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From the Desk of Tom Kleinlein

Dear Stephanie,

It’s been a while since I checked in, but today seemed like a perfect opportunity for me to update you on everything happening in the athletics department.

By now, I’m sure everyone heard of the untimely passing of former Eagle football player Edwin Jackson. Edwin represented everything that was good about Georgia Southern Athletics, and he will truly be missed. It was incredible to see all of the people whose lives he touched come together at his funeral on Monday. The presence of Georgia Southern coaches, former players, fans, NFL teammates and coaches coming together to celebrate his life was something to behold and is an experience I will not soon forget. Erk used to always say “Do Right” and Edwin certainly epitomized that creed. I urge each of you to try and live your life the way Edwin lived his.

On a happier note, the big news out of Statesboro this week was the hiring of Adrian Peterson to Coach Lunsford’s staff as the director of student-athlete development. Getting someone like AP back on campus representing his university will be something special. He will act as a liaison between the academic staff and the coaches to monitor the progress of our players, but will also be able to share his life story and be able to listen to our student-athletes, helping them navigate the waters of college life and life after graduation.

On the fundraising side of things, we’re on pace for another record-breaking year thanks to your generous donations. Eagle Nation is the lifeline of Georgia Southern Athletics, and without your contributions, we couldn’t sustain the level of success we aim to achieve. So thank you for all you do for the department and the 400 student-athletes who represent this great school.

With the numerous accomplishments we’ve achieved in the fundraising department, it was only a matter of time before someone snatched Kevin Bostian from us and that time has come. Kevin joined the Athletic Foundation in 2015 as the Senior Associate Athletic Director for Development and also served as the Executive Director of the Athletic Foundation. In his time here, we’ve had record-breaking fundraising numbers each year. He will be missed greatly. I want to thank Kevin for all he did for this department and wish he and his family the best of luck on their move to Raleigh. We have already begun a nationwide search for his replacement and hope to have that position filled by early spring.

Our athletic programs have been keeping us busy during the crossover season (winter and spring sports taking place simultaneously). I invite you to read this letter in its entirety here to learn more about our current events and other department updates. I hope you have a great rest of the week and I will see you in Hanner this weekend as we host Georgia State.
As always, #HailSouthern!

Tom Kleinlein
Director of Athletics, Georgia Southern University

STUDENT-ATHLETE SUCCESS

- SOFTBALL - Mekhia Freeman Named Preseason All-Sun Belt
- MEN'S GOLF - Storey Wins GS Individual Collegiate
- TRACK & FIELD/CROSS COUNTRY - Eagles Impress in Birmingham
- MEN'S GOLF - Fisk Named to Ben Hogan Award Watch List
- DEPARTMENT - Talon-Ted Award Winners For January Announced
- BASEBALL - Seth Shuman Named to All-Sun Belt Baseball Preseason Team

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- WOMEN'S SOCCER - Elevating the Distinction of Women's Soccer
- SWIMMING & DIVING - CSCAA Scholar All-America Team Honor For Fall 2017
- BASEBALL - Eagle Baseball Picked Third in Preseason Sun Belt Coaches Poll

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