initiate the fitness day at 8 a.m., and the 5K will begin immediately following at 8:30.

"It was smart and thoughtful of the ROTC department to invite everyone from around the Statesboro community to participate in this event and not just the GSU students because it helps them get more support," Joy Raybon, a GSU student, commented.

The 5K Crawl, Walk, Run will begin at the RAC Pavilion located on Old Register Road.

It will continue through the Georgia Southern campus and make a circle to end back at the pavilion.

The ROTC cadets are taking registration packets and money at the Georgia Southern Rotunda today from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

After today, all packets can be turned in at the ROTC building located near the Carroll building or at the event on Saturday.

For more information on how to help support this event, visit the ROTC "5K Run, Crawl, Walk, Run for Fitness" page at cost.georgiasouthern.edu/rotc/news/5k.html.
Our View

Student Government should vote again

Last week, Georgia Southern’s Student Government Association had their last meeting of the spring 2010 semester, which was also the last meeting of outgoing President Samantha Young’s administration.

Over 30 members of the voting body must have forgotten about the meeting. Only 21 voting members were present at the time that Young made a motion to suspend quorum. Article nine, section three of SGAs constitution states that “quorum shall be two-thirds of voting membership.”

According to Robert’s Rules of Order, “the presence of a quorum...and the suspension of these rules would violate their [absentees] rights.”

After suspending quorum, however, the Senate approved over $6,000 in funding to various student organizations. Some would argue that the business had to be completed since it was the last meeting.

Maybe it can be said that SGA officials truly did not know that they were breaking rules before suspending quorum. This could have been prevented, however, if the elected members of the Senate body had showed up for their final meeting.

If we, as students, are expected to attend each of our classes, then there should be no problem holding our elected leaders to a higher standard. Students should also be able to expect that their money is being spent wisely and fairly.

If SGA is not able to call a special meeting in order to meet these funding requests, the new administration should call for a special e-mail vote where a fair vote can be made.

Robert Greene II is a graduate student in history from Augusta, Ga. He is a guest columnist for The George-Anne.

The last two years have seen a sustained effort by Georgia Southern University to increase school spirit among students. The fact that we have to do this is a bit of a shame, and I’ll spend some space explaining why. First, there’s the fact that Georgia Southern has – as you already know – won six national championships in football. School spirit alone shouldn’t be built on sporting history, but it can play a positive role. While students in recent years haven’t had as much to cheer for as those who came before them, it’s still important for students to keep cheering for the football team, and all our other athletic teams as well. Don’t forget that the 1961 Georgia Southern College baseball team won a national championship, and that in 2008 our cheerleading squad won a national title.

But, as I said earlier, school spirit depends on more than just sports. The story of Lee Berger, lead researcher on the recent discovery of a fossil in South Africa that may prove the existence of another new Hominid species, is a case point. In case you weren’t already aware, he is a Georgia Southern graduate from 1989. Nothing has bothered me more over the last six years than the fact that students have occasionally stated that, just because they have a degree from Georgia Southern, it makes their education not quite as worthy or legitimate as that of a graduate from the University of Georgia, or other larger, well-known universities.

Realizing that making the most of the opportunities you have while at GSU is what will maximize your degree and, more importantly, your potential. People such as Casey Cagle, lieutenant governor of Georgia, and James W. Kennedy, former director of the John F. Kennedy Space Center, started off as GSU graduates. Recent Academy of Country Music Awards winner Luke Bryan also started off here in Statesboro.

Organizations such as the Traditions Council and the Student Eagle Club, not to mention movements such as the “True Blue” campaign all seek to remedy the issue of school spirit for our students. It makes no sense to me to not have some pride in the school you’re attending, especially considering the rich history of the university. Take the fact that Georgia Southern College was the first school in Georgia to give an African American – Roger Moore – a scholarship to play sports.

I suppose after years of seeing students on campus wear clothing representing Georgia, Georgia Tech, Florida, Miami, Clemson and other schools not GSU, I had to write this column. It has been a lament here for decades, and I don’t expect to stop the problem with this one column. But I have to say, as I prepare to leave Georgia Southern as a student, I’m glad that there are some who are taking steps to change the culture at GSU. Please, be proud to be an Eagle. I wouldn’t want to be anything else.
Everything I learned at GSU: Junior year

In my final four weeks as a Georgia Southern student, I'm going to look back at how each year has defined my life and has led me to where I am today. This is part three of the four-part installment.

There is this uncomfortable feeling that sets in as you become a junior. It is not something one can identify with a moment or experience.

Instead, a general sense of foreboding creeps in as you begin to wonder what will happen next in life. You have made your college friends, while leaving behind the high school relationships that did not matter. There is enough distance between you and the past to enjoy the present, while leaving behind the high school self-interests before thinking about the way they impacted other people.

When that emptiness set in, it made me wonder why I came to college in the first place. Was it because I saw it as the next step in my life journey? Because my family expected me to attend? Perhaps it was neither. I started asking myself, "What passions make you get up in the morning, excited to start the day?"

For me, it was creating film.

After producing a big project upon graduating from high school, I had just finished directing my first feature documentary. It was winning some national awards and getting into film festivals.

The thing about film work, though, is a demand for consistent quality and frequent output. I knew that if I wanted to get where I wanted to go, it would require extra work and longer hours. Because one project was successful did not guarantee people would pay attention to a 20-year-old.

Soon, the activities that exclusively involved my friends would be adjusted to advancing my professional career, slowly breaking away from the social life I had come to enjoy. There were skills to learn and opportunities to build.

To better prepare my professional presentation, I became a Southern Ambassador, learning to sell a message to strangers. To better manage a group, I worked to be elected to Delta Tau Delta's executive board, working with our national office to keep the local chapter running. To become a better steward, I joined Student Government Association as the publicity coordinator, getting involved in my campus community.

While these things never replaced relationships, a burning passion for my future had grown over the course of the year. As it came to a close, I began to realize everything I came to enjoy about being a college student would soon fall away, as the "real world" started creeping its way into my life. There were bills to pay, tasks to manage and events to juggle.

I realized that uncomfortable feeling was transition, moving from youth to adult responsibility.

Will you remember the lessons of the day?

Today, Student Media is running its annual "First Amendment Free Food Festival," an event meant to enlighten you about your First Amendment rights. I have a challenge for you - remember and exercise them every day.

All too often, there is an event meant to enlighten us about something, be it a particular situation such as Darfur or a more general topic like this food festival, that we pay attention to for only the duration of that event. What were the booths at the Rotunda yesterday, or the day before? Which groups ran them? Did you participate, or did you just walk by?

We are, unfortunately, surrounded by so many messages that you can forget what they’re all saying. With this event, here’s my challenge, and really the challenge of the festival - take the lessons that you learn and keep them with you. I’m not saying you have to make them into your new religion, but you can still keep those rights in your mind for more than just the time it takes for you to eat that food.

One of your rights under the Amendment – one of the most forgotten – is your right to associate freely. Take that right and use it. There are hundreds of clubs you can join, not to mention activities you can participate in outside of the contexts of official clubs, such as political parties. It may be a bit late in the semester to join now, but it isn’t too late for next semester. If you’re not part of a club, find one. If you are part of one, keep it at and go for expanded responsibility.

Another one is the right to petition. There are rules, so you may have to do research, but you have the right to collect names and signatures regarding issues, and to submit them to the appropriate authorities. Here's challenge two - if you have a problem, see if you can't make a petition and get people to sign it. Have your friends and colleagues help you in spreading the word.

There are many more things I’m sure I’m missing, but that’s not for me to tell you. I’ve informed you of the tools, and if you paid attention to the festival and your American government class, you should know them, too. Now the ball’s in your court. Will you remember the lessons of the day, or will you let the free food pass into the haze along with all the other clubs at the Rotunda?

Weekly Poll

Should the SGA have suspended quorum to pass fund requests?
- No. That’s breaking the rules. 20.6%
- Yes. It was their last meeting. 23.5%
- They had to do it. 55.9%
- I don’t really know what you’re talking about.

For next week’s poll question, visit GADaily.com.
Thursday, April 22nd
12:00 p.m. What’s Your Musicology? - A workshop on using Music as Therapy, Russell Union
6:00 p.m. Leadership Awards Banquet, Russell Union

Friday, April 23rd
11:30 a.m. International Conversation Hour, Russell Union
12:00 p.m. 4th Friday Rural Lecture Series, IT Building, small auditorium
7:00 p.m. GSU Baseball vs. Western Carolina, J.I. Clements Stadium
7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. FREE MOVIE - “Legion,” Russell Union Theater
7:30 p.m. Jazz Band Concert, PAC
8:00 p.m. Graduate Student Social at Millhouse Steakhouse

Saturday, April 24th
ALL DAY Blue Out Tybee Island
8:00 a.m. Community Wide Yard Sale, Sports Complex
1:00 p.m. GSU Softball vs. College of Charleston, Eagle Softball Field
2:30 p.m. GSU Baseball vs. Western Carolina, J.I. Clements Stadium
3:00 p.m. GSU Softball vs. College of Charleston, Eagle Softball Field
6:00 p.m. Adrenaline Show Choir Concert, PAC
7:30 p.m. Night of Wild Sax, Foy Building

Sunday, April 25th
1:00 p.m. GSU Softball vs. College of Charleston, Eagle Softball Field
1:30 p.m. GSU Baseball vs. Western Carolina, J.I. Clements Stadium

Monday, April 26th
7:15 p.m. The John Humma Cinema Arts Series, “The Burning Plain,” Russell Union Theater

Tuesday, April 27th
8:30 a.m. Supervisors Edge: Progressive Discipline, Nessmith Lane Cont Ed Bldg
7:00 p.m. GSU Unplugged Showcase, Russell Union Starbucks

Wednesday, April 28th
7:00 p.m. Environmental Community Cinema Series - “A Sense of Wonder,” Biology Building
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at the meeting may vote on any funding requests, despite the lack of quorum.

Although SGA Senator Charles Feagain voted against suspending quorum, the motion passed 20-1, and the Senate began voting on 15 different funding requests with barely one-third of the governing body present.

"I think the suspension was an effort to get the important business [taken care of] for the last meeting and was seen largely as a temporary kind of thing," Faculty Senator Michael Moore said. "This business had to be done and the organizations requesting money had to be properly vetted by the group. As it turned out, there was lots of discussion and amending of amounts awarded due to the work of the SGA.

At some point a group has to be pragmatic and do what most feel is the right thing to do. Yes, there are rules and the rules exist for a reason, but there are always circumstances that come up that I don't think the rules fit all that well."

Dean of Students and SGA advisor Georj Lewis also agrees with Moore.

"It was unfortunate that we didn't have the numbers that we needed that day," Lewis said. "But I thought the responsible thing was done to best serve the students and pay student activity fees and members of organizations so that they can have their events and get their money."

Eight of the funding requests were approved for the maximum amount allotted to an organization in one calendar year - $600.

"I have never seen lack of participation like this year," Feagain said. "I think there is a poor attitude within the senate and attitude reflects leadership."

Lewis also notes the need for a change in student participation. "I think the constitution allows for too many absences," Lewis said. "I think if that were limited then it would increase the likelihood of quorum to be met."

While many students saw the suspension of quorum necessary, others saw it not only as a lack of participation but also as a lack of respect for the rules.

"I do not believe quorum should have been suspended," senior James Briley said. "To me, this situation would be like if only 23 people in Congress voted on a bill. It's ridiculous and unfair."

Moore fully believes suspending quorum was acceptable. "In this case ... right or wrong, absolutely [quorum should have been suspended]. This business had to be done and the organizations requesting money had to be properly vetted by the group," Moore said.
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Clean out closets for a community yard sale

Tesia REED
guest writer

Georgia Southern’s Office of Student Activities, Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement, Environmental Safety Services and Traditions Council will be sponsoring a Community Wide Yard Sale Saturday from 8-11 a.m. at the Sports Complex parking lot off of Fair Road.

This project will help support the Make-A-Wish Foundation from individuals donating money from items sold. No illegal substances, firearms or other illicit materials will be allowed to be sold.

This event is available for students, faculty, staff and Statesboro community members.

Participation for this event is free for students, $15 for GSU faculty and staff and $25 for community members.

An Le, a GSU student, said, “This is a wonderful opportunity for me and some of my friends to get rid of unwanted items and make some money as well. It is also a great way for the campus and the community to make a difference in Statesboro.”

The seller is responsible for selling his or her own items and making change for the buyers. Set up will begin at 7 a.m., and selling will cease at 11. Sellers are responsible for removing all unsold items from their space.

There will be trucks from Goodwill and the Habitat for Humanity Re-Store available to take donations.

In the case of rain, the Community Wide Yard Sale will be cancelled.

Refunds will be granted to those who notify the Office of Student Activities in writing that a refund is desired.

All requests for refunds must be received by Monday, May 3. Refund requests should be mailed to: Audrey Brown, P.O. Box 7990, Statesboro, GA 30460.

Submit calendar items to The George-Anne by e-mail to features@georgiasouthern.edu.
Derek JOYCE
staff writer

The Georgia Southern University Botanical Garden will be hosting Wine, Moonlight and Magnolias, a silent auction featuring wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres and live music.

Money raised from this event will be used for "new lighting and new plantings in the Heritage Farmyard, and in newly developed parts of the garden," said Carolyn Altman, director of the Botanical Garden.

The event will be taking place on April 22 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Heritage Farmyard, which will be altered with special lighting and a giant tent for the occasion.

Guests will be met with hors d’oeuvres made locally with cooperation from the Main Street Farmers Market vendors. "Fresh and local food is important for our health and the health of the local economy," said Altman.

The food will be made by Chef Stephen Minton and the students of the school of hospitality, tourism and consumer sciences.

To further enhance the atmosphere, Chris and Ashlee Mitchell and the Georgia Southern Brass Quintet will be performing live throughout the night.

Up to four tastings of wine from various vendors and a commemorative wine glass will be provided per ticket as well.

This event was made possible through "lots of planning and hard work on the part of many people. We’re grateful to the Camellia Garden Club, the school of hospitality, tourism and consumer sciences, Dr. Larry Stalcup, Chef Stephen Minton, Deborah Hatten of The Grapevine at H's wine store, Donna Whit, our fabulous wine vendors and the volunteers who helped make the event happen," said Altman.

One of the two main features for the night will be the silent auction, featuring artwork from well-known local artists, including GSU graduate Roxy Remley and photographer Wendy Chambers. A full wine cellar will also be up for auction.

The other main attraction is the drawing for an all inclusive 5-day stay for two at the Paradisus Playa Conchal in Costa Rica’s Pacific Riviera.

The prize includes airfare from the Savannah airport, $500 spending cash, and a royal service suite with butler service. There is also a cash-out option for $2,500. There are only 1,000 tickets printed for the drawing.

Tickets for this event are available for $45 before April 17 and $55 after April 17. Tickets may be purchased over the phone at 912-871-1149 or by mailing in the PDF form available at http://welcome.georgiasouthern.edu/garden/2010WMMreservationform.pdf. Tickets for the drawing will cost $20. The webpage for the drawing form is http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/garden/2010WINATRIPOCOSTARICAorderform.pdf. The winner does not have to be present to win.

Tickets will be available for pickup at the door of the event. "Wine, Moonlight, & Magnolias is a great time to gather with friends, enjoy the Garden in full bloom, and appreciate the pleasures of a spring evening," said Altman. Tickets will only be sold to those age 21 and over.
Psi Chi hosts conference

Eric PENDERGRASS
guest writer

Georgia Southern University’s chapter of Psi Chi, along with the Psychology Coalition, will be hosting their 4th annual conference. Psi Chi is the national honor society for psychology students, and GSU’s chapter consists of approximately 40 members. The Psychology Coalition works to promote the interest and application of psychology, and membership is open to students of any major.

This year’s conference will consist of presentations by GSU undergraduates as well as prominent figures in the world of psychology. The keynote speaker for this year’s event will be David Daniel, a developmental psychologist from James Madison University.

Amy Hackney, assistant professor of psychology at GSU and co-advisor for Psi Chi, says that Daniel was selected after she heard him at a conference in Atlanta.

“I was impressed with his ability to connect with the audience and stimulate critical thinking,” said Hackney.

Daniel will be speaking about the misperceptions in communication between faculty and students that hurt student grades.

The conference will begin this Saturday, April 24, at 9 a.m. with opening remarks by the head of the Georgia Southern Psychology Department John Murray, followed by the poster session featuring undergraduate students from GSU. From 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. there will be graduate student showcase where students can find out more about the psychology graduate programs at GSU. The keynote speaker, David Daniel, will speak at 1 p.m., followed by more undergraduate presentations at 2 p.m.

Following the conference will be the department’s annual undergraduate social and awards banquet, which all majors or minors are encouraged to attend. For any information about the conference or the banquet, please contact Heather Clingenpeel at hrclingenpeel@gmail.com, or April Brown, Psi Chi president, at april_m_brown@georgiasouthern.edu.
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Quick Hits

**GSU baseball** will host a three-game series against Western Carolina beginning on Friday, April 23 at 7 p.m.

**GSU softball** split a two-game series with Kennesaw State on Tuesday, April 20. GSU lost the first game 1-2, but won the second game 8-6.

**GSU softball** will host a three-game series against the College of Charleston beginning with a doubleheader on Saturday, April 24 at 1 p.m.

**GSU tennis** will begin SoCon Tournament play beginning on Saturday, April 24.

**GSU track & field** will also begin SoCon Tournament play beginning on Saturday, April 24.

**GSU men's tennis** player Justin Flynn was named SoCon player of the week for his matches between April 12-18, where he posted a 4-0 record.

**GSU golf** placed second in the SoCon Tournament over the week. The Eagles had two individuals finish in the ‘Top Ten’.

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News from the Nest

**Golf finishes second in SoCon**

Ryan Zabroske finished tied for third place at the Adam’s Cup of Newport Collegiate. As a team, Georgia Southern entered the tournament with a 2-under par 207 that sealed a second-place finish for GSU.

Sander tapped into second-place finish after a 219, evened his playing card on the front nine after a birdie to open the round with a bogey on hole four. After a level turn on the front nine, Sander proceeded to launch two birdies, holes 11 and 14, to drop to 2-under entering the final three holes. Sander moved to even, giving way to the final three holes with a par, bogey, bogey.

With three holes to play, Matt Deal had parred the course with a minor blemish on two that left the Eagle standing at 1-over par. The senior shot 2-over on the final three holes to finish the tournament with a 75 and three-day 220. Deal finished tied for 19th alongside teammate Joe Monte.

Junior Monte looked to be on good pace firing a birdie on hole two but three bogeys dispersed between the front and back nine hampered the junior who stood at 2-over through 15 holes. Monte closed the back nine 2-under for a final 76 on the day. The three-day tournament witnessed Monte post a 220 (+4).

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**GSU News Service**

Ryan Zabroske finished tied for fifth-place and closed the tournament with a 2-under par 214 at the 74th Southern Conference Men’s Golf Championship. As a team, Georgia Southern recorded two individual ‘Top 10’ finishes and took second place with an aggregated 865 (+1) after shooting the lowest final round at The Country Club of South Carolina, a par 72, 7,062-yard course.

Tied with UNC Greensboro through 18 holes, second place was left to be decided on the final hole. Spence Fulford parred the hole with UNCG’s Ryan Heisey double bogeying the par four hole.

“Tied is good for our overall performance and the fact that the team hung in there through the final holes,” said head coach Larry Mays. “For about nine holes, we looked to be relegated to third place, but we stepped it up, made some birdies and finished strong.

“With all the adversity we faced as a team this week, I’m proud of them for their showing at the tournament. We were the third-ranked team entering the tournament and we finished second. Furman is a very solid squad to be beaten by and they are playing strong golf right now.”

Furman claimed the 74th title carding a 15-under 849 through three rounds. Paladin Austin Reeves took the individual title with a 207 (-9). Garland Ferrell of Furman, Ryan Heisey of UNC Greensboro and Jayson Judy of Elon tied for second with 4-under 212s.

Georgia Southern finished two strokes in front of third-place UNCG at 865, while the Spartans tallied an 867. Elon finished fourth at 874 with Western Carolina rounding out the top five at 878 (+14).

Zabroske picked up All-Conference recognition with Florian Sander earning All-Freshman honors after his first season as an Eagle.

Zabroske led the team the entire season with a 74.43 stroke average at the end of regular season play, taking three ‘Top 5’ finishes and an extra ‘Top 10’ placement. The senior claimed two runner-up finishes at the Adams Cup of Newport Collegiate and tied for second at the Mizuno Savannah Intercollegiate. He highlighted his season with a career-best 207 tournament total at the Augusta State Invitational assisted by matching his career-low round of 67.

Sander had a promising freshman campaign with the second-lowest stroke average on the team at 73.67 entering the conference tournament. With three ‘Top 10’ finishes, Sander posted his best showing at the John Hayt Invitational where the Eagle tied for fifth with a 1-over 217. Sander shot his season-best 54 total at the Gary Koch Intercollegiate in the fall. With rounds of 70-71-70, Sander tallied a 5-under 211 for the tournament.

Senior Zabroske’s five-under back nine highlighted the tournament for the Eagles. The senior parred the front half of the course minus an imperfection on hole three. But after taking the turn at 2-over, Zabroske fired four birdies over the first six holes, sliding to 2-under with three holes remaining. Shooting 1-under on the final three holes, Zabroske capped the best round recorded by the Eagles in the tournament for a 3-under 69 and vaulted into a fifth-place tie individually at 2-under 214.

An up-and-down front nine capped by a birdie on nine left Fulford taking the turn at 1-under par 35. The senior opened his card opening the back with a bogey and erased a birdie on 11 with a bogey to follow. Fulford drew the round to a close with five pars and a bogey on 16 including the important par on 18 that sealed a second-place finish for GSU.

A 217 tournament total placed the Eagle in a tie for ninth.

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Understanding athletic financing

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Between 1999 and 2004, Georgia Southern Athletics was at the pinnacle of the Southern Conference and had proven to be a true powerhouse by achieving successful winning seasons in various sports.

Although the baseball team was crowned Southern Conference champs last season, some of GSU’s more favored sports have hit a rough patch.

Athletic Director Sam Baker said that he feels that that various sports are funded appropriately.

“Anytime you build a budget in an athletic department, you have to look at the total scope of the sport involved. We try to fund each one of our sports according to the scope of the program. Obviously with football being a sport that has a tremendous number of participants and a lot of equipment for protection reasons, it needs that type of funding. Swimming is a sport that does not have the equipment involved and we certainly feel that we fund our program appropriately,” said Baker.

Aside from funding, some sports that are considered by students to be less popular, such as track, do not have facilities that could attract certain potential prospects.

Sports such as track and football are treated equally, but because of the caliber of the sport, football generates more revenue.

There are some die-hard Eagle fans that are more likely to invest their dollars in a particular program, like football, due to the rich tradition and the championships rather than a less popular program.

Not only that, but a baton is cheaper than shoulder pads.

Baker has addressed his concern about this issue, but he also feels as though the school has been able to properly fund each team adequately.

“We feel like we have done an outstanding job in funding our women’s track program and getting it to a position where it can compete for a conference championship, so I feel like we have all done a lot with a little,” said Baker.

One of the biggest reasons why the football program has been at a standstill is because schools such as the University of South Florida and Florida Atlantic University have drawn players who would more than likely play for GSU, which eliminated a good chunk of the most wanted athletes.

“You’ve got a lot of programs out there that have attracted players that used to come here. There are a lot of different things that have changed in the landscape of college football,” said Baker.

One sport that Eagle fans would welcome is men’s track and field, and while money stands in the way of that, there are other rules that prohibit GSU from being able to offer that program.

“Part of it is because of participation rates ... title nine. There’s three different ways to meet title nine and one is a participation rate of student athletes in accordance with the student body. The other part of it is money. It costs money to add programs. I think if we were going to add any more programs in the future it would certainly be another woman’s program. One of the programs we would look at would be women’s golf, because women’s golf is the one sport now that is offered at the high school level and at the championship status,” said Baker.

The future is bright for GSU athletics.

While money seems to be the biggest issue, Baker finds pride in being able to not only provide an enjoyable and long lasting athletic tenure, but also something that can help students once they graduate.

Baker said, “We certainly want each one of our teams to have the opportunity to win a championship, and each one of our student athletes to get a diploma. That’s why we have the slogan ‘rings and diplomas’ so that we can compete for national and conference championships and at the same time make sure that they get their degrees.”
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