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Willie Larkin Named as Next President of GSU

Season Tickets for 2015 Football Season Now on Sale!

Season tickets for the 2015 Grambling State University football season are currently on sale. Tickets can be purchased by visiting or calling the GSU Ticket Office at 318-274-2625.

The GSU Tigers open the 2015 season on Saturday, Sept. 5 against the University of California Berkeley in Berkeley, California, at 2 p.m. (PDT). GSU will face Mississippi Valley State on Oct. 24 for Homecoming and will host Bethune Cookman University (9/12), Alabama A&M University (10/10) and Texas Southern (11/7) in the Eddie G. Robinson Memorial Stadium.

Season tickets for reserved seating are \$54 and general admission is \$48. Single game tickets for all four home games are currently on sale. All tickets will increase by \$5 on game day. Single Game Tickets at Robinson Stadium – Reserve Seating (\$30), General Admission (\$25).



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UL System President and Search Committee Chair Sandra Woodley shakes hands with Willie Larkin after he signs his contract to become Grambling State University's ninth president.

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System has named Willie D. Larkin as the ninth president of Grambling State University. Larkin, Chief of Staff to the President of Morgan State University, is expected to assume the presidency on July 1.

Larkin thanked the board and the Grambling community. "I've been working for this my entire life. I thank my mom and dad. Although they're not living anymore, they'd be extremely proud," he said. Larkin was among five candidates who interviewed publicly on the Grambling campus. A search committee, appointed by the UL System Board, consisted of board members, students, alumni, faculty and community representatives. After interviewing semifinalists, the Board selected two candidates for final interviews in front of a diverse university audience. ([read more](#))

Louisiana Legislator Passes Land Grant Status for GSU

Both the Louisiana Senate and House of Representatives have passed resolutions to recommend that the U.S. Congress grant Grambling State University status as a land-grant institution, which would make the university eligible for millions of dollars in federal funding every year.

"We could be receiving 5-10 million dollars a year just in direct appropriations for research and extension services, which means we can do a substantial amount of research that we don't do now," said John Rosenthal, vice president for Research, Advancement and Economic Development. ([read more](#))

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Former Grambling State Tiger Gets Second Chance with New York Yankees



Cory Jordan

It is every baseball player's dream to have their name called in the Major League Baseball draft. Cory Jordan has experienced that dream first hand by hearing his name called by the Tampa Bay Rays in the 35th round of the 2013 MLB draft.

Jordan became the first Grambling State Tiger pitcher to be drafted since 1996. The Houston native spent one year in the Tampa Bay Rays organization with the Hudson Valley Renegades. Now Jordan is writing a new chapter in his baseball career with one of the best organizations in professional sports, the New York Yankees.

"I'm at a loss for words, and it's just hard to describe what I'm feeling now, but I just thank God for this opportunity and another chance at playing the game I love. This time will be different," Jordan said.

Head Baseball Coach James Cooper is proud of the former Grambling baseball star and believes Jordan has what it takes to succeed as a major league pitcher. "Cory has all the ability to be a MLB pitcher. He has the make-up ability, size, physical stature and arm strength that scouts crave over. He has a second chance that most ball players don't get the chance to have. I'm sure he will make the best of it. I believe he will," Cooper said.

Drexler Drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers in 2015 Major League Baseball Draft



Edwin Drexler

The Los Angeles Dodgers picked Grambling's Edwin Drexler in the 38th round of the 2015 Major League Baseball Draft on Wednesday. Drexler was the No. 1,152 overall pick.

Drexler is a native from Jeanerette, Louisiana, and a senior center fielder who played in all of GSU's games this season. He recorded 185 at bats, 42 runs, 51 hits, five doubles, two triples, three home-runs and 19 runners batted in. Edwin led the team in runs scored (42), triples (2), walks (33), stolen bases (30) and steal attempts (34).

"It is such a remarkable feeling helping dreams come true for young men, especially when they do it the right way by graduating with a degree in May and then getting drafted in June," said Head Baseball Coach James Cooper. "We take pride in being a student first and athlete second here at Grambling. Edwin has exemplified just that. His hard work in class and on the field has been recognized. He's a Dodger now. I wish him the best. That's the fifth player drafted in six seasons. Thank God for dear ole Grambling!"

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