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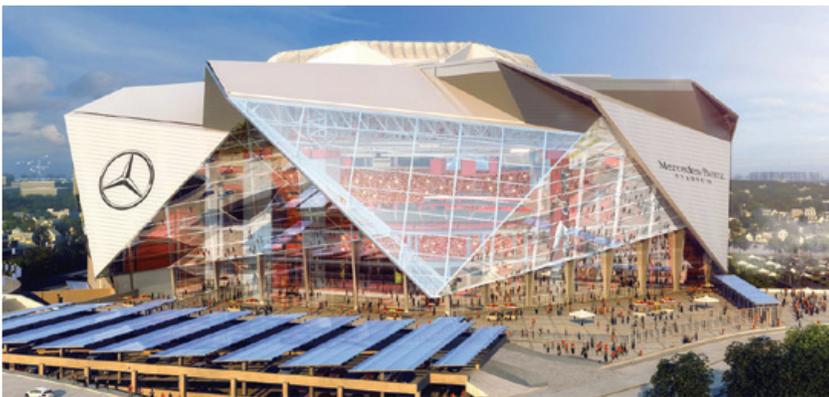
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## 2017 UGA BULLDOGS!!

### Smart Dawgs continue chopping wood!!

<b>Appalachian State</b>	<b>W 31-10</b>
<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>W 20-19</b>
<b>Samford</b>	<b>W 42-14</b>
<b>Mississippi State</b>	<b>W 31-3</b>
<b>Tennessee</b>	<b>W 41-0</b>
<b>Vanderbilt</b>	<b>W 45-14</b>
<b>Missouri</b>	<b>W 53-28</b>
<b>Florida</b>	<b>W 42-7</b>
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>W 24-10</b>
<b>Auburn</b>	
<b>Kentucky</b>	
<b>Georgia Tech</b>	





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***Letter from the President***

Dear Lettermen,

Our hats are off to the 2017 Smart Bulldogs and what a year! All the Bulldog Nation is enjoying chopping the wood weekly.

Our Ole Faithful Dawg, Loran Smith, was very appreciative and honored for his award in September. Jim Baker and his chefs, servers, bartenders, and all helpers did a wonderful job at our annual tailgate which might have been the best one yet.

Happy Holiday Season to each of you and your families and enjoy the remainder of the Bulldog season.

Sincerely,

Mack H. Guest, III



**Important Dates to Remember**

**February 15-17, 2018**

Frostbite Tournament  
 Jekyll Island Club Hotel

**April 21, 2018**

Wally's Boys Breakfast  
 Athens Country Club

**April 18, 2018**

Board Meeting  
 UGA Lettermen's Club

**Alumni Flag Football Game**

G-Day Game  
 Sanford Stadium

**April 19, 2018**

29th Annual Vince Dooley Open  
 Lettermen's Reception  
 Athens Country Club

**August 11, 2018**

Board Meeting  
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**April 20, 2018**

29th Annual Hartman-Dukes Classic  
 Athens Country Club

**September 15, 2018**

Lettermen's Tailgate & Reunion  
 UGA vs. Middle Tennessee  
 Oconee Hill Cemetery



**Circle of Honor**

**Thomas Davis** (2002-03-04) will be inducted into the University of Georgia Circle of Honor on February 12, 2018 at the UGA Fine Arts Theater. Congratulations Thomas on this prestigious honor.



## Mulherin Named 2017 Hartman Award Winner

### University of Georgia Sports Communications

ATHENS – Dr. William B. “Butch” Mulherin, who served as one of the Georgia football program’s team doctors — and its first orthopedic surgeon — for 33 years, has been named the 2017 Bill Hartman Award recipient, one of the highest honors given to a former UGA student-athlete.

Mulherin will be recognized at the Bulldogs’ game this Saturday against Samford.

Mulherin, a native of Augusta, graduated from Richmond Academy and first attended UGA in 1952. He lettered as both an offensive and defensive end for the Bulldogs from 1953-55. Upon graduation, he returned to Augusta and continued his studies at the Medical College of Georgia. Coming from a family of doctors, Mulherin earned his degree from MCG in 1961, with a specialty in orthopedics. He then spent one year in a general surgical residency in Augusta before moving to Atlanta to serve as the first full-time surgical resident at the Georgia Baptist Hospital.

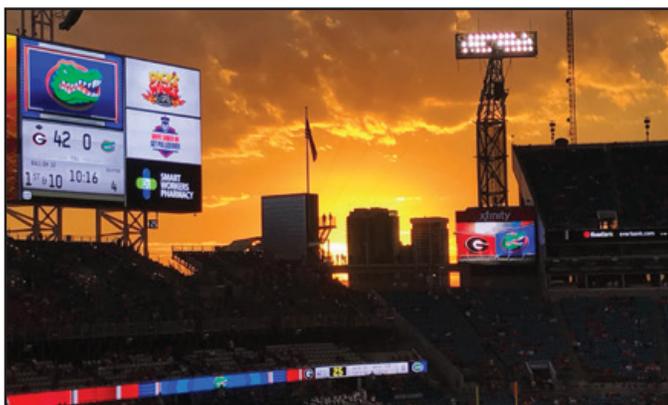
Mulherin later served a surgical residency at the Scottish Rite Hospital in Atlanta. It was there he met Dr. Fred Allman, a fellow UGA alumnus and a pioneer in the field of sports medicine. Allman convinced Mulherin that their alma mater needed full-time attention from an orthopedist.

Mulherin moved to Athens in 1966, founded the Athens Orthopedic Clinic and joined the Bulldogs’ medical staff on a regular basis. He became one of the first orthopedic surgeons to provide daily care to an SEC team, traveling to every road game and attending practices regularly. He joined Dr. Jack Hughston (Auburn) as early trailblazers in this regard.

Not only did Mulherin remain with the Bulldogs until 1999, he helped grow the Athens Orthopedic Clinic into one of the region’s largest and best of its kind. He started the clinic with two exam rooms and a single nurse on staff. Today it occupies a space of over 16,000 square feet with a staff of over 20 doctors and nearly four times more support personnel.

Named for the late Bill Hartman, Georgia’s long-time kicking coach and chairman of the Georgia Student Educational Fund, the Hartman Award is one of the greatest honors given to a former UGA student-athlete. The Hartman Award has been presented annually since 1992 and recognizes former Georgia student-athletes who have demonstrated excellence in their profession and/or in service to others by 20 or more years of superior performance after graduation. Only former varsity athletes who have received a baccalaureate degree from Georgia can be considered for the award.

### Scenes From Jacksonville





DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

# 2017 Lettermen's Reunion

We have the most amazing lettermen and families!!! This year's Lettermen's Tailgate & Reunion that was held on September 16, 2017 was unbelievable. We had a record number in attendance that enjoyed a full day of fellowship. As always, the food was delicious, and we must give a huge thank you to Jim Baker and his entire crew!!! Thank you to all who made this another great success. We are already looking forward to next year's reunion which will be held on September 15, 2018.







## 2017 OLE FAITHFUL DAWG

On September 16, 2017, the Georgia Football Lettermen's Club had the privilege to recognize Loran Smith of Athens, GA as our 2017 Ole Faithful Dawg. The presentation took place at halftime of the UGA vs. Samford football game. The Ole Faithful Dawg Award is given by the Georgia Football Lettermen's Club to an individual who is not a football letterman but who has been a loyal and dedicated supporter of the Bulldog football team throughout their time.



What an honor it was to have the legendary Loran Smith as our 2017 Ole Faithful Dawg. One cannot think of UGA football without thinking of Loran Smith. We thank Loran for his continued dedication and devotion to the University of Georgia Athletic Association. He is a true DAWG!!



### Jimmy Payne Hardship Fund

The Jimmy Payne Football Lettermen's Hardship Fund has been established by the Georgia Football Lettermen's Club for the purpose of providing financial assistance to needy football lettermen who find themselves under hardship conditions. The Jimmy Payne Fund recently provided assistance to Ralph Clark (1973). For an application, please visit our website- [www.ugalettermensclub.com](http://www.ugalettermensclub.com).



## “OLE FAITHFUL DAWG” AWARD RECIPIENTS

2017	Loran Smith	Athens, GA
2016	Norma Haynes	Newnan, GA
2015	Charles Seiler & Family	Savannah, GA
2014	Charlie Horton	Athens, GA
2013	Claude McBride	Athens, GA
2012	Tom Oglesby	Elberton, GA
2011	Claude Williams	Athens, GA
2010	Jack Davis	St. Simons Island, GA
2009	Lewis Gainey	Athens, GA
2008	Tom Murphy	Atlanta, GA
2007	Dick Copas	Athens, GA
2006	Aaron Cohn Richard Hecht	Columbus, GA Columbus, GA
2005	Judd Farr	Greenville, SC
2003	Dan Whitmire	Atlanta, GA
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2001	Candler Meadors	Athens, GA
1999	John Terrell	Athens, GA
1998	Bill Bruckner	Atlanta, GA
1997	Bogger Selley	Albany, GA
1996	Herschel Scott	Monroe, GA



**Jack Loonam** (2014) is returning home from a 9 month deployment to the Middle East as an Active Duty Army Officer in 1st Calvary Division, just in time for the Kentucky game!

## Frostbite Golf Tournament

The 2018 Frostbite Tournament will be held at the Jekyll Island Club Hotel from February 15th- 17th. The price is \$202.00 per person per day, which includes accommodations, room tax, gratuities, green fees, cart, breakfast, and dinner. For reservations, please call 1-800-535-9547. This is a member-guest, and all are welcome. It is a scramble format. If anyone has questions, call Chris Hammond- (229) 392-4406.

## Houston Academy Hall of Fame

On December 16, 2017, **Ernest Ponder** (1978) will be inducted into the Houston Academy Hall of Fame in Dothan, AL. Congratulations Ernest on this great accomplishment.

## 29th Annual Vince Dooley Open and Hartman-Dukes Classic

The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Vince Dooley Open and Hartman-Dukes Classic will be held on **April 19, 2018** and **April 20, 2018**. Hotel reservations can be made at the **Holiday Inn** in Athens. Please call (706) 549-4433 and ask for the “GFL/UGA Football” group code to obtain the special rates and to be sure your reservation gets in the assigned block of rooms. The room rate will range from \$107.00-127.00 per night. **Athens Country Club** will be our host for the tournaments.





## From Georgia to the Hall of Fame, Terrell Davis proved he was a difference-maker

By: Loran Smith



BroncosWire

While it wasn't exactly a weighty cultural shock for Terrell Davis when he left a disbanded football program at Long Beach State for the University of Georgia in 1992, it was nonetheless different.

He temporarily vacated the surf, Pacific breezes, lively lifestyle of Southern California and a variety of ethnic cooking and seafood options for the Deep South environment which was unlike anything he experienced, from the humidity to cuisine – more often than not, at mealtime, barbecue and vegetable plates, although by the time he showed up in the Classic City, it had become, with liquor by the drink sales, a place with trendy restaurants beginning to proliferate.

The Oconee River didn't provide much to cool down things as the Pacific does at his collegiate address and hometown (he grew up in San Diego), but there was something special about Athens and the University of Georgia. He sensed that from the beginning.

"They took football seriously," he says, which meant offseason workouts got the highest priority. That was his introduction to the way things were done with the Bulldogs and in the Southeastern Conference. The laid-back living he had experienced in Southern California was not compatible with the ways and means of Georgia football.

One January morning after he had transferred, he was sleeping in when a resounding knock on the door awakened him. He opened the door to greet Joe Tereshinski, who informed him offseason workouts were mandatory. Terrell thought they were optional.

Terrell soon realized at Georgia, he could flourish as a running back. and knew the Tailback U moniker that had

taken place with Herschel Walker and other running backs, including teammate Garrison Hearst, was something he could appreciate. He was ready to go to work.

Looking back, Terrell's hindsight confirms his timing along the way has been extraordinary. He developed as a running back in Athens, where he saw the toughest of college defenses in the rugged Southeastern Conference. Then when he got to Denver, Mike Shanahan had just been hired and was putting the pieces together for a Super Bowl run. Denver had John Elway, a seasoned and creative quarterback hungry for a championship. An explosive running back with punch and deft running ability would certainly make a difference. Terrell Davis was the Broncos' man.

Shanahan, who had coached at Florida, knew about the eminence of SEC running backs and immediately took a liking to Davis, who would become a central offensive component in the Elway backfield.

Before you could exclaim "mile high," the Elway-Davis combination would bring Denver two Super Bowl titles – XXXII and XXXIII. Terrell was the MVP of Super Bowl XXXII. His legend would grow. He would become a member of one of the most exclusive clubs in American sport – The National Football League Hall of Fame.

Naturally, he was overwhelmed when the news was delivered. When the dust settled and he had reflected on his high honor, he realized he was in the same club with running backs like Jim Brown, Walter Payton, Jimmy Taylor and other classic runners. "I'm still not believing it," he said.

As the tributes, high fives and congratulatory verbiage flooded in, he took time to offer thanks to the many who came his way, beginning with his mother Kateree Davis, who raised eight children. Then there was a legion of coaches and teammates whose faces and images flashed through his consciousness.

For every touchdown (his nickname became T.D. which reflected his initials and the abbreviation for touchdown – something he generated in abundance throughout his career), there was encouragement and teaching to make him be the best he could be. With teammates, every score was accompanied by a block, some consequential.

"Any running back who understands the meaning of team," Terrell says, "knows you can only excel when there are offensive linemen who make a difference. I learned a lot



## Terrell Davis, *cont.*

about that at Georgia and then with Denver, which brought about a lot of honor and recognition. I will always be grateful to my coaches and teammates.”

At Georgia, he saw what emphasis with the running game did for Garrison Hearst. He knew he was gaining an advantage from playing in the SEC. Then there was Greg Davis, the Bulldogs play caller and offensive backfield coach. “Coach Davis put in some wrinkles that made a difference in our offense,” Terrell remembers.

One of those wrinkles was utilizing Terrell on passes out of the backfield. “We used a lot of four-wides quite a bit,” Greg Davis recalls. “Then we took advantage of his exceptional ability with catching balls out of the backfield. Against Auburn in ’94, Terrell just had one of those terrific running back days (25 carries for 113 yards). I remember him being highly productive although the game wound up in a 23-23 tie.”

When the NFL draft was coming up the following spring, Greg Davis got a call from Gary Kubiak, who was the offensive coordinator whom Greg had coached at Texas A&M. Kubiak’s message included a question about time missed his senior year. Kubiak wanted to make sure there were no underlying or hidden issues.

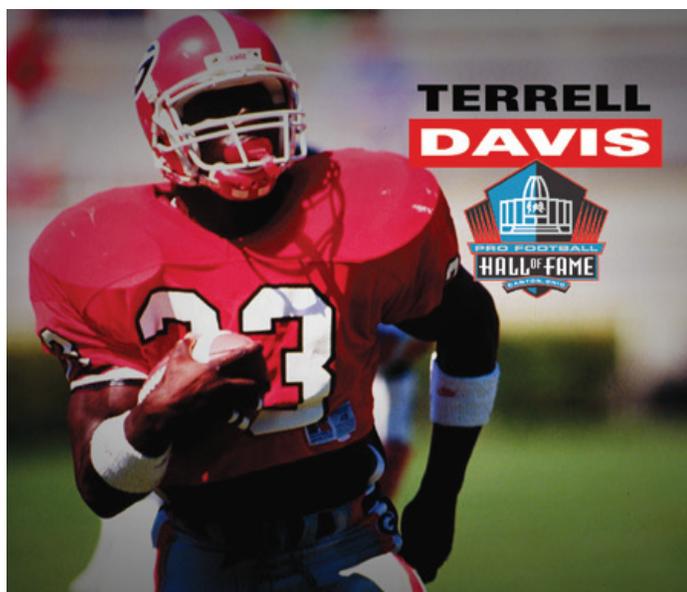
Greg Davis was quick to point out Terrell had one of the toughest injuries there is to get over – a hamstring. “I knew that when he was well,” Greg says, “that he was one of the best backs in the league. I told Gary that and more.” The “more” was this scouting report for the Broncos, from, perhaps the man who knew Terrell the best: “He has excellent hands and is one of the most intelligent runners I have ever seen. The

defense, the way it lines up, can often tip what it wants to do. A smart running back like Terrell will pick up on that. Terrell also had that rare ability to run under control. A lot of backs can’t run under control from the start of the play to the line of scrimmage with so many things happening in front of them.

“Terrell was a master at running under control. He had remarkable vision, which only the truly great running backs have. He was very patient. He could not have gone to a better place than Denver with Alex Gibbs being the line coach and using those zone blocking schemes.”

Kubiak became excited when he saw how Terrell ran the ball those few times in the Blue-Gray game. “Mike (Shanahan) and I thought he was a special player. We were just starting out in Denver and didn’t have a lot of options in the draft. I recall our first draft pick came in the fourth round and we couldn’t take Terrell until the 6th round. We were so overjoyed when he was still there. That is one of our best picks ever.”

The Broncos knew John Elway needed help and immediately saw Terrell was what the Bronco offense needed. “When you have one of the best quarterbacks in the league and you draft a runner like Terrell, then you have something special. Terrell Davis, and his record proves it, was one of the greatest difference makers we ever had at Denver. He took a lot of pressure off John and we began to have one of the best offenses in the league. You couldn’t have a greater combination of players in a backfield than John Elway and Terrell Davis.



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Congratulations to **Jonas Jennings** (1997-2000) who was named to the University of Georgia Alumni Association 40 under 40 Class of 2017. The 40 Under 40 program recognizes alumni under the age of 40 for their professional accomplishments and contributions to their communities. Jonas is currently the Director of Player Development for the University of Georgia Athletic Association.



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**Georgia-Florida Hall of Fame**

The Georgia-Florida Hall of Fame induction ceremony was held at US Assure West Club at EverBank Field on Friday, October 27th. Congratulations to UGA lettermen **Randall Godfrey** (1992-95) and **Knowshon Moreno** (2007-08) as well as our Athletic Director **Greg McGarity** on their induction.

*In Memoriam*

*Let us not forget the recent deaths of our lettermen.  
 These men loved the game of football and all that it had to offer.*

Charlie Byars  
 Jerry Griffin  
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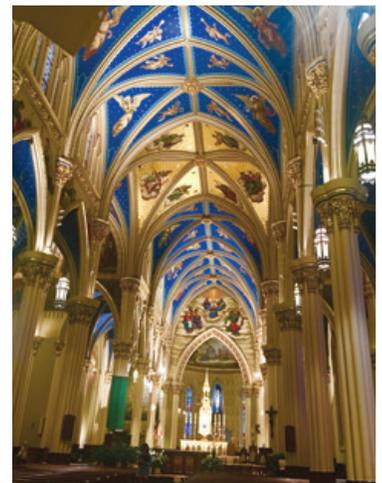
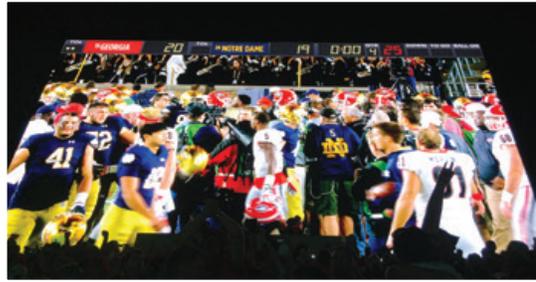
Hugh McCarley  
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 Tommy Thompson

Gene White  
 Brigham Woodward



## Dawgs Take Over Notre Dame

At the UGA Indoor Facility, the 1980 team had a blast watching the victory over Notre Dame for the second time.





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# 2017 Campaign Update

We are just a few dollars away from reaching and surpassing our goal of \$30,000.00. As of October 31, 2017, we have had 201 donors contribute \$29,876.00 to our 2017 Annual Campaign. If you have not contributed, it is not too late. Please fill out the 2017 Campaign Card and mail it in along with your check. Remember that when you contribute \$100.00 or more to the Georgia Football Lettermen's Club, you will automatically receive a 200 point credit towards the William C. Hartman Jr. Fund for your 2018 ticket priority. Thank you to all of the lettermen who have already given. Your names are listed below:

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*Congratulations to **Champ Bailey** (1996-98) on his induction into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame. The induction will be held at the Macon City Auditorium on February 24, 2018. The below article is from the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame.*

Bailey, one of the most versatile players in Georgia history, starred for the Bulldogs from 1996-98. He was a consensus All-American in 1998 as he logged snaps at cornerback and receiver and on returns. Bailey won the Bronko Nagurski Award as the nation's top defender in 1998. He also was a member of the track and field team and set a school indoor long jump record at the 1998 SEC Championship. Bailey continued his success in the NFL as a 12-time Pro Bowl performer for the Washington Redskins and the Denver Broncos. He was named to the NFL's All-Decade Team for the 2000s.



**Georgia Sports  
 Hall of Fame**



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## Lettermen News

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**2007: Bruce Figgins** was blessed to be a student-athlete at UGA from 2007-2011. Life has taken him so many places, but he and his family have found their home in Des Moines, Iowa. This upcoming December, he will have been there for a year. Shortly after settling there and meeting some wonderful people, he was offered a position with Des Moines Public School System. He works as a Community School Coordinator with the district. His job is to not only build a strong bridge with the community and their schools, but also provide resources that empower their families and allow the kids to enter the classroom on a level playing field. His job can be very challenging, but he works with committed and dedicated professionals just like you!

Part of his job is reaching out to those who are interested in helping families and kids. DMPS is home to over thousands of refugee families, with more than 6,000 ELL students speaking nearly 100 languages and dialects. The school system is one of the most diverse in the country. They cater to many different backgrounds and cultures from all around the world! If UGA is interested in making their mark in the Mid-west, please do not hesitate to reach out to Bruce. The families and kids would love the help UGA could give. Thank you so much & Go Dawgs!

Email Address: Bruce.Figgins@dmschools.org

**2007: Ben Wilson** and his wife, Jenny, welcomed their first child, Annabelle Rose Wilson, on October 22, 2016. She weighed 7lbs, 15oz and is a happy, healthy baby girl. She can't wait to cheer on the Bulldogs this fall.

Email Address: bwilsonuga@gmail.com

**2004: Bobby Baker** is pleased to announce the newest addition to their family. James Michael Baker was born on August 26, 2017.

Email Address: r3\_baker@us.aflac.com

**1999: Brad Register** is proud to announce the birth of his son, Clayton Reaves Register, who was born on July 21, 2017. Baby and mom are both doing very well.

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**1992: Andrew Chadwick** was inducted into the Green Hope High (Cary, NC) School Hall of Fame. Most kickers come from a soccer background. He grew up playing soccer, and played soccer at Clemson before transferring to Georgia to placekick. Green Hope inducts three into the Hall of Fame.

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**1980: Jeff Harper** is pleased to announce the birth of his new granddaughter, Kyleigh Evans. She was born on September 21, 2016 to Dustin & Ashley (Harper) Evans.

Email Address: Jeff@capitalcitystucco.com

**1979: Robert Goodwin's** son and daughter in law (Philip and Jessie Goodwin) gave birth to his first grandchild (grandson), Phin Goodwin on May 1, 2017. As you can imagine, they are very excited!

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**1979: Ken McCranie's** youngest daughter, Mandy Muller, is having his third grandson. The baby should arrive around January 18, 2018.

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**1978: J Coram's** daughter, Elizabeth, graduated from UGA Cum Laude in Education in May and was married on June 24, 2017 to Mark Lassiter Wells. His oldest son, John Hunter Coram III, a Staff Sergeant in the Marine Corps, was named USMC Ordnance Instructor of the Year. Semper Fi.

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**1976: Al Pollard** is serving as superintendent of Pulaski County schools as of July 1, 2017.

Email Address: alpollard4343@gmail.com

**1970: James Massey's** wife, Madelyn, is doing very well now with her treatments. They traveled to the Northwest this past summer for three weeks of hiking, enjoying National Parks, the Oregon Coast, especially the sand dunes, Seattle, Portland, Vancouver, and Whistler.

He thoroughly enjoyed helping with the barbeque this year. It was wonderful to greet everyone as they came through the line. However, we need to encourage everyone to wear a name tag with name, last name, years played as well as their family members. It's the only way for people to get to know the family better. Secondly, please take time this year to call at least two teammates to say hi and encourage them

## Lettermen News, *cont.*

to participate in the 2018 barbeque. We must push the newer lettermen to participate and carry on the traditions that have made Georgia football legendary. He loves telling people about the Quarterback from Central Michigan's statement a few years ago—"We were already intimidated driving through two miles of a sea of red then to pull up behind the stadium and observe the biggest party going on over in the Oconee Hills Cemetery."

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**1969: Tim Callaway** has retired from law practice as of August 2014 and began working as a mediator the next day helping to resolve Workers Compensation claims all over South/Coastal Georgia. He retired from that August 31, 2017. He picked the date to allow him to enjoy a football season without all of the conflicts created by employment and to enjoy the benefits of being a letterman. It has been fantastic starting with a fabulous lunch Curtis McGill served at his Ashton Hall Seniors facility in Lawrenceville. This was a great time of comradery across all age groups, from the 1950s forward. The rewards of the parking at the cemetery have been continuing. He also appreciates our current group of Dawgs for playing so well in honor his retirement. Please continue the good work.

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**1967: James Daniel Mitchell** and his wife, Diane, both Masters Educators, are blessed to report their 3 offsprings are continuing their love of education as 4 of the 5 grands have finished high school with numerous honors and awards and continuing colleges in Georgia with various scholarships. Their daughter, Danielle (BS & Masters Teachers Georgia Southern) & Col. Ray Short have three children. Jonathan-Commissioned 2 LT GMC & now Augusta University.; Nicholas is a junior at Toccoa Falls College; Kellyann-2<sup>nd</sup> year GMC & President's Scholar. His daughter, Dana, and husband

Clay Wilson (BBA@UGA Law Dog) moved son Zachary into "North Avenue Trade School"=GA Tech. He's promised to do grad work at UGA! Gran Dawgs's 5<sup>th</sup> and youngest grand is almost 6' playing volleyball while garnering awards in STEM and Rocket Science at Space Camp in Alabama for beloved Georgia.

Email Address: diamitch@bellsouth.net

**1953: Bill Burt** turned 85 on October 15<sup>th</sup> and still feels good. He says to tell his friends that "I am in pretty good shape for the shape I am in".

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### John Rauch Loyalty Award

At the Annual Wally's Boys Spring Reunion Breakfast, four Wally's Boys were honorees of The John Rauch Loyalty Award. They are: **Roy Betsill** (1959-60), **Tommy Lewis** (1957-59), **Frank Malinowski** (1951-53), and **Don Tomberlin** (1960).

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## Erk

By Loran Smith

This is the time of the year when college football teams are maneuvering to seize opportunity, to attain the ultimate glory that now comes to only one team. The playoffs have brought that about, much to the pleasure of most fans and officials.

It is easy to embrace compatibility with college football today, the game action drama, tailgating, band and fresh faced cheerleaders—just like it has always been, but the one feature of the game that stimulates concern in some corners is that offensive firepower is threatening to render defense obsolete.

Seeing games like 48-47, even 35-33, makes one wonder if Erskine Russell, the exalted assistant at Georgia and hero for the ages at Georgia Southern, winning three national championships, would recognize the game we have begun to play.

There are stories with offensive linemen trumpeting the high paced, high scoring game which tires out the defense. “It is fun,” they say, “to keep the defense on its heels.” With certainly, Erk would take issue with that notion.

To remember Erk Russell, as his legion of players and close friends do, you have to remember the man, who happened to coach football for a living. He was a person of goodwill and humor, forever walking on the light side. He would have been a successful leader in any profession. It would be hard to believe there has ever been a coach who related better with his players. One who was more beloved? One who gave more of himself?

Erk was keen on slogans, chief among them the essence of team building: “BIG TEAM, little me.” He had tee shirts printed with that verbiage, and the players wore them proudly.

He took that slogan to Georgia Southern and you still hear it bandied about in Athens. His grandson, “Rooster,” the head coach at Bremen, uses the phrase to help motivate his teams today.

Erk enjoyed his time in Athens, but he wanted to become a head coach; He had a burning ambition to run his own program. A man’s man, Erk was a devout beer aficionado. He referred to his favorite drink as, “the nectar of the gods.” We were enjoying a beer one afternoon at the Rockwood Inn, a watering hole near the campus, in early 1981 after Georgia’s national championship season when he looked up from a sip of his favorite brew and said, “You know, I could go find a good high school job and be happy.” That brought about an emotional jolt, but I came to appreciate what he was saying. Coaching is coaching no matter the level. No coach ever enjoyed pure coaching more than Erk who found a way to get the most out of every kid on the team. In his high school annual, he wrote that his ambition was to “succeed Mr.

DeYampert.” J. W. DeYampert was his high school coach. Consider what he accomplished at Georgia Southern. Always spicing all conversations with a resonating quip, Erk said that when he was recruited to Statesboro, “I took the athletic director to dinner and he stayed at my house,” reflecting how bare the cupboard was with the Eagles. When Erk showed up for the press conference to announce his hiring, Georgia Southern had to go out and buy a football for a prop.

He immediately set about with that wide smile of his, selling the Eagle program. Erk got hand-me-down and left over equipment (much of it from Howard Beavers, the equipment manager at Georgia) from a variety of sources. The community in Statesboro pitched in. Somebody gave him a lawnmower, another some lumber for upgrading the locker room and many would walk up to him at Snooky’s Restaurant where he hung out and give him cash.

Talk about lifting a program up by its boot straps! Erk literally made something out of nothing. In the end, however, his memory is clouded by a circumstance which fires the ire of his countless players and loyal friends.

With all his championship success in the short time he was a head coach, he only won 83 games. To be elected to the College Football Hall of Fame you must win 100 games. That it is a hard and fast policy. “All his players are upset about that,” says Frank Ros, captain of the 1980 Georgia national championship team.

My take is that Erk will always be beloved and that he rests in peace knowing he remains No. 1 in the hearts of all who knew him.

Mr. DeYampert, by the way, would be pleased.



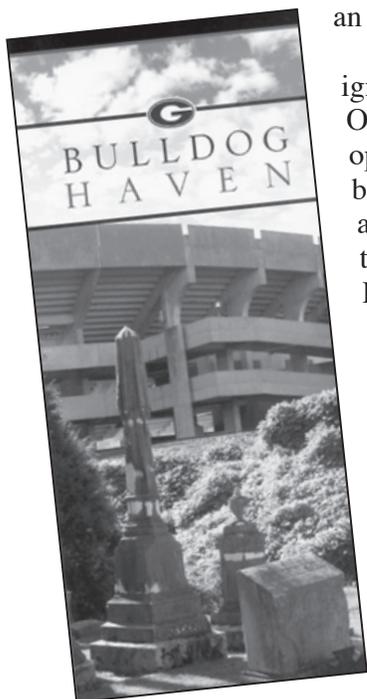
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(1942, 45-46)

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