PCIP to fight Internet crime

BY TAYLOR COOPER
The George-Anne staff

The Protecting Children from Internet Pornographers act currently in Congress will try to battle the issue of child pornography, among other online crimes.

The bill will require Internet service providers to keep a record of customers' IP addresses for 18-month periods.

According to the bill, hr. 1981, the act will require Internet Service Providers to record and secure the IP addresses used by customers for 18 months after being used. This will allow law enforcement agencies to more accurately track IP addresses to their sources.

"What happens in a network environment is that we don't have a fixed IP address connected to a computer. Your ISP loans you an address," Steve Burrell, vice president of information technology and chief information officer, said. "It's like if your phone number changed every time you used it."

"If a person goes to a child porn site, the owner can see the IP address of the person who visited. The thing is, most ISPs don't keep a very long record of who had which IP," Burrell said.

"If the FBI is investigating a case like that, they can only follow the IP address to the ISP. Once they get there, if the ISP isn't keeping record, the trail goes cold," Burrell said.

Georgia Southern University already keeps records like these.

"Here at the university, we already do that —
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Bibeau crowned Miss GSU 2012

BY TANIQUA RUSS
The George-Anne staff

Glitz and glamour filled the Performing Arts Center Saturday evening when nine contestants competed to be the next Georgia Southern Sweetheart.

Beginning the evening with a bang, the ladies performed a dance routine to Katy Perry's "Firework" while introducing themselves and their platforms to the audience.

Separated into two groups, the blue hearts and the gold hearts, the contestants then dazzled the crowd with not only their poise and communication abilities but also their artistic abilities.

Charlene Bibeau becomes the new Miss Georgia Southern University 2012. The honor of GSU Sweetheart was bestowed on Bibeau Saturday night by 2011’s Miss GSU, Anna Treadway. Bibeau’s reward included a $1,500 scholarship.

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ZTA strawberry sale

BY KARA DEES
The George-Anne contributor

Zeta Tau Alpha will be having its 10th annual Strawberry Sale on March 2 to raise money for their philanthropy, breast cancer education and awareness.

“We really love the month of October [which is breast cancer awareness month], but we are about educating and bringing awareness to people about breast cancer throughout the whole year,” Zeta member Lauren Herrington said.

“The best part about the strawberries is that when you buy them, you have enough until the next sale comes around,” freshman multimedia communication major Hayley Connor said.

The strawberries, sold in a flat, have multiple uses and can be frozen or refrigerated. They are delivered the same day they are picked from Plant City, Fla., Herrington said.

“I am excited about the strawberries; and that they are so fresh is great, too,” freshman theatre major Chantavia McDonald said.

This sale is community-wide and last year the sorority made $25,000 in total, with $14,000 donated to Zeta Tau Alpha’s philanthropy, Herrington said.

The sale will last from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. The strawberries are sold in flats of eight baskets for $18 apiece.
Police Beat

Monday, Feb. 6
- Officers issued five traffic citations, six traffic warnings, assisted five motorists, responded to one sick person call, responded to a dog complaint, responded to three alarms and investigated one accident.
- Several prescription drugs were taken from a lab in the Math/Physics building.
- Individuals soliciting credit card information for magazines were reported.
- A phone was reported stolen from a lab in the Math/Physics building.
- Copyrighted information for magazines were reported.

Tuesday, Feb. 7
- Officers issued 19 traffic citations, 21 traffic warnings, assisted five motorists, assisted another agency, responded to one alarm and investigated one accident.
- George Michael Claffey II, 19, was charged with Underage Possession of Alcohol.

Wednesday, Feb. 8
- Officers issued one traffic warning, assisted two motorists, responded to one alarm and investigated one accident.
- A fight was reported at the RAC.
- An iPod was taken from a lab in the Math/Physics building.

Thursday, Feb. 9
- Officers issued four traffic warnings, 10 traffic citations, assisted six motorists, aided on sick person, responded to two alarms and investigated two motor vehicle accidents.
- Stephen Tyler Buchanan, 20, was charged with Underage Possession of Alcohol.
- Brody Alan Perloff, 19, was charged with Underage Possession of Alcohol, Possession of False ID.
- Christopher Le’OnTe Wynn, 19, was charged with Theft by Taking.
- Damien Demetrius Nesbitt, 28, was driving with Suspended or Revoked License, DUI.

Friday, Feb. 10
- Officers issued 11 traffic citations, 14 traffic warnings, assisted four motorists, responded to two sick person reports and responded to one alarm.

Saturday, Feb. 11
- Officers issued seven traffic citations, 11 traffic warnings, assisted three motorists, responded to one injured person call, one sick person call and investigated one accident.

Sunday, Feb. 12
- Officers issued 11 traffic citations, 14 traffic warnings, assisted two motorists and responded to one alarm.
- An intoxicated person was reported.
- Garrick A. Durst, 18, was charged with Theft by Taking.
- John Edward Mathis, 21, was charged with Underage Possession of Alcohol.
- Reagan William Brittain, 20, was charged with Underage possession of alcohol and obstruction of an officer.

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Our View

Track and field goes unrecognized

At Georgia Southern University, the "big three" sports — football, baseball and basketball — are always in the spotlight and not much of the other sports get as much attention. They have pretty much everything they need as far as training, supplies, support and facilities go, but what about the GSU track and field team?

Because GSU has only a women's track and field team, the ladies have to pull their own weight as the only representation GSU has as far as track and field goes.

Jasmine Billings managed to grab the second best time in the 60-meter hurdles in school history. Stephanie Hicks also grabbed the third fastest time in school history in the 60-meter hurdles.

It is expected that the university would have already held an outdoor track meet, right? The last time GSU held outdoor meets was in 2009, when it hosted the outdoor SoCon Championships. No other meets have been scheduled to be on the GSU campus since then.

The issue here could be because GSU is not equipped to handle meets up to SoCon standards. The outdoor track on campus was built in 2005 and not much of has been updated since. The racing equipment is outdated. A lack of digital timing equipment, limited capacity in the stands, limited parking areas and cramped press box space all contribute to a lack of consideration and support from the GSU community.

The GSU track and field team is a part of university athletics and there shouldn't be any reason why the team should fault or go unrecognized for its accomplishments simply because of its facilities. If the university was more willing to spread its attention throughout the entire athletic field, the track and field team would get more support and eventually turn out better in the future.
From the left

Gringrich is now finished

It's time for Gingrich to just give up already. He's over and done with in this primary. He's got Georgia left and that's about it.

The National Review, a highly respected conservative magazine, has called for Gingrich to drop from the race. In my opinion, it's about time he did.

Other than South Carolina, this whole experience should be chalked up as a disappointment for Newt.

He only got his temporary boost in popularity because Herman Cain dropped out. Now that it's a real race, he won't be able to keep up.

However, it has now become a real race once again. With Santorum's recent success, he and Romney are neck-and-neck vying for the Republican bid.

With two candidates taking all the steam, what do Newt and Ron Paul have left to run on? All the attention, hoopla, and most importantly, votes are going to the two on top.

Everybody has been slipping except for Santorum, and that is good for him as he is gaining momentum for future states.

I still don't think he has what it takes to overtake Romney for the GOP nomination, but we'll see how it turns out.

The interesting thing I saw while researching for this bit was that in polling done this past weekend, President Obama still beat out each candidate for the nomination, but we'll see how it turns out.

It's a shame for the Republicans and is pretty telling of their party.

They have a weak pool of candidates fighting for the opportunity to be the next leader of the free world at a point in time when it would be fairly easy for them to get someone reelected.

People are upset about the economy and unemployment. When people are upset, they blame the president.

With President Obama being blamed for everything that's going wrong, now would be the perfect time for the GOP to come in and win the presidency.

This is telling of the party, because if they had a strong candidate that they truly felt exemplified the party ideals and would be the clear-cut choice to win, they would have put him, or her, up for election.

I think it's safe to say that the GOP primary is officially a two-man race and will lead to ultimate disappointment for the party when President Obama wins his reelection in November.

Roberts is a senior public relations major from Warner Robins, Ga.

From the right

Obama’s budget is wasteful

Yesterday, the President Overspend released his budget for the next year — a $3.8 trillion plan that is focusing on infrastructure spending and taxing the wealthy to an obscene level. But, that's not even the worst part.

In this budget, there are also plans to increase the spending to $5.8 trillion by 2022. So, in the next 10 years the United States government is going to spend over $48 trillion. By this measure, over $18 trillion of debt will be held by foreign investors like China, according to the House's Committee on Budget.

So, we are going to sink all this money into wasteful, unconstitutional spending on the part of the government so they can be more involved in our lives? Are these Democrats freaking insane?

And the way they plan on paying for all this, besides a huge loan from China and raising taxes on the most successful population in America.

The president plans on letting the Bush tax cuts run out this year, raising the $250,000+ a year tax rate to a staggering 39.8 percent. While this makes the OWL people click their heels in glee, this is going to hurt small businesses all over the country.

Most small businesses file their taxes under their personal tax returns, thus on paper they make over $250,000, when in reality they make much less after all the expenses of business are paid.

Take College Republican's Chairman Jeff Brown. His family operates a farm in rural Georgia and the farm files its taxes under its personal tax form. If it is taxed at 39.8 percent federal tax and the six percent Georgia tax, it take-home would be around $35,500, and that doesn't even begin to deduct the cost of labor and materials to run a farm as well as Brown's six siblings' college tuitions.

That's only one tax increase — there are hundreds more that will take a total of $1.9 trillion out of the hardworking American's pocket, while over 48 percent of Americans don't pay a single penny into the federal government. And they said we're not doing our part.

Federal spending, especially that of this administration, is completely unnecessary. You can't spend your way out of debt. The only way you can cut the debt is to stop spending and bring jobs back to this country.

We should be cutting taxes for corporations and citizens so they can reinvest in the economy. If we didn't have the highest corporate and manufacturing taxes and costs, more companies would be here proudly putting the "Made in USA" sticker on more products.

More people would have jobs making those products, which means they are less reliant on government programs and could actually get out of the 48 percent who don't pay taxes.

Chapin is a senior political science major from Roswell, Ga.
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not for 18 months though. A lot of ISPs already keep records. 'This bill would just bring all ISPs into compliance, regulate them,' Burrell said.

The bill wouldn't only help fight child pornography, but also help find those who are providing pirated materials online.

'We're still seeing a lot of people downloading music and movies illegally. This would make it easier to track down those providing the music. No one has been sued for pirating music, only for providing it,' Burrell said.

'As for us, we'd have to change operation procedures. We'd have to prepare to retain what could potentially be a ton of information, especially on a university,' Burrell said.

The bill doesn't worry Burrell, however.

'What concerns me isn't the bill itself, it's the root motivation. I'm more concerned about corporations getting the information. Information stolen from corporations also leads to identity theft,' Burrell said.

Student opinions are generally in favor of the bill.

'I'd say the government has the right to do this. It's a good thing, in that it protects children,' Corey Claiborne, a sophomore exercise science major, said.

'It's got a good motivation behind it,' Jim Richardson, a senior math major, said.

Tom Tolleson, a junior marketing major, said, 'Any decrease in internet crime is a good thing.'

-Steve Burrell
Vice president of information technology and chief information officer

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BY GIANNA CARME
The George-Anne staff

In recognition of Valentine’s Day, Georgia Southern University's Chick-fil-A is giving carnations to students on campus.

Approximately 500 pink, yellow, red, purple and cream-colored carnations are being handed to guests who visit the restaurant today, located in Russell Union. In addition to the restaurant, the Chick-fil-A cow himself will be walking the areas surrounding the Rotunda, Russell Union, Centennial and Landrum giving flowers to students.

“We are trying everyday to improve and make Chick-fil-A even better than it already is,” Butts said.

Since 2003, the GSU fast food restaurant is the No. 1 licensing Chick-fil-A in the world, according to Butts. On average, the campus restaurant sells about 3,000 sandwiches per week.

Furthering its appreciation for GSU students, the campus restaurant is planning a guest appreciation day and discounts for finals week.

Chick-fil-A employees, including the cow, will begin handing out carnations today at 10 a.m. and continue until the last flower is gone.

Students discuss favorite Valentine’s movies

Film and television

BY AMBER GORDON
The George-Anne staff

Valentine’s Day is in full effect on the campus of Georgia Southern University as students talk about what movies they watch to celebrate the holiday.

On Valentine’s Day, romantic movies have always been the most popular choice to watch. Movies like “The Notebook,” and even the newest romantic comedy “The Vow,” are just a couple movies that students will be watching tonight.

“I think ‘The Vow’ or ‘The Notebook’ would be good movies to watch because it’s so romantic,” Hayley Connor, freshman multimedia communications major, said.

Romantic movies may be fitting for Valentine’s Day, but some students believe that watching something unconventional makes the night even more interesting.

“It would be cool to break from the norm and to build a little fort and watch an action movie because I really like action movies,” Harli Gottesman, freshman pre-nursing major, said.

Even Disney movies can help bring two people together, due to their silly and child-like nature. Watching cartoon movies not only is something out of the ordinary, but it also gives students a chance to enjoy and reminisce young, innocent romance.

“‘Toy Story’ would be a good movie to watch. It’s not a really sad movie, but it’s still a movie that we can both enjoy,” Jake Jackubowski, freshman information technology major, said.

Some students believe that picking what type of movie to watch depends on what type of relationship the student is in.

“I think it depends on where you are in the relationship. If you’re in the beginning of your relationship then you should watch horror movies. If not, then it shouldn’t matter what movie you watch,” Phillip Collins, junior business major, said.

Whether students are spending Valentine’s Day with their significant other or all alone, movies are a way to add excitement to the night.
The ladies competed in five segments and were awarded prizes from the segments — the preliminary interview, the on stage-question, the talent portion, the swimsuit competition and the evening wear competition.

Contestants performed a wide range of talents, from singing to dancing to playing instruments. Senior health education major Rosalind D’Shazo opened the talent portion with a contemporary dance to Adele’s “One and Only.”

The talent portion then moved into sophomore communication arts major Samira Murphey’s rendition of “Come Away with Me” by Nora Jones, followed by junior biology pre-med major Charlene Bibeau’s performance on the piano.

“I enjoy sharing my passion and showing that I do have something to offer,” Bibeau said about performing.

The audience enjoyed a medley of songs and dances from the rest of the contestants in the completion.

At the end of the night, contestant No. 7, Charlene Bibeau, was awarded the winner of the talent portion and crowned the new Miss GSU. Second runner-up and evening wear award went to Raven Hall, a junior interior design major. First runner-up and people’s choice was awarded to junior public relations major Michelle Johnson. Senior exercise science major April Wheeler was named Miss Congeniality.

“It’s so surreal, it feels like a dream. I don’t think it’ll sink in until tomorrow when I see the crown in my room,” Bibeau said.

Bibeau’s prize package included a $1,500 scholarship and a Miss Georgia travel stipend, among other things. But, the new Miss GSU is concerned about more than her prizes.

“I plan on sitting with the board and discussing different ways of promoting my platform of keeping fine arts in school,” Bibeau said.

Bibeau gives some advice to future contestants and girls in general.

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- The Great Whites 32, Jose Mesta and Friends 42
- Knocked Off Bama 12, Fighting Irish 31
- Delta Sigma Phi 30, Delta Chi 40
- Newcomers 27, The GSI Eagles 31
- The Conquistadors 0, #swag FC 6
- Big Richards Academy 55, A Series of Fourths 8

**February 8**
- Black Mamba 60, Glacial Speed 40
- The Math Debaters 25, ATLiens 55
- Fast 6 & EZ 56, Malicious Prosstitution 26
- The Fistin' Pistons 27, Ragin' Alcoballics 33
- Alpha Delta Pi 35, Zeta Tau Alpha 21

**February 9**
- Backyard Studs 56, Eastbound & Down 46
- 3 Ballin' 54, Team Perfection 33
- Victory at the University of Florida on Feb. 4 and 5. Joseph Middelton finished in first place.
- The Big Green 3, Team Kennedy 2

**February 10**
- North State 31, Chicago Bears 65
- NSBE Ballas 34, Ducks 64
- World Domination 44, GSU Football 57
- Our Bally Always Drop 26, 59ers 47
- 6ft Swag 68, The Asian Guy Sucks 36
- Fully Torqued 45, Pippen Aint Easy 52

**February 11**
- Brother's In Law 3, Lions 49
- The Newcomers 33, RAC'n Crew 24
- The Math Debaters 25, Sigma Alpha Epsilon 0
- The Roy Orbisons 38, Five White Guys 38

**February 12**
- GM 3, South Alabama 29
- Baseline Ballers 30, The Boro 49
- Alpha Delta Phi 35, Zeta Tau Alpha 21
- Viscious and Delicious 38, Diligaf 59

### Wheelchair Basketball

**February 8**
- Frugal Macdoogal 1, Legendary 9
- The 10 MessStans 7, Nutt Muggers 1
- Karma is a Beech 0, FC UK 3
- The Group 0, Bafana 7

**February 9**
- I HATE HILLS 13, HotWheelz 8
- Real Stars __ 2, King DeBRAHS 12
- The Cosby Kids 23, Phi Mu 30

### Soccer

**February 7**
- Awesome Forever 0, The Stepfathers 4
- Kick'n Baliz 0, CCF Fourth Meal 4
- Grass Stains 0, Brick Breakers 6
- Multiple Scoregasms 0, CFC2 11

**February 8**
- BSAC 4, Phi Mu 5
- The Conquistadors 0, #swag FC 6

**February 9**
- Ball'n 4, Balls and Booty Calls 5
- Decent at Best 25, Professor X Dance Team 5

**February 10**
- Cats 5, CCF Bunny Buttons 60
- Strokin' it 52, Why Are You Here Co-Rec 54

**February 11**
- We Found Ya Ankles 47, Off in the Shower 42
- Strokin' it 52, Why Are You Here Co-Rec 54

**February 12**
- Karma is a Beach 0, FC UK 3
- Frugal Macdoogal 1, Legendary 9

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**What’s going on at CRI**

**Club Cycling Team**

The Club Cycling team pedaled to victory at the University of Florida on Feb. 4 and 5. Joseph Middelton finished with pack in the Men’s A category which is equivalent to the Pro 1-2 category.

Collin Enfinger finished in first place in Saturday’s Class C Criterium. Emmy Richards represented GSU in the Women’s Class and finished in the top five.

The cycling team will race next at the “Battle of the Boro” on Feb. 25.

**Inner Tube Water Polo**

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**The Buried Life**

What do you want to do before you die? MTV Reality Show, The Buried Life, will be making an appearance on Georgia Southern’s campus on Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. in the PAC.

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Wednesday, February 15
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
In front of the Williams Center

By Sarah Dixon, PR/Marketing Intern

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students are looking for that answer for their future success.
Office of Career Services is bringing in recruiters from
companies including Toys "R" Us and GEICO to share valuable
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search.

This is a great opportunity to acquire advice from
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9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Session A: How to Work a Career Fair Panel. GEICO &
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11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Session B: Interviewing Skills. Made Martin, GEICO Russell
Union 2084

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Session C: Financial Planning for Your Future. Dr. Joe
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By Ashley Salim, a senior public relations major, encourages
students to take part in the conference. "I have attended the
Life After College sessions before and I recommend it to
any juniors or seniors that want to gain professional advice on
how to be successful after college," Salim said.

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FREE GIVEAWAYS!
Monken talks GSU college recruitment

Football

BY DERREK ASBERRY
The George-Anne staff

Major League Baseball has steroids, the National Basketball Association has gambling, and as of late, the issue circling NCAA football has been illegally "paying players" to attend a university.

Since the Reggie Bush/University of Southern California catastrophe, it seems that college football cannot steer away from the corruption. According to Georgia Southern University Head Coach Jeff Monken, these rules are seen to get broken much too often.

"The rules are in place for a reason," Monken said. "There is professionalism and a protocol to create a level playing field to give everybody the opportunity to recruit the same young men."

"There are certain individuals that feel like they have to break or stretch the rules to accomplish the goals that they have," Monken continued. "And that's unfortunate."

According to Monken, there are countless rules and guidelines to consider when recruiting high school athletes. Because of this, some schools may not realize they are in violation of some of the lesser known rules.

"Sometimes, they are broken unknowingly, and not maliciously," Monken said. "The school, the coach, or the athletes aren't trying to break a rule, but they don't realize the fine print that goes along with each set of rules."

However, Monken also realizes that many make conscious efforts to break the rules.

"There are those that are broken purposely, and I hate that for our sport," he said. "I wish we could keep that from happening. There are a lot of people involved, and there are a lot of people with their hand in the cookie jar, so the rules are going to get broken, but that's never good for our sport."

The recruiting took place over the last several weeks, and resulted in several players signing to become a part of the Eagle football program. Monken fills that the clean recruiting process will pay off for GSU.

"I'm looking forward to those kids getting here," Monken said. "I think they'll be good players and hopefully contribute to our success. We look forward to developing them, and hopefully they'll be great and successful Eagles."

Rugby in full swing, downs Kennesaw State 41-15

Rugby

BY TREVOR MCNABOE
The George-Anne contributor

This past Saturday, Georgia Southern University men's rugby team took on Kennesaw State University, winning 41-15.

The Eagles started off the weekend well with their first win of the spring season. The outcome of the game was never in question, as the score was 27-0 at the half due to the dominance of the players, both physically and tactically.

The second half saw Kennesaw put up two tries, but that was not enough as the Eagles would not be denied victory in their 36th season as a club sport at GSU.

Rugby is divided into two halves of 40 minutes. A try is worth five points and a conversion kick afterwards is worth two points.

Although this draws similar comparisons to football, team captain Jake McKinley begged to differ when he said, "Rugby is its own sport and you really can not compare it to any other. If I would have to say, it would be a cross between football, due to the tackling, but also soccer because you are running for eighty minutes."

A former football player in high school, McKinley said that what lured him to rugby is that he was looking for something to do since he was unable to play football anymore.

Over the course of him playing at GSU, McKinley has noticed an increase in the popularity of the sport, both in participation and also fan support.

He attributes this to the exposure that people get to the sport by high schools now having club teams.

The Eagles looks to continue their success on Feb. 18 when they travel to take on Emory University.

Photo courtesy of head coach Russ Rozelle

Georgia Southern University rugby club team collects for a team photo after the win.
Track and field places highly at Clemson

Track and field

BY KEVIN GREGAN
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The Georgia Southern University track and field team competed in its last meet before the Southern Conference indoor championships and is currently on an upward trend that should prove important.

Over the last weekend, the Eagles were in Clemson, S.C., where they competed in the Tiger Paw Invitational. At the meet, eight members of the team improved their personal bests.

Ranked No. 1 in SoCon, junior Jasmine Billings defended her ranking by placing first in the 60-meter hurdles with her personal best time of 8.54 seconds.

"I was freaking out, that's my first time winning a college meet and it was an emotional high," Billings said.

With her first place finish, Billings recorded the second fastest time in GSU history.

Two other Eagles represented for GSU in the event. Sophomore Stephanie Hicks and freshman Taylor Wade also made it to the hurdle finals where they recorded fourth and 14th place finishes, respectively.

The Eagles now own the top two spots in the SoCon hurdle rankings due to the 8.71-second hurdle run by Hicks. It was also the third fastest time in school history.

In the field events, freshman Sara Hall made a personal best due to her 17th place out of 43 competitors in the weight throw event in which she threw for a distance of 15.12 meters.

Hall said her personal best was "pretty awesome," but she still wished that she did better in the event.

She also finished 10th in the shot put with a 12.57 meter throw.

Her drive to do better every meet is what helps Hall maintain the top ranking in shot put and the fifth ranking in the weight through events in the SoCon this season.

Three Eagles recorded personal bests in the 500-meter run. With their times, junior Kristiana Towns, sophomore Raccquel Daly and sophomore Dana Edwards recorded seventh, eighth, and 18th place finishes respectively.

Back for her first meet of the season fresh off a hamstring injury, Daly made a personal record in the 500-meter dash where she finished eighth.

"It feels great to be back, and I'm happy that I can come back and be competitive right away," Daly said.

Not only did she do well in the 500-meter, Daly ran fourth for the 4x400-relay team and helped GSU earn a fourth place finish in that event.

The Georgia Southern University track and field team runs, jumps and practices drills to prepare for the next competition. Left: Sophomore Asea Mayfield runs sprints to warm up before practice. Right: Freshman Iesha Nichols practices cone drills at the jump pit during practice.
Eagles host camp, wrap up preseason

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It was another busy weekend for the Georgia Southern University Eagles baseball team as it performed another scrimmage at J.I. Clements Stadium.

The Eagles participated in three more inter-squad scrimmages in addition to last weekend’s three. However, this weekend the team also held the annual Little Eagles Baseball Camp.

This camp was for children ages 4-14 and took place on Saturday.

The second scrimmage of the weekend directly followed the camp so the kids could stay and watch their Eagles get ready for the season opener on Friday, Feb. 17. The members of the team hung around to sign the 2012 GSU team poster as well as sign autographs for the kids.

But, the team got to work as the kids eventually filtered out of the stadium. This would be the last live action the Eagles would see until the regular season begins.

In the second game of opening day, the Eagles took on Marshall. The hits and runs were not as plentiful in this game, as GSU fell 4-1 to the Thundering Herd. Seniors Jorie Walker and Mackenzie Williams each had two hits in the contest. The Eagles only had seven hits in entire the game, while Marshall made the plays when it counted.

GSU's offense caught fire again as the Eagles registered an impressive 13 hits in the game. Sophomore pitcher Allie Miles picked up her first win of the season in the contest after losing in day one to Marshall.

In GSU's last game of the tournament, the Eagles defeated Coastal Carolina University 5-2. GSU trailed 2-0 going into the final inning, when sophomore Kourtney Thomas and freshman Savannah Coon both hit doubles. Thomas knocked in three runs in the inning and Coon added another to secure the game for the Eagles. The win gave Purvis her second win of the tournament and of the season.

GSU ended the tournament on a high note and will look to carry that momentum into Wednesday’s home doubleheader against Georgia State University starting at 3 p.m.
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