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Al Story

(1991)

If you turn on your TV to the news these days, you just might catch a glimpse of Al Story. He can be seen with the 2016 Republican Presidential Candidate- Donald Trump. Al is currently serving on his security detail. It has been 25 years since Al Story received his letter in football. We recently corresponded with him via email to see what his life has been like after football.

1. WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT JOB?

Senior Special Agent: United States Secret Service (19 years)

2. WHAT IS A TYPICAL DAY ON THE JOB WITH THE REPUBLICAN NOMINEE?

Honestly, there is no "typical day" within the Secret Service. Every day, every hour it is always changing. The basic rule of thumb with any protectee is we will strive to secure their environment, regardless of what activity, or where they choose to go. The fact that I currently have a campaign assignment has allowed me to travel and see the people, states and cities that make up this great country that we share. I think that is one of the main aspects of this career that initially drew me in and has kept me intrigued and excited for over nineteen years, is that every day holds something new, exciting and different. Being a Political Science Major, I enjoy watching our process of choosing our next President unfold.

3. WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE A CURRENT STUDENT ATHLETE WANTING TO ENTER THE CAREER PATH THAT YOU HAVE SUCCEEDED IN?

First and foremost, you really must be interested, intrigued and drawn to the specific job of physical protection. I tell young

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DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

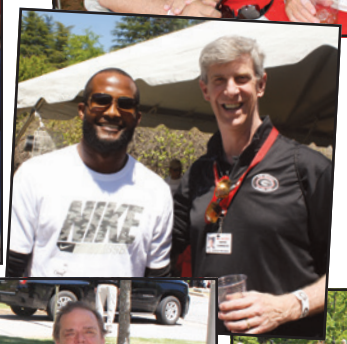
Alumni Flag Football Game

The 9th Annual Alumni Flag Football Game was held on Saturday, April 16, 2016 before the G-Day game at Sanford Stadium. As always, it was great to have all the lettermen come back and play between the hedges. Thank you to our fantastic coaches- Derrick Bailey and Kevin "Catfish" Jackson! For the second year in a row, it ended in a tie. Be sure to join us again next year. You won't regret it! (Photos courtesy of UGA Sports Communications)

SANFORD STADIUM
LETS GO DAWGS!
7:50

G-Day Barbecue

This year the annual Football Lettermen's Barbecue was held before G-Day at the Oconee Hill Cemetery. We had a record number of lettermen and their families come out and enjoy delicious food catered by Pinecrest Catering and great fellowship. We couldn't have asked for a more perfect day. A huge thank you to the University of Georgia Athletic Association for hosting the event.



1946, 1966, & 1976 Reunion

The 3 SEC Championship teams of 1946, 1966, and 1976 will be recognized on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at half time of the UGA vs. Tennessee game. Prior to the recognition on Saturday, there will be a dinner at the Athens Country Club. The dinner will be for the 1946, 1966, and 1976 lettermen and their spouse/guest. The reception will begin at 6:30 PM on Friday, September 30, 2016 followed by dinner at 7:15 PM. Cost of the event is $5.00 per person or $10.00 per couple. Please make your check payable to the Georgia Football Lettermen's Club and mail to 1070 Lake Wellbrook Drive Athens, GA 30606. You must make a reservation and prepay to attend. Please email Sally Haugabook at sallyhaugabook@ugalettermensclub.com by September 15, 2016.

We have a block of rooms reserved at the Holiday Inn. The cost is $283.00 per night with a 2-night minimum. If you would like to make a reservation please promptly call (706) 549-4433. The Block Code is LET.

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Welcome Kirby Smart Reception

On April 14, 2016 the Georgia Football Lettermen's Club along with the University of Georgia Football Program was excited to host a Welcome Coach Kirby Smart Reception at the Athens Country Club. There was a great turn-out of lettermen in attendance that enjoyed fellowship and great food with one another. ***Welcome Back Kirby!!! It's great to have you home.***

Reunion Teams Reception

The Reunion Teams of 2006, 1996, 1991, 1986, 1976, 1966, 1956, and 1946 are invited to attend a reception at the Holiday Inn on Friday, September 9, 2016 from 6:30-8:00 PM. Please RSVP to Sally Haugabook at sallyhaugabook@ugalettermensclub.com by September 1, 2016 if you are planning to attend. This event is for these reunion team lettermen and their spouse/guest.

We have a block of rooms reserved at the Holiday Inn. The cost is $283.00 per night with a 2-night minimum. If you would like to make a reservation please promptly call (706) 549-4433. The Block Code is UGA.

College Football Hall of Fame

Congratulations to **Scott Woerner** (1977-80) who has been elected to the College Football Hall of Fame. The official induction will take place on December 6, 2016 in New York City. Scott is the 13th UGA football player to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Bill Saye

On April 12, 2016, the Hart County Baseball program honored Bill Saye who coached baseball there with the dedication of the entrance to Saye Field.

Lettermen Reunion

All lettermen will be honored during the UGA vs. Nicholls State football game on September 10, 2016. Instructions on where to meet and stand once your team is called will be provided at the Lettermen's Tailgate registration table at Oconee Hill Cemetery that morning. There will be a special recognition for the class reunion teams of 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, and 70 years.

10 years ago 2006
Chick-Fil-A Bowl Champions
(9-4) Coach: Mark Richt
Captains: Tony Taylor, Nick Jones, Quentin Moses, Tra Battle, Gordon Ely-Kelso

20 years ago 1996
(5-6) Coach: Jim Donnan
Captains: Mike Bobo, Robert Edwards, Jason Ferguson, Corey Johnson, Adam Meadows, Gene Toodle

25 years ago 1991
Independence Bowl Champions
(9-3) Coach: Ray Goff
Captains: Greg Talley, Larry Ware, Dwayne Simmons, Chuck Carswell

30 years ago 1986
Hall of Fame Bowl Participants
(8-4) Coach: Vince Dooley
Captains: John Little, Wilbur Strozier, Steve Boswell

40 years ago 1976
SEC Champions
Sugar Bowl Participants
(10-2) Coach: Vince Dooley
Captains: Ray Goff, Kevin McLee, Dicky Clark

50 years ago 1966
SEC Champions
Cotton Bowl Champions
(10-1) Coach: Vince Dooley
Captain: George Patton

60 years ago 1956
(3-6-1) Coach: Wallace Butts
Captain: Knox Culpepper, Sr.

70 years ago 1946
National Champions
SEC Champions
(11-0) Coach: Wallace Butts
Captain: Charley Trippi

Cliff Kimsey, Jr.
(1939–1941)

On May 10, 2016, the Georgia Football Lettermen's Club lost our oldest football letterman. He was 94 years old. Below is an article, written by Loran Smith in February 2012 just before his induction into the Georgia Hall of Fame.

Kimsey's Value to Team Rewarded with Hall induction

Feb. 20, 2012

By Loran Smith

CORNELIA - In a few days, the State of Georgia Hall of Fame will honor Georgia's oldest living letterman--Cliff Kimsey Jr., a former player whose versatile and productive abilities made him a favorite of the late Bill Hartman, who coached Kimsey.

For years, there were a number of Kimsey advocates who worked tirelessly on behalf of the stocky Cornelia native for induction into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame. One of the reasons the voters, many of whom failed to do their homework, didn't favor Kimsey was that he did not have a resume that included a lot of stats and honors. Hard to gain a bunch of headlines when you are in the backfield with Frank Sinkwich, who happened to be Kimsey's roommate.

Here is Kimsey's assessment of Fireball Frankie as a highly productive tailback, who ultimately won the Heisman trophy. "If I made my block," Kimsey said, "Frank would gain at least 20 yards. If I didn't make my block, he only gained seven or eight."

I've never known a coach to have more respect for a player than Hartman had for Kimsey. He knew Kimsey's value to the team. "Cliff was a hell of an all around back," Hartman said. "He played three positions at Georgia--tailback his sophomore year, spinner back his junior year and blocking back his senior year. Anywhere you put him, he made a difference with your offense. I've never seen a more valuable back to his team. He was an outstanding pass receiver out of the backfield, and he was an especially good punter. I liked everything about him."

It took the voters more years than it should have to vote Kimsey into the Hall, but if all is well that ends well, there are a number of grateful family members and friends of Cliff Kimsey who will be on hand in Macon Saturday Feb. 25th when he will be officially inducted into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame. "This is a nice honor," he said recently. "What I appreciate most is what it means to my family. It has made them very proud."

The induction will be a memorable day for Georgia as slight will have been corrected for a player who was most appreciated by his teammates and coaches. Hartman wasn't the only one who appreciated Kimsey's selfless attitude. Kimsey was a player who was the finest example being imbued with team first qualities.

A member of the Greatest Generation, Kimsey, on graduation day in Athens, was handed his diploma and walked a few paces where an Army sergeant placed orders in his hand to report to Ft. Benning. He had a distinguished career in the Pacific, returned home after the war and began coaching high school football. J. V. Sikes, a member of Wallace Butts' staff during Kimsey's time on campus, had been named head coach at the University of Kansas and asked Cliff to join his staff. "Even then," Kimsey says, "you realized that if you didn't get in position to become a head coach early on, it was not a secure profession. He considered his experience in the Sunflower State enlightening, but was eager to return to his hometown for a career in banking which worked out favorably.

Over the years, I have enjoyed many delightful conversations with Cliff, a man who is easily admired for his sincerity, modesty and intellect. I have never had a conversation with him in which he did not express his appreciation for his coach. "There is no way to understand the type of disciplinarian Coach (Wallace) Butts was," he says. "Spring practice lasted from January until finals in June, most of those days in full uniform. A lot of players quit. I thought about it, but couldn't have gone back to Cornelia and said, 'I quit.' The fact is, those players who stayed the duration under Coach Butts left with a lot of character. I know it especially helped me in the Army. That discipline did a world of good."

Loyalty! What's a man's value if he is not loyal? Loyalty was Cliff Kimsey's hallmark. The Georgia Sports Hall of Fame is honoring a good man.

Letter from the President

Dear Lettermen,

What a terrific new direction we have with the return of our former letterman and Head Coach Kirby Smart. One can just feel the excitement of family feeling coming back to the Bulldog nation.

G-Day was a record turnout for lettermen and their families as well as a new record for attendance at Sanford Stadium. Please remember to support and thank your local high school football coach as well.

As we enter into the summer months, be sure to put September 10th on your calendar. We hope to see all of you at the first home game which is also our reunion and tailgate party. This year, we will be honoring the reunion teams of 2006, 1996, 1991, 1986, 1976, 1966, 1956, and 1946. Jim Baker/Ernest Ponder along with the chefs, servers, bartenders, and all helpers have a fantastic tailgate for all of you to enjoy. Have a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,

Mack H. Guest, III

Important Dates to Remember

August 13, 2016
Board Meeting
UGA Lettermen's Club

September 9, 2016
Reunion Teams Reception
Holiday Inn Downtown

September 10, 2016
Lettermen's Tailgate & Reunion
UGA vs. Nicholls State
Oconee Hill Cemetery

September 30, 2016
1946, 1966, & 1976
SEC Championship Reunion
Athens Country Club

February 16-18, 2017
Frostbite Reunion
Jekyll Island Club Hotel

April 19, 2017
Board Meeting
UGA Lettermen's Club

April 20, 2017
28th Annual Vince Dooley Open
Athens Country Club

April 21, 2017
28th Annual Hartman-Dukes Classic
Athens Country Club

April 22, 2017
Wally's Boys Breakfast
Athens Country Club
Alumni Flag Football Game
G-Day Game
Sanford Stadium

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applicants all the time that protection is unique to the federal law enforcement field, in that once we pick up a protectee, we stay with that person twenty four hours, seven days a week. This includes weekends, holidays, etc… I have personally missed Christmas, Thanksgiving, Birthdays, etc… as someone has to be with the assigned protectee at all times. You must be willing to sacrifice some personal and family time. Being able to satisfactorily accept and handle the unpredictable work schedule is what will keep you in this career for the long haul. As far as getting your foot in the door, a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited institution is preferred in pretty much any desired field of study. You must keep your nose clean, as all agents are subjected to a stringent background investigation, which includes a comprehensive polygraph examination. Finally, I would suggest pursuing some type of relevant work experience prior to applying with the Secret Service. Most of us, including myself, tried to get hired by The Secret Service immediately following graduation from college. In reality, it just doesn't happen that way, as it is just way too competitive. You have to be patient, persistent, and above all else: don't become discouraged with the considerable time period that the entire process entails. My suggestion would be to work a couple years at something else, and then apply with the Secret Service. Personally, I worked as a Deputy Sheriff back home in Rabun County, Georgia, and then was employed by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI), before finally realizing my dream of becoming a Secret Service Agent.

4. TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOUR WIFE, CHILDREN, SPORTS, OR ACADEMIC ACCOLADES?

Oh yes, you MUST have an understanding and supportive spouse if you pursue this career path. Generally speaking, you are required to geographically relocate (at least) two times during your Secret Service career. Much more than that if you desire upward mobility and promotions. I am so blessed to have married my best friend. Kim is my rock. She

FEATURED LETTERMAN, cont.

is a strong and independent person, which helps to fill the void when I am on the road travelling during the campaign, as well as other assignments. Kim also had a career in the law enforcement arena, so she has a great understanding of what my career entails and requires. God has blessed us with two wonderful children. My son, Cody is a sixteen year old Sophomore who is a member of the Varsity Wrestling Team. Cody loves to fish. Allie is my twelve year old daughter who is a member of the seventh grade volleyball team. Both of them love to lay on the couch with me and watch the Dawgs play.

5. WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES?

Spending time with my family and friends, hunting, running, playing golf, and following UGA football.

6. WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FONDEST MEMORIES OR SPECIAL MOMENTS FROM YOUR DAYS AT UGA?

Wow! – So many. They seem to get even better as the years pass by. Practically everyone in my family attended UGA, so it was always my life long dream to be a Bulldawg. I grew up tailgating and attending games with my family in Athens. I earned my Varsity Letter as a walk on, which was an unexpected surprise. To this day, I always pull for the walk on players out there trying to make the team. I was one of the Scout Team Quarterbacks in 1990 & 1991. Persevering through the rigors, bumps and bruises of the Scout Team, as well as picking up life lessons by enduring Two a Days, and Spring Ball, all have helped me become a better person. Back in 1991, Coach Hornsby Howell invited two Secret Service Agents to come eat with us and talk with a group of us at McWhorter Hall. After hearing their stories, and sales pitch, I was immediately hooked! – I eventually ended up working with both of those Agents who came to speak to us at McWhorter Hall. In all honesty, I owe my career opportunity with the Secret Service to Coach Howell, as he is the man who initially set the wheels in motion for me.

7. HOW OFTEN HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO RETURN TO ATHENS?

Unfortunately, not very often. The fall is one of our busiest periods of time every year within the Secret Service, as we are responsible for securing the venues and participants at the United Nations General Assembly in New York. This, along with other work assignments, coupled with my own kids' sports have kept me from attending games in Athens. However, my parents are at every home game. They text me the scores, as well as any other interesting turn of events throughout the games. I always try to attend the spring game, and love getting out there and limping around with the other old timers in the annual flag football game. I plan on making up for lost time in Athens once I have a little more control over my free time. Both of my children have expressed an interest in possibly attending UGA in the future.

8. WHAT EXPERIENCES OR LESSONS DID YOU LEARN AT UGA THAT ASSIST YOU IN YOUR JOB TODAY?

Discipline, Hard Work, Dedication, TEAM WORK, along with a fantastic education. Practically everything we do during the course of a protective mission requires teamwork in order to be successful, much like a play in football. Similar to football, life can be tough and challenging from time to time. During those particularly challenging and daunting days, I can still hear Coach John Kasay yelling, "Men, don't let something that can't breathe beat you!" – I take a moment to smile, re-evaluate the situation I am faced with, then drive on….

9. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SHARE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WITH US:

Truly, I feel extremely blessed and humbled to have had the opportunities that I have had, both at the University of Georgia and with the Secret Service. Throughout the course of my Secret Service career, I have worked various protective assignments in all but four of the fifty states within our great country, and thirty different foreign countries. I have participated and / or assisted in the physical protection and security of many of our current and past Presidents and First Ladies, as well as many Heads of State from various foreign countries during their temporary visits to the United States. Currently, I am assigned to Republican Presidential Candidate Donald Trump's Detail.

DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

Lettermen News

2008: Bo Fowler and his wife, Angie, are expecting their third child, a baby girl who is due on July 4th. Prayers would be appreciated

Email Address: bofowler@fca.org

2001: David Claassen celebrated his 8th year with the Performing Rights organization Broadcast Music Inc. this past April. Claassen 02' works in the Atlanta, GA office of BMI in Writer / Publisher Relations with an emphasis on Rock and Pop genres. In his position, Claassen is responsible for developing and maintaining relationships with BMI songwriters and music publishers in Atlanta and throughout the Southeast region. Dave has become a tremendous addition to BMI. Along with signing significant songwriters he has served an important role in such BMI flagship events such as the BMI Hip Hop & R&B Awards, BMI Trailblazers of Gospel Awards, BMI Country Awards as well as curating and participating in BMI's many showcases, panels, festival stages and events nationwide. He founded the film Company - Gasoline Films in Atlanta with his friend Michael Dunaway Director of Sarasota Film Fest and PASTE Magazine Films. They released 21 Years of Richard Linklater in 2014 http://www.imdb.com/title/tt3657420/?ref_=rvi_tt and it's still making the rounds on Television.

Email Address: dclaassen@bmi.com

2001: Richard Hamilton and his wife, Michelle, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Richard Price Hamilton Jr., who was born on April 17, 2016.

Email Address: valarious@gmail.com

1990: Will Colley, BBA '90, was named to the Terry College of Business Alumni Board in July 2015 for a three year term.

Email Address: will.colley@cbc.capital

1984: Chip Andrews is proud to announce that his son, Will Andrews, was selected to play in the North Georgia Touchdown Club's 2015 Chamber Bowl in December where he helped lead the North team to a 18-8 victory over the South squad as an offensive lineman. The 6-3 270 LB offensive tackle received All County and All Region honors and has chosen Birmingham Southern over Berry College and Maryville College to continue his football career.

Email Address: chip.andrews@novartis.com

1984: Mac Bryan's older son, Justin, who is a UGA baseball letterman graduated from Georgia Tech, Deans List. His younger son, Will, started on the OL his true freshman year at Georgia Tech. He is number 70. Never say never. Lol

Email Address: kmbryan3@gmail.com

1982: Kevin Jackson is pleased to announce that in March, he opened the new headquarters for his company EnviroVac. Jackson is the President and CEO. In attendance at the celebration were Governor Nathan Deal and Coach Vince Dooley. EnviroVac is located in Savannah, GA. It is the area's leading provider of industrial cleaning, environmental services, and on-site maintenance support programs.

Email Address: jackson@envirovac.us

1978: Mack Guest and his wife, Camilla, are proud to announce that their daughter, Amanda Lois, graduated from the University of Georgia Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Education. Graduation was held on Friday, May 13, 2016 at Sanford Stadium. She will begin her teaching career at Peachtree Elementary School in Gwinnett County teaching Kindergarten.

Email Address: mguest@ladtrucklines.com

1978: David McDonald and his wife, Lorrie, are proud to announce that their daughter, Delanie, just received the Buchanan Fellowship to Middle Tennessee State University. The fellowship is the highest honor awarded to an incoming freshman. There are only 20 of these scholarships awarded per year. The scholarship provides full tuition, room, books, and food. Delanie joins her two brothers, Collin and Connor, as three of the 80 Buchannan fellows on the campus of 28,000 students. They also are the first siblings to receive the awards. All three of children have been homeschooled by their mother, Lorrie, using the ABeka Christian Academy curriculum.

Email Address: toothdok@bellsouth.net

1977: Jeff Lewis danced the Rumba to raise money for Alzheimer's research at the April 30, 2016 "Dancing Stars of Atlanta" competition at the Cobb Galleria Centre in Atlanta. The event raised over $800,000, and Jeff's scores placed him squarely in the middle of the pack. He commented as follows: "All things considered, it wasn't quite as hard as tackling Tony Dorsett" and "Non sibi sed alius."

Email Address: Jeffrey.Lewis@AGG.com

1974: Bobby Gibbs is pleased to announce the birth of his granddaughter, Meredith Ashlyn Gibbs, who was born December 29, 2015. This makes the 10th grandchild for Dinah and him.

Meredith has 2 brothers, Bobby (Bo) and Tucker. The boys have been very excited about their little sister.... Meredith is the daughter of his son, Jimmy and his wife Kasi. They were so excited to have this little girl and hopefully this will conclude their little family. They have been very blessed with all three of their children with good health and God has truly blessed them.

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Lettermen News, *cont.*

1973: **Jim Curington** and **Jeff Sanders (1974-76)** were inducted into the Cook County Sports Hall of Fame on October 18, 2014.

Email Address: duck711951@yahoo.com

1970: **Jim Massey** is proud to announce that his first granddaughter arrived on April 2. Her name is Zelda Anne Massey. She has two siblings with fur coats. Their names are Luna and Josie. Massey along with his wife and youngest son, Brian, went to San Diego for Christmas. They went to the San Diego Zoo, Sea World, up to the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl and topped it off with Disneyland. He says that the Rose Parade is something that you have to see up close and personal at least once in your life. Massey came to Athens in February for the Alumni Leaders conference. He stated that it was great to meet alumni chapter leaders from all over the country and even from Hawaii. While in Athens, he caught the baseball opening game, a gymnastics meet, and the Lady Dawgs basketball game to include their senior honoree reception. In April, he was back to Athens for his 50th High School reunion. They had a blast. Earlier in the week, he drove down to Macon and visited Jiggy Smaha and had lunch with Kirby Moore, who is still recovering from a second back surgery. Just prior to the Pennsylvania primary on April 26, a few friends organized a write-in campaign for him to run for the PA state House seat. Massey received enough write-ins to get on the ballot for the fall. They are looking forward to a five week trip to Hawaii and Japan this summer. Massey is looking forward to the football season and hopes to see everyone out for the Lettermen's barbeque in September.

Massey says to please make the time every day to do some healthy activities like exercising, eating right, expanding and sharpening your mind with good books, visit, or at least call old teammates to rehash the good ole days and update them on your life. As we all are aging, it is important to keep in touch, a phone call will do you and the teammate recipient a world of good. This will help us set a great example for our younger letterman as to how to live life to the fullest. Please remember to keep your teammates in your thoughts and prayers each day.

Email Address: jmassey22@verizon.net

1969: **Spike Jones** is proud to announce that his grandson, Jacob Cavender, recently signed a scholarship to play quarterback for The University of Pikeville in Pikeville, Kentucky. Jacob was the starting quarterback for Mt. Vernon Presbyterian High School in Atlanta for the last two seasons and passed for over 3500 total yards for the two seasons. The University of Pikeville is an NAIA division school. Go Bears!!!

Email Address: spikejonesuga@bellsouth.net

1958: **Jim Roberts** is recovering from a broken hip on tennis court. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

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Fernando Velasco

February 23, 2016

By Loran Smith

Fernando Velasco, who just won an American Football Conference championship ring as a backup center for the Charlotte Panthers, has a message that resonates and inspires.

If he had become a drug pusher, it would have surprised no one. After all, that is what most of his friends—even family—were. If he had given no thought to education and enlightenment, he would have become a member of the most dominant and dastardly fraternity in his hometown. He could have become the "other" guy.

How does it happen that a kid, who grows up in a drug-infested environment in the projects in Wrens, Georgia, escape prevailing crime and hopelessness to fulfill an ambition to better himself? Escaping the road to ruin began with his grandfather, James Hill, who taught Fernando that hard work and making good choices would give him opportunity, insulation from evil, and the right stuff for survival.

His father was incarcerated all of Fernando's life. His uncles, cousins, and close friends dealt in drugs. Fernando wanted to be different. Spurning that lifestyle, he gained traction that would entrench him in another world. When he was a teenager, he was like so many of his friends—fatherless. He vowed that he would be a responsible father one day. When he became a father, he would be there for his kids.

At Georgia, he had teammates who had fathers who came to practice and then went to dinner with their sons. Fernando didn't have that experience, and it was depressing. However, it strengthened his resolve to become a father who would give his son what he didn't have.

While he makes his home in Suwanee, Fernando experiences exhilaration when he comes to Athens, a "beside himself" experience, which brings him to testify emotionally to his days on campus to the extent that you might see him as a shill for the Bulldogs.

"Oh man," he says, "I can't wait to get to Athens. So many wonderful memories. It will always be home. It is where I became a man—where I met people and learned about life. You can't believe how proud I am of my degree and the love I have for the campus, which is where I learned the value of friendship. UGA can count on me being an active alumnus." After catching his breath, he continues. "Being a college football player—that was big. It changed my life, and it was all good."
Fernando is one of three Bulldogs who played in the most recent Super Bowl. Like Thomas Davis and Charles Johnson, Fernando has his own foundation—fostering the notion that you can't be a Bulldog and play for the Panthers without creating your own charity.

And, as you might expect, the focal point of his good works is his hometown of Wrens in Jefferson County, one of those small places in the Peach State that owes its existence to a railroad. His charity, "Right Choices"—Christ, Humanity, Opportunity, Integrity, Character, Education, Success provide the acronym for the title—has given 3,000 books to the schools in his hometown and to schools in his wife Tieleshia's hometown of Williston, S. C. Because of his generosity, 75 kids from Wrens got to travel to Charlotte and see a National Football League game last fall.
Altruism defines Fernando, his generosity lights up the lives of others, and his selflessness is a reminder that he is a man who is without vanity but not without charity.

His heritage is Spanish (his father is a native of South America), and a cursory look reveals that there are many Velascos who are accomplished: Jesuit priests, painters, actors, a Viceroy, a Cardinal, an admiral and one Juan Fernando Velasco, an accomplished musician from Ecuador.

Fernando is in the headline-making business, but headlines don't turn his head. The smile of a disadvantaged kid who is the beneficiary of Fernando's helping hand makes his day. He gets to enjoy that experience every day.

(On April 7, 2016 Fernando Velasco signed with the Buffalo Bills.)

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. For an application, please visit our website- www.ugalettermensclub.com.

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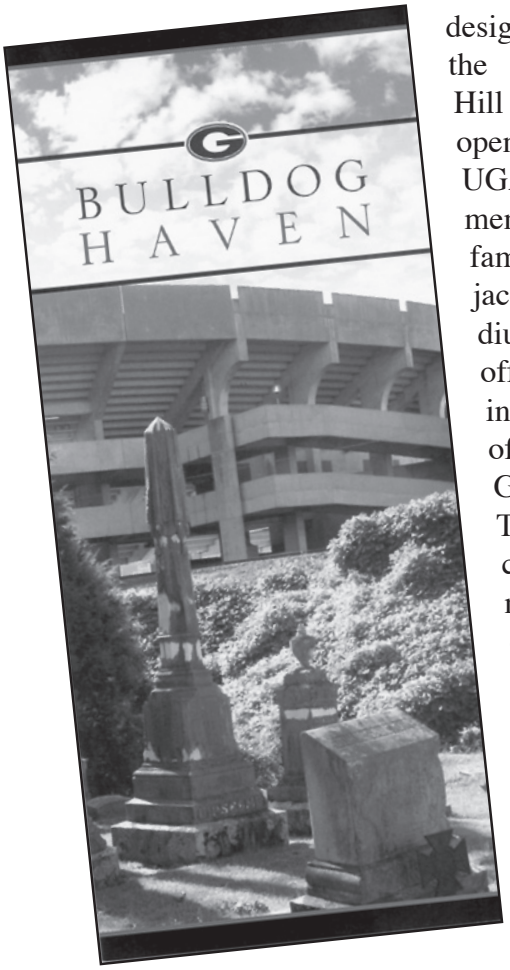
BULLDOG HAVEN

www.bulldoghaven.org

As UGA football lettermen, we take immense pride in the University of Georgia and its traditions. To continue the University's exceptional heritage, the UGA Football Lettermen's Club has started a new tradition among those for who UGA has been more than an alma mater, but a way of life.



Bulldog Haven is a designated section of the historic Oconee Hill Cemetery that is open exclusively to UGA football lettermen, their spouses and families. Located adjacent to Sanford Stadium, Bulldog Haven offers a unique resting place in the heart of the University of Georgia campus. This is Athens' only cemetery designated to honor and celebrate the lives of UGA football lettermen. We invite you to consider supporting Bulldog Haven by deciding now to invest in a plot for yourself and your loved ones.

Bulldog Haven is a non-profit venture that will support the maintenance and restoration of historic Oconee Hill Cemetery. In addition to the noteworthy University of Georgia personalities interred there, Oconee Hill Cemetery is also the resting place of many important figures in Georgia's history.

Private tours of Bulldog Haven are available by calling Sexton Brian Adler at 706.543.6262.

BULLDOG HAVEN

Letterman Information

First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Physical Address: _____

_____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____

Mobile phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Preferred Method of Contact *(please choose one)*

❑ Mail ❑ Phone ❑ E-mail

Year(s) Lettered at UGA: _____

_____

Total Number of Plots Requested: _____

Plot Numbers:

(listed on landscape plan at www.bulldoghaven.org)

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Number of Plots Requested:

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Mail Checks and Correspondence to:

Bulldog Haven

c/o Mack H. Guest, III

1070 Lake Wellbrook Drive, Athens, GA 30606

info@bulldoghaven.org

Lost Lettermen

Lost Lettermen! The following lettermen do not have a current address with us. If you have any information of their whereabouts, please contact Sally at **sallyhaugabook@ugalettermensclub.com** or mail information to 1070 Lake Wellbrook Drive, Athens, GA 30606. Thanks for your help!

Bryan Christopher Abbott
Cory D. Allen
Drew Allen
Casey Eugene Barnum
Phillip Todd Benton
Ilya Berry
Jarrett Hall Berry
Terreal Michael Beirria
John Fletcher Blank
Gregory B. Blue
Larry Bowie
Robert Brannon
Ramarcus Brown
Reggie Brown
DeCory Bryant
Zach Burson
Greg Byrd
Quincy Carter
George William Cheek
Nicolas Deantoni Clemons
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Antonio Cochran
David Allen Cooper
Ricardo Suvica Crawford
Vance Ervin Cuff
Keith D. Drayton
Kenneth Dewayne Driskell
Benjamin Taylor Dukes
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Darryl Rashad Gamble
Cleveland Edward Gary
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Ha'San Arron Graham
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Michael Johnson
Wayne Johnson
Ben Lee Lane
Emarlos Stanza Leroy
Josh Paul Lowell
Larry L. Mann
Arthur James Marshall
Kareem E. Marshall
Timothy Lewis Martin
Thomas B. McKinnon
Randy Montez McMichael
Prince R. Miller
Demario Minter
Emmett Mitchell
Michael Anthony Moore
Jesse Murray
Roy Thomas Nix, Jr.
Carnie Norris
Thaddeus Terrell Parker
Brett J. Pellock
Kevin Louis Perez
Jermaine Phillips
Suquorey Pitts
Jimmy Poulos
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Kajara Limone Ranson
Amber Tamara Reedy
Patrick John Rinard
Joe Wayne Roberts
Julius Tyrone Robertson
Durell Robinson
Eric W. Robinson
Jonathon Rumph
Will Sanchez
Kenneth Sims
Robert Singleton
Jarmario Antuan Smith
Marcus L. Smith
Matt Jarmaine Smith
Thomas Edward Spangler
Jeffery Allen Stephens
Kirby Lanier Stewart
Marcus Lavar Stroud
Travis Mandel Stroud
Trinton Sturdivant
Ricky Styles
Johnathan L. Sullivan
C. B. Tate
Lars Tate
Michael Renai Taylor
Nathaniel Taylor
Lemonte Donzell Tellis
Christopher A. Terry
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Ralph Cecil Thompson
Kiante Jamont Tripp
Michael Benjamin Turner
Wesley Van Dyk
Joseph M. Walker
Michael Arthur Wallace
Timothy Leon Wansley
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Andre Bernard Washington
Eddie Weaver, Jr.
Aron White
Jermaine Wiggins
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Gregory Steven Williams
Henry Williams
Gary A. Willis
Michael W. Willis
Duane Reagan Wilson
Billy J. Worrell

28th Annual Vince Dooley Open and Hartman-Dukes Classic

The 28th Annual Vince Dooley Open and Hartman-Dukes Classic will be held on **April 20, 2017 and April 21, 2017**. Hotel reservations can be made at the Holiday Inn in Athens. Please call (706) 354-4433 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 $102.00-122.00 per night. Athens Country Club will be our host for the tournaments.

2017 Frostbite Golf Tournament

The 2017 Frostbite Tournament will honor an avid Frostbite player, Jackie Roberts who passed away this spring. It will be held **February 16-18, 2017** at the Jeykll Island Club Hotel. For reservations, please call 1-800-535-9547. The golf format is a scramble. For additional information or questions, please contact Hawg Hammond at (229) 392-4406 or Jim Curington at (229) 392-6144.

Send a Memorial

You can send a memorial gift to the Georgia Football Lettermen's Club in memory or in honor of a loved one. This is a special way to honor those people who you loved. Gifts can be sent to 1070 Lake Wellbrook Drive Athens, GA 30606. For more information, please contact Sally at **sallyhaugabook@ugalettermensclub.com**. Thank you to those people who have taken part in this opportunity.

Bo Bradley in memory of Bill Herron
John Luck in memory of Len Spadafino
Mack Guest in memory of Bruce Wimberley
Joann Wimberley in memory of Bruce Wimberley
Jim & Becky Baker in memory of Bruce Wimberley
Jim & Becky Baker in memory of Sandra Little
Jim &Becky Baker in memory of Kay Smith
Vivian Ygartua in memory of Zippy Morocco
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Burch in memory of Zippy Morocco
Dr. & Mrs. John Hill in memory of Zippy Morocco
Dr. & Mrs. John Hill in memory of Jack Roberts
Mr. & Mrs. Mack H. Guest, III in memory of Zippy Morocco
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Steve Middlebrooks in memory of Zippy Morocco
Dr. & Mrs. Harvey Cabaniss in memory of Zippy Morocco
Bobby Poss, III in memory of Zippy Morocco
Vince & Barbara Dooley in memory of Zippy Morocco
Deanna Dooley in memory of Zippy Morocco
Peachtree Presbyterian Preschool in memory of Zippy Morocco
Mr. & Mrs. Charley Trippi in memory of Zippy Morocco
UGA Athletic Association in memory of Zippy Morocco

In honor of...
Joyce Waller in honor of Mack H. Guest, III

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.

Cliff Kimsey, Jr.
Zippy Morocco
Peter Rajecki
Jack Roberts
Len Spadafino
Al Thompson
Bruce Wimberley
Barry Young

Lettermen Contact Information

MOVING? CHANGE IN JOBS?? NEW EMAIL ADDRESS??? Please be sure to contact **Sally Haugabook** at **sallyhaugabook@ugalettermensclub** with any change in your contact information. It is important for us to have the current mailing address for you. Also, if Sally does not have your email address, please send it to her. She periodically sends out emails concerning lettermen, tailgating, and golf tournaments. Thanks for your help!

27th Annual Hartman-Dukes Classic

Friday, April 15, 2016

Place		
1	Mark Starnes Carmon Prince Danny Rogers Casey Nickels	49.5
2	Todd Williams Jimmy Harper Robert Honeycutt Matt McCormick	49.75
3	Jim Curington Pat Hodgson Mac McWhorter Jim Hickey	51
4	Happy Dicks Jack Davis George Patton Mitch Frix	51.25
5	David Dukes Jay Chapman Neal Franklin	51.87
6	Chris Davis Bill Mitchell Paul Gilbert Paul Snellings	52.12
6	Jimmy Harrell Davis Sawyer Ed Milam Ralph Clark	52.12
6	Chris Shaw Josh Lee Jim Whitehead, Sr. Pete Dickens	52.12
9	Brett Greene Lou Perno Johnny Cobb Mark Bowen	52.25
9	Harold Tarrer Jeff Smith Fred Sanderson Curtis McGill	52.25
11	Dicky Clark Butch Mulherin John Gurley Ian Knight	52.37
12	Spike Jones Ernest Ponder Bill Cole Mack Guest	52.62
13	Mike Cavan Kevin Jackson Joel Darden Wycliffe Lovelace	52.87
14	Kevin Butler Chris Hammond Ryan Fleming Bruce Sills	53.25
15	Mark Hodge Andy Johnson Dick Conn Ty Frix	53.37
16	Philip Kelly Don Tomberlin Charley Whittemore Robert Bell	55.25
16	Stan Charping Will Jones Jud Guest	55.25
18	Curt Mull Vince Thomas Norman King Ted Tarpley	55.75
19	Brad Johnson Jimmy Shirer Bill McKenney John Brantley	55.87
20	Horace King Bill McCullough Shaun Chapas	56.12
21	John Lastinger Ric Reider Bo Fowler Jim McCullough	58.25
22	Phillip Nix Jerone Jackson Vernon Smith Gus Guthrie	59.12
23	Pat Collins Milton Bruce Jim Milo Mixon Robinson	59.25
24	Travers Paine Trav Paine Ed Allen Bucky Kimsey	59.75
25	Paul Messer Todd Wade Tripp Chandler Jim Cagle	59.87
26	Doug Davis Lee Jackson Sean Rivas Genen Toodle	61.5
27	Larry Rakestraw Lindsay Scott John Griffin Jeff Harris	63.62
28	Lon Buckler Jim Auer Andy Platt Mark Lewis	64.5

Special Winners

Regular Division- Longest Drive
#4 Chris Davis
#7 David Dukes
#11 Chris Davis
#16 Chris Davis

Senior Division- Longest Drive
#4 Mack Guest
#7 Mike Cavan
#11 Ernest Ponder
#16 Fred Sanderson

Closest to the Pin
#5 Happy Dicks
#8 Dicky Clark
#12 Mike Cavan
#17 Bruce Sills

Closest to the pin on second shot
#1 Mitch Frix
#2 Jack Davis
#13 John Lastinger
#18 Mike Cavan

Straightest Drive
#14 Larry Rakestraw

27th Annual Hartman-Dukes Classic

27th Annual Vince Dooley Open

April 14, 2016 • Athens Country Club

Scores- Senior Division

Low Gross

1st	David Dukes
2nd	Jimmy Harrell

Low Net

1st	Chris Hammond
2nd	Lon Buckler

Scores- Open Division

Low Gross

1st	Chris Davis
2nd	Johnny Brown

Low Net

1st	Ian Knight
2nd	Jim Hickey

Special Winners

Closest to the Pin

#5	Spike Jones
#8	Johnny Brown
#12	Larry Rakestraw
#17	Jack Davis

Long Drive

#4	Norman King
#16	George Patton

2017 Hartman Fund Per Seat Donations

The University of Georgia Athletic Association and The Georgia Bulldog Club have announced that there will be a change in the Hartman Fund per seat donation. Below is the chart that shows the changes in donation. For further information, please visit **http://thegeorgiabulldogclub.com/william-c-hartman-fund/2017-adjustments**.

2017 HARTMAN FUND PER SEAT DONATIONS

Club Seating

Section	Current	2017	% Increase
Champions Club	$2,000	$2,250	13%
SkyClub	$1,000	$1,200	20%
South and North Club	$625	$750	20%
East Upper Club	$375	$450	20%
East Lower Club	$250	$300	20%

Stadium Seating

Section	Current	2017	% Increase
129–133, 106–108	$400	$475	19%
102–105, 134–137, 125–128 328–334, 304–307	$325	$375	15%
114–124, 301–303, 325–327 335–337	$250	$300	20%
101, 314–324	$250	$275	10%
Students			

DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

Lettermen's Club

Hours of Operation during Home Football Games

1. Lettermen's Club opened to lettermen two hours before Kickoff.
2. Lettermen's Club cleared at Kickoff.
3. UGA Facility Support Staff clean Lettermen's Club.
4. After Club is cleaned, Recruiting Staff enters to set up and prepare for Prospects and family.
5. Half Time recruiting function.
6. In the 4th quarter, after the Recruits and Families have left the Club, Lettermen may return.

2016 GEORGIA FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 3	North Carolina	Atlanta, GA
Sept. 10	**Nicholls State**	**Athens, GA**
Sept. 17	Missouri	Columbia, MO
Sept. 24	Ole Miss	Oxford, MS
Oct. 1	**Tennessee**	**Athens, GA**
Oct. 8	South Carolina	Columbia, SC
Oct. 15	**Vanderbilt**	**Athens, GA**
Oct. 29	Florida	Jacksonville, FL
Nov. 5	Kentucky	Lexington, KY
Nov. 12	**Auburn**	**Athens, GA**
Nov. 19	**UL Lafayette**	**Athens, GA**
Nov. 26	**Georgia Tech**	**Athens, GA**

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1/2 page ad in the Huddle newsletter

Dawg Pound: $35
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