A day of firsts

GSU Track and Field team walks away with 12 top spots at only home event

Latrice Williams • staff writer

The Georgia Southern Track and Field team placed first in 12 events in their only home event this year, propelling them to first place at the GSU Invitational on Saturday.

GSU finished the event with 263 points for 18 events. Second place Albany State University finished with only 103 points. Savannah State University finished a narrow third with 101 points.

Head Coach Natalie Smith said that some of the competitors had knocked time off previous performances and said that she was happy with the way the athletes competed.

"I think overall we did show up," Smith said. "Sometimes it's really hard when you don't have the turnout that you would like. We had quite a few teams drop at the last minute. I thought the girls still got ready, and they were ready to go."

Among the 12 first place finishes, seniors Amanda Spivy and Shaunta Hamilton gained two first-place wins each.

In the hammer throw, Spivy attained a distance of 38.67 meters. In the discus throw, she set a top-three Southern Conference record with a throw of 39.91 meters.

Hamilton's first win came in the long jump,
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Listening to students
GSU president initiates outlets for opinions

Kelsey SORRELL
staff writer

Georgia Southern President Brooks Keel plans to be more accessible to his students through regular student forums.

He said he would like to rely on the Student Government Association to help him come up with the best format for student forums, for the best times and for the best locations.

He plans to open it up for questions, if students feel that is the best way to hold them.

The forums are for any type of student. SGA helps organize the forums and facilitates them by moderating the questions in order to offer some organization.

"I think presidents need to be as accessible as possible," said Keel. "When you consider there are 19,000 students here, and with the duties and jobs I have, it’s difficult to meet all the students."

"I think the forum is certainly one way to provide students with access to the president and I hope to do those in the future," he said. "I don’t know exactly how often we need to do those, so I kind of rely on the Student Government Association to do that," he said.

Keel also tries to meet students through other means around campus. He eats lunch on campus whenever he can and walks across campus in order to give students a chance to meet him and voice their questions and concerns.

The best way to contact him, though, Keel said, is through SGA. "I meet with the student government president [Samantha Young] on a regular basis," he said. "Hopefully the students have an opportunity to ask anything that’s on their mind through that individual so it’s difficult when the president has all the constituents he or she has to deal with, the students, the faculty, the staff, the alumni [and] the community, but I want to try to be as accessible to students as I can."

He encourages students to work through SGA for several reasons.

Young meets with Keel on a regular basis and goes over anything that is on SGA’s collective mind.

The SGA also works closely with the vice president of affairs and enrollment, and that office can help with coordinating places and times and Keel’s schedule.

It also helps, according to Keel, to have a clearinghouse for any concerns that students may have, to have access to the president.

"I strongly encourage all the students to become as active in the student government as possible," he said. "We have elections going on now and it’s so important that students really pay attention to these elections and choose the student that they feel really represents them best."

"SGA is their leadership and my office and this presidency views that as a very important position on campus as we use that as a liaison between me and students," he said. "If there are issues across campus that is a real concern then the best way is through the SGA because that gets that body involved in the discussions."

Keel decided to work with SGA to try and hold regular forums after the first student forum centered on the budget cuts.

Initially, he wanted a forum to learn the basic questions and concerns of the students, but with the release of the proposed budget cuts, the student forum instead focused primarily on the cuts.

Keel also held several faculty forums around that same time, which will probably be held on a regular basis as well, to try and give the faculty and staff an opportunity to meet with the president for the same reasons.

The faculty senate moderates and organizes the forums, allowing Keel to rely on the faculty, as he does SGA.

"I’m real excited to be here; it’s a fantastic university," he said. "The entire faculty and all the staff care deeply about the students and I think that’s what makes it special. Hopefully we’ll make it better for the students in the future."
Our View

It works out in the end

Hard work is supposed to pay off. Students spend four years or more in college to work for a degree that is supposed to land them a job.

Sometimes, though, opportunities are presented sooner than expected, and you are afforded a once-in-a-lifetime chance. Such is the case for the dance teams who have been awarded the opportunity to perform alongside the Jabbawockeez.

These teams practiced and performed, and their hard work paid off. Not many people can say they were given the chance to perform with a team who competed on national TV.

Of course, the effort put into any task should always be for yourself, first and foremost, without calculating what can be received in return. But since that’s an idealistic take on the matter, it is probably better to look at it from a realistic point of view, in which people will try to figure out what can be gained from the situation.

If it serves as motivation, however, to produce the best possible product or to persevere through difficult practices, then maybe that’s not such a bad thing.

On-campus job search starts now

These days, the economy and the job market is lukewarm at best; however, here on Georgia Southern’s campus, there is an incredible amount of opportunity for students to find employment. As the semester begins to wind down, many students will begin to look for jobs for the fall semester but don’t know where to start. Well, never fear. As someone who has been employed by the university for almost three-and-a-half years, there are plenty of campus jobs out there — it’s simply about knowing where to look.

First, go to the student employment Web site. It sounds like a no-brainer, but there are still tons of students who don’t utilize this great resource. Not only does it list jobs that are available on campus for both work study and institutional (non-financial aid based), but it even lists job opportunities for off-campus locations. Also, it’s not simply a search tool, but it has become a requirement. If any student wants to apply for an on-campus job, he or she must fill out the general application on the student employment Web site and upload a resume. Only then can a student click the apply and submit button on an application for an on-campus job.

Next, think outside of the box. Just because you want to work on-campus doesn’t mean you have to confine yourself to the cookie-cutter shift and paycheck model. There are opportunities to serve as community liaisons in the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement, to become an executive member of the Student Government Association or to assist a professor researching with a grant. Not only are these different ways to get involved working on campus, you get paid!

Another tip: start looking before you need the job. Openings typically line up before the next semester begins.

Another thing I can’t stress enough — dress professionally for any interview. Whether you’re interviewing for a position as a referee for Campus Recreation and Intramurals or a research assistant in the biology department, treat every interview with professionalism. If you look like you don’t care, chances are the person interviewing you will assume you’re not serious about the position.

Depending on the office or department, involvement can help big time. The departments hiring on campus want dynamic, enthusiastic individuals who will reflect positively associated with. Why would they hire someone with great grades but no involvement when they can hire someone who knows the happenings of campus and knows how to network?

So no matter what’s driving you to get a job on campus, whether it’s out of necessity, involvement, or just plain boredom, be sure to explore your options, talk to people and always take a moment to think outside the box.
Progress continues amid crisis

Despite budget problems on campus, CIT makes strides in VMware training

Jeff HARRISON
guest writer

Amid the turmoil of budget deficits and cuts, Georgia Southern quietly continued its move toward progress and relevance on higher education's national scene, announcing last week that the College of Information Technology has been named the world's first International VMware IT Academy Center.

The center's goal: provide students and professors from around the world an opportunity to learn -- and learn how to teach -- visualization technology that is becoming a standard in the computer industry.

"VMware is a leading software company that has many virtualization products, from lab management to cloud computing. 100 percent of Fortune 100 companies use VMware products," said College of Information Technology Associate Professor Timur Mirzoev, who spearheaded the project.

"We started the IT Academy Program because of our association with EMC and VMware, we have top-quality, commercial-grade computing systems and hardware that are used in our classrooms."

"The exclusive right to train and certify professors in VMware is the latest development in a program that began two years ago at GSU."

In 2008, the CIT became a VMware IT Academy, presenting students an opportunity to study copyrighted commercial training material in their regular classes.

"The same content is presented to professionals around the world for thousands of dollars," said Mirzoev. "Georgia Southern IT students now graduate with valuable training that is highly desirable by the industry."

The partnership with VMware and Georgia Southern University began when Mirzoev directly contacted the company with a request to freely use its products. Since, VMware has donated thousands of dollars in software, and following training courses and exams, certified Mirzoev to instruct students and professionals at GSU.

"After long discussions and communications with VMware, Dave Nelson, the director of the VMware IT Academy Program, granted the new status to our College of Information Technology - International VMware IT Academy Center," said Mirzoev. "Regular academies will still exist and function, but only those trained by Georgia Southern will be recognized as a Certified VMware IT Academy."

"The right to certify instructors sets Georgia Southern's academy apart from the more than 100 other VMware schools worldwide."

For the university, the reward is reaped by its students and teachers.

"Many additional projects, grants and research opportunities may now be possible with the new status and expertise we have," said Mirzoev. "Additionally, faculty who teach this technology must be continuously trained to keep up with the latest trends in the industry; our students are learning about advancements as they happen and often before they reach the markets."

"What Georgia Southern University students learn in the classroom today is invaluable experience to the IT companies around the world," he said.

CIT Dean Ronald Shiffler expects the center to begin certifying academic instructors in a year.

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when she reached a distance of 5.49 meters. Hamilton also finished first in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 15.84 seconds.

Freshman Ashley Thomas made her collegiate debut with a 12.25-meter throw that gave her the win in the shot put.

"I think the standout ones -- probably that stood out the most to me -- were our two shot putters, Charnelle Wray and also, Ashley Thomas. Ashley went over 40 feet today in the shot put, which was her first time ever doing that. So, that was huge," Smith said.

Competitors included athletes from Clark Atlanta University, University of South Carolina-Beaufort, Albany State University, Savannah College of Art and Design and Savannah State University travelled to Statesboro to compete in GSU's only home track and field event. The team will compete in the Albany State Invitational on Friday and then the SoCon championships in Boone, N.C., on April 24.

For complete results from the GSU Invitational, visit the athletics Web site at www.georgiasoutherneagles.com.

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Monstars score chance at national championship

Intramural Sports has its own version of March Madness in which one of Georgia Southern's own landed a spot. This year's competition featuring the nation's top intramural teams will include men's basketball team The Monstars who are preparing to represent GSU. They will be one of eight men's teams at the 2010 NCCS National Basketball Championships in Nashville, Tenn.

The Monstars captured the men's division title at the 2010 NCCS Regional Basketball Championships on March 5-7 at Georgia Tech. The regional tournament, one of eight designated regional events, included over 40 men's and women's teams from the Southeast and beyond.

The Monstars achieved an overall 5-1 record at the regional level, which included victories over teams from Ohio State, Mississippi State and Cleveland State. The Monstars beat the host school Georgia Tech to clinch the regional title. In its first-round tourney game, the team also avenged its previous loss to West Georgia, behind whom The Monstars finished as the Runner-Up in the men's division at the Georgia Collegiate Basketball Championships hosted by Georgia State University in February.

As regional champions, The Monstars received an invitation, paid entry fee and travel stipend to participate in the 2010 NCCS National Basketball Championships at Vanderbilt University on April 9-11.

### NCCS Regional Basketball Champions

Muhammad Saibu (front row), William Hill, Nick Perry, Morgan Bryant, Milfred Zeno, Zuri James (middle row), Kenji Canty, Courtney Beach, Devyn Hawkins and Darcell Hanley (back row) are members of The Monstars.

### Basketball Championships

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CLUB SPORTS

The GSU men's Ultimate Frisbee team finished 6th overall in the Southern Tournament, which was March 19-21. Sixty-seven teams, men's and women's alike, participated in the ninth annual event. The men's team lost 13-10 in the quarterfinals to the University of Central Florida, who won the tournament.

CRI hosts Ultimate Frisbee's Southern Tournament

Campus Recreation & Intramurals hosted 67 men's and women's Ultimate Frisbee teams from across the nation to compete in the ninth annual Southern Tournament. The Southern Tournament, which was founded in 2002, aims to provide Ultimate Frisbee players with an outstanding playing environment and quality accommodations. The tournament is now recognized as having set the standard in Ultimate Frisbee tournaments.

The GSU men's Ultimate Frisbee team finished 6th overall, and the women's team finished 19th overall. Nathan Thompson led GSU's offense with multiple scores. On defense, Georgia Southern was led by Captain Ryan Randall and Tyler Thompson, with impressive shows by Tyson Puckett, Lawrence Lacer and John Barber. The men's team lost 13-10 in the quarterfinals to the University of Central Florida, who ultimately won the tournament.

Southern Adventures

While most students celebrated their spring break by relaxing on the beach, Southern Adventures led eight students on one of the most challenging and enlivening trips of the year. Infamously known as The Southern Adventure, this trip prompted students to spend seven days in the Southeastern wilderness, engaging in everything from rock climbing in Tennessee to battling 3/5 rapids in South Carolina. During The Southern Adventure, students also backpacked nine miles in Cumberland Plateau, Tenn., and paddled the Green River in Saluda, N.C.

Upcoming Trips

▲ Sea Kayaking
Trip: April 9-10
$35
▲ Sea Kayaking
Day Trip: April 18
$15

Club Sport Scores

Men's Soccer
▲ March 6 vs. Armstrong, 6-0 (W)
Wrestling
▲ GSU placed fifth in Division II Standings at Wrestling National Tournament in Hampton, Va. on March 11-13
Ultimate Frisbee
▲ College Southern's Ultimate Tournament from March 20-21
  - Men's Ultimate Frisbee (5-3) – 6th place out of 32 teams
  - Women's Ultimate Frisbee (4-3) – 19th place out of 35 teams

Officiating program recognized

GSU's Intramural Sports Officiating Program received recognition at the 2010 NCCS Regional Basketball Championships as four GSU students were selected to officiate at this event. GSU officials included Dane Browner, Haley Drometer, Kevin Hawkins and Josh Janufka. The officials were recognized as three of the tournament's top six All-Tournament Officials, which included Browner, Drometer and Hawkins. Drometer was also selected to officiate at the NCCS National Championships in April.

Members of the Intramural Sports Officiating program that were recognized at the NCCS Regional Basketball Championships were: (l-r) Marcus Staton (University of South Carolina), Tom Cooke (Coastal Carolina University), Leanne Thompson (University of Central Florida), Dane Browner (Georgia Southern University), Haley Drometer (Georgia Southern University) and Kevin Hawkins (Georgia Southern University).
POLICE BEAT

Monday, March 8, 2010
△ Officers issued six traffic warnings, issued 10 traffic citations, assisted 12 motorists and assisted one sick person.
△ A complaint of criminal trespass was reported at Einstein’s Bagels in Centennial Place.
△ A traffic sign was reported stolen from Forest Drive in front of the Carruth Building.
△ Officers responded to a fire alarm at Kennedy Hall.
△ Collin Hughes Walker, 19, 130 Lanier Drive, was charged with underage possession of marijuana (less than 1 oz.).
△ A complaint of criminal trespass was reported at Einstein’s Bagels in Centennial Place.
△ Daymon Boyd Linkous, 18, 809 Little Brier Creek, Warrenton, Ga., was charged with entering auto and possession of marijuana.
△ A complaint of criminal trespass was reported at Einstein’s Bagels in Centennial Place.
△ Officers issued six traffic warnings, assisted one sick person.
△ An arrest was made for driving with no force entry was reported at Kennedy Hall.
△ Emanuel Prince Brahtley, 18, 495 Independence Way Drive, Hinesville, Ga., was charged with public drunkenness.
△ A checkbook was taken from the Recreation Activity Center.
△ A cell phone was reported stolen from the Recreation Activity Center.
△ Found property was turned in to the Public Safety office and returned to the owner.
△ A case of harassing communications was reported at Lakeside Cafe.

Tuesday, March 9, 2010
△ Officers assisted seven motorists, responded to one alarm, assisted one sick person, issued two traffic warnings and one traffic citation, and responded to one accident call.
△ Three thefts were reported from the Recreation Activity Center.
△ Officers responded to a disturbance call at University Villas.
△ Officers issued three traffic citations, responded to two alarm calls and responded to two motor vehicle accidents.
△ Ameen Naseem Wilson, 18, 5600 Wilderness Trail, Stone Mountain, Ga., was charged with criminal trespass and loitering or prowling.
△ Emanuel Prince Brahtley, 18, 495 Kingsgate Ridge, Stone Mountain, Ga., was charged with criminal trespass and loitering or prowling.
△ Timothy Daniel Sansoterra, 22, 1300 Independence Way Drive, Hinesville, Ga., was charged with criminal trespass and public drunkenness.
△ Justin William Way, 25, Rural Route 1 Box 254A2, Ludowici, Ga., was charged with public drunkenness and obstruction of a law enforcement officer.
△ Brandon Dale Simmons, 20, PO Box 466 Ludowici, Ga., was charged with underage possession of alcohol, possession of a false ID, public indecency and obstruction of a law enforcement officer.
△ A bicycle was taken from the Henderson Library.
△ The tailgate and exhaust pipe were damaged on a vehicle at Eagle Village.
△ Steven Matthew Foskey, 32, Big Barn Road, Metter, was charged with driving with suspended license, failure to yield, leaving the scene of an accident and failure to meet registration and license requirements.

Wednesday, March 10, 2010
△ Officers issued six traffic warnings, issued seven traffic citations and assisted three motorists.
△ Brandon Derrell Helmes, 21, 1818 Chandler Road, was charged with driving with a suspended license (third offense) and window tint violation.
△ Daniel Wayne Johnson, 18, 1620 Chandler Road, was arrested on a Statesboro Police Department warrant (entering auto).
△ Officers responded to Watson Hall in reference to an alcohol violation. Several residents were referred to Judicial Affairs.
△ Officers and the Statesboro Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at Sanford Hall. The resident was cooking and burned the food; there was no fire.
△ Officers assisted two motorists and investigated one accident.
△ A Three thefts were reported from the Recreation Activity Center.
△ Found property was turned in to the Public Safety office and returned to the owner.
△ A case of harassing communications was reported at Lakeside Cafe.

Thursday, March 11, 2010
△ Officers assisted six motorists, issued four traffic warnings, issued two traffic citations, responded to two alarm calls and responded to two motor vehicle accidents.
△ Theft by taking of a book bag was reported at the Henderson Library.
△ Officers responded to a disturbance call at University Villas.
△ Officers responded to loud music in Eagle Village.
△ Auxiliary Services reported a case of financial identity theft.
△ Officers assisted six motorists, issued four traffic warnings, issued two traffic citations, responded to two alarm calls and responded to two motor vehicle accidents.
△ Ameen Naseem Wilson, 18, 5600 Wilderness Trail, Stone Mountain, Ga., was charged with criminal trespass and loitering or prowling.
△ Emanuel Prince Brahtley, 18, 495 Kingsgate Ridge, Stone Mountain, Ga., was charged with criminal trespass and loitering or prowling.
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△ Brandon Dale Simmons, 20, PO Box 466 Ludowici, Ga., was charged with underage possession of alcohol, possession of a false ID, public indecency and obstruction of a law enforcement officer.
△ A bicycle was taken from the Henderson Library.
△ The tailgate and exhaust pipe were damaged on a vehicle at Eagle Village.
△ Steven Matthew Foskey, 32, Big Barn Road, Metter, was charged with driving with suspended license, failure to yield, leaving the scene of an accident and failure to meet registration and license requirements.

Friday, March 12, 2010
△ Officers issued three traffic citations, assisted four motorists and investigated one accident.
△ A gym bag was taken from the Recreation Activity Center.
△ Saturday, March 13, 2010
△ Officers issued two traffic citations and assisted three motorists.
△ Sunday, March 14, 2010
△ Officers assisted one motorist and responded to one alarm.
△ Monday, March 15, 2010
△ Officers issued three traffic citations, two traffic warnings, assisted one motorist, assisted one sick person and investigated one accident.
△ A checkbook was taken from the Rosenwald Building.
△ Tuesday, March 16, 2010
△ Officers issued one traffic citation and assisted one motorist.
△ One juvenile was banned from campus.
△ Wednesday, March 17, 2010
△ Officers assisted two motorists and responded to three alarms.
△ Thursday, March 18, 2010
△ Officers issued one traffic citation and assisted four motorists.
△ Friday, March 19, 2010
△ Officers issued four traffic citations and one traffic warning.
△ Saturday, March 20, 2010
△ Officers issued three traffic citations, issued three traffic warnings, assisted one motorist and assisted one injured person.
△ A bicycle was taken from the Henderson Library.
△ The tailgate and exhaust pipe were damaged on a vehicle at Eagle Village.
△ Steven Matthew Foskey, 32, Big Barn Road, Metter, was charged with driving with suspended license, failure to yield, leaving the scene of an accident and failure to meet registration and license requirements.

Sunday, March 21, 2010
△ No incidents reported.
△ Monday, March 22, 2010
△ Officers issued eight traffic warnings, issued 11 traffic citations, assisted five motorists, responded to two vehicle accidents and responded to one alarm call.
△ Misplaced property was found by an officer at Southern Courtyard.
△ A cell phone was reported stolen from the Recreation Activity Center.
△ Found property was turned in to the Public Safety office and returned to the owner.
△ A case of harassing communications was reported at Lakeside Cafe.
△ Tuesday, March 23, 2010
△ Officers issued six traffic citations, issued seven traffic warnings, assisted three motorists, assisted one injured person, assisted one sick person, responded to a fight near Centennial Place, responded to a drug complaint at Kennedy Hall and responded to two alarms.
△ A bicycle was taken from the Forest Drive Building bike rack.
△ Christopher D. Churchwell, 19, Sanford Hall, was charged with underage drinking.
Student crews join Jabbawockeez

Vincent GARRETT
guest writer

The next three are more traditional in the sense of one's opinion of what a dance crew is. In this group, we have some veterans, award-winning newcomers and a new step team.

All six of these groups of performers have been given a golden opportunity that not any group could have received. Their selections were based on hard work over the span of a few months.

Camia Brown, vice president of Eagle Entertainment, is excited about having Georgia Southern's students represented at this show.

She said, "to see someone on TV actually here is amazing because it shows us how valuable it is that we use the resources we have. It makes it even better that our school is being represented on the same stage."

Forte Step Team

Forte Step Team is composed of a group of Georgia Southern students who wanted to step without a connection to a Greek organization.

Awatt Inyang said the group has no disrespect for Greek organizations, but didn't feel it should be an obligation for someone who simply loves stepping.

The group began only a few months ago and was able to put together a stepping display that stood out at the Doo Dah Step Show.

The group stood out so much that they were asked to perform with the Jabbawockeez. Inyang said the revelation was humbling for the team.

“We all know the Jabbawockeez from their work on America's Best Dance Crew, and it's an honor to take a stage they will perform on,” she said.

Euphoria Dance Crew

Euphoria Dance Crew won the dance category at the Doo Dah Step Show and is ready to bring the same energy to this competition.

The group was started by Daphne Curry in fall 2009 along with Racqueal Peters.

The two held an audition across campus to find the best dancers at GSU. The group debuted at Unityfest, but the Homecoming step show was their first time competing.

After finding out they were chosen to perform with the Jabbawockeez, Curry said, "I thought it was a prank call. I freaked out and didn't believe it."

For this performance, Curry said audiences can expect a lot more hype.

Through a random drawing, the group managed to get the opportunity to open the show. They intend to start the show right.

Tickets available at the University Store (prices may increase at the door of the event)

$5: student admission
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Quick Hits

▲ GSU baseball swept UNC Greensboro this past weekend winning 6-4, 8-3 and 12-0.

▲ GSU softball split the Saturday, March 27 series with Appalachian State, winning the first game 3-0 and losing the second game 5-4. The final game was cancelled due to inclement weather.

▲ GSU track & field achieved 12 first place finishes during the GSU Invitational this past weekend.

▲ GSU tennis lost to Davidson on Saturday, March 27 with the women losing 6-1 and the men losing 4-3.

▲ GSU tennis defeated Appalachian State on Sunday, March 28 as both the men’s and women’s team won 4-3.

▲ GSU football announced that Leander Barney was permanently dismissed from the football team.

Baseball gets first sweep vs. Spartans

Dylan Thompson, staff writer

The Georgia Southern baseball team began their final game against the Spartans of UNC Greensboro under a dubious sky threatening rain.

The rain came after the first inning, subjecting the crowd and players to a thirty-minute delay with Southern holding a 1-0 lead thanks to an Arthur Owens run on a Kyle Blackburn sac fly. When play resumed, Andy Moye came on strong, striking out the side. With a strong wind at their backs, the Eagles took advantage of a Spartans error and a beautifully executed hit and run to put two more runs on the board, taking a 3-0 lead in the third inning.

The Spartans managed to put on two base runners in the top of the third, but some great defense from center fielder Shawn Payne allowed the Eagles to maintain their three-run advantage. Roman Grimaldi would resume the scoring for the Eagles with an RBI single that squirted through the infield in the bottom of the fourth.

The home side kept up the pressure on the base paths, swiping bags at any and every available opportunity. Payne would score on a sac fly, utilizing his speed to bring the Eagle lead to 5-0.

Third baseman A.J. Wirnsberger would hit a single to score Grimaldi for the third run of the inning. This run brought on a pitching change for the Spartans that eventually ended the inning. Moye continued to mow through the Spartan line up racking up career high 13 strikeouts for the game.

He kept Spartan hitters off balance with a scorching fastball while doing a brilliant job of locating his pitches. Manager Rodney Hennon praised the Alpharetta native’s control and the defense behind him.

“Andy [Moye] was outstanding today,” said Hennon. “All weekend, we did a good job of attacking the strike zone from the mound. We didn’t give up many free passes and our guys did a good job of pitching aggressively. To compliment, we played pretty sound defense behind them.”

Kyle Blackburn launched a solo home run in the bottom of the sixth to tack another run on the board, giving the Eagles a dominant 7-0 lead. GSU would add another, taking an 8-0 lead in the top of the 7th inning.

Moye continued his masterful performance, striking out the side for the second time in the game. The rain returned during the Eagles’ turn at bat in the bottom of the seventh.

In the downpour, Owens would join the hit party, driving in Payne for yet another Eagle run. As the rain began to fall in sheets, Blackburn turned on a 3-2 pitch, smashing a ball to left field. Blackburn’s monstrous 3 run homer stretched the Eagles’ lead to 12 and gave Blackburn his 12th homerun of the year.

The Eagles would cruise to the finish, winning 12-0 on the back of some hot bats and a dominant Andy Moye start.

The Eagles will attempt to avenge a loss earlier this season when they host North Florida at home on today at 6 p.m.
GSU Sports Schedule

Tuesday, March 30
- **BASEBALL**
  vs. North Florida - 6:00 p.m.
- **SOFTBALL**
  @ Jacksonville - 4:30 p.m.
  @ Jacksonville - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 3
- **BASEBALL**
  @ College of Charleston - 1:00 p.m.
- **MEN'S TENNIS**
  vs. South Carolina State - 1:00 p.m.
- **GOLF**
  @ Augusta State - All Day

Wednesday, March 31
- **WOMEN'S TENNIS**
  vs. Mercer - 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 1
No Events Listed

Friday, April 2
- **BASEBALL**
  @ College of Charleston - 6:00 p.m.

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