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Letter From the President

Dear Lettermen,

As you are well aware, our country is at war in Iraq and Afghanistan. A special thank you to all our service men and women over the years and especially to our lettermen who risk their lives everyday so we can enjoy our freedom. Jim Whitehead is about to become our first letterman to be a Congressman in Washington, D.C. and I am sure he'll be glad to hear from each and everyone.

May has been a very rugged month with the surgery of both Andy Johnson and Coach Vince Dooley. Our thought and prayers will be with each of them and their families during the coming months.

The University of Georgia Football Lettermen's Club continues to enjoy great success this spring and every year. Have a great summer and see y'all this fall.

Sincerely,

Mack H. Guest, III

Important Dates to Remember

August 18, 2007
Board Meeting
UGA Lettermen's Club

September 15, 2007
UGA vs. Western Carolina
Lettermen's Tailgate and Reunion
GLEF Scholarship Presentation

October 27, 2007
Georgia/Florida Tailgate
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February 7-9, 2008
Frostbite Tournament
Jekyll Island Club Hotel

April 16, 2008
Board Meeting
UGA Lettermen's Club

April 17, 2008
19th Annual Vince Dooley Open
UGA Golf Course
Lettermen's Reception
UGA Sky Club

April 18, 2008
19th Annual Hartman-Dukes Classic
UGA Golf Course

May 12, 2008
GLEF Celebrity Golf Tournament
Athens Country Club

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18th Annual Hartman-Dukes Classic Results

Place	Team	Score	Place	Team	Score	Place	Team	Score
1	Larry Rakestraw J. B. Alexander John Gurley Josh Watt	60	8	Mike Cavan Preston Ridlehuber Earl Gunn Matt McCormick	63	15	Mark Starnes Charley Whittemore Rusty Russell Johnny Brown	67
2	Andy Johnson Mike Bobo Gordon Terry Tim Morrison	60	9	Charles Pledger John Jancek Tony Ball Robert Clemens	64	16	Curt Mull Doug McFalls Kim Stephens Ralph Clark	67
3	Kevin Butler Bruce Wimberley Brett Hansen	61	10	Jimmy Harper Don Tomberlin Nat Dye Bill Cole	64	17	Denny Shimkus Paul Gilbert Ian Knight Curt McGill	67
4	Don Blackburn Willie Martinez Tony Cushenberry Jim Milo	61	11	Craig Hertwig Don Soberdash Bill McCullough Jim Cagle	65	18	Paul Messer Ric Reider Wally Williamson Jiggy Smaha	68
5	Dick Conn George Patton Curtis McGill	61	12	Steve Harmon Billy Slaughter Andy Kardian Neal Franklin	65	19	Ken McCranie Robert Goodwin Dale Williams Paul Snellings	69
6	Todd Williams Jack Davis Stacy Searels Mack Guest	62	13	Jim Curington Tommy Lyons Ted Tarpley Chris Broom	66	20	John Smith Sam Mitchell Mac Bryan James Hickey	70
7	Lon Buckler Joel Darden Robert Honeycutt Wayne Brantley	62	14	Norman King Joe Comfort Larry Kohn Andy Loy	67	21	Lou Perno Ed Milam David Johnson Fred Cook	71





Hartman-Dukes Classic Hole Contest Results

Hole	Contest	Winner	Hole	Contest	Winner
1	Long Drive Open Division	Steve Harmon	10	Closest to Hole in Two Senior Div.	Norman King
1	Long Drive Senior Division	Charley Whittemore	13	Close-Up Open Division	Tim Morrison
3	Close-Up Open Division	Mark Starnes	13	Close-Up Senior Division	Don Tomberlin
3	Close-Up Senior Division	Paul Gilbert	14	Longest Putt Made for Everyone	Nat Dye
5	Closest to Hole in Two Open Div.	Willie Martinez	16	Close-Up Open Division	Ted Tarpley
5	Closest to Hole in Two Senior Div.	Robert Honeycutt	16	Close-Up Senior Division	Don Soberdash
7	Short Drive for Everyone	Mack Guest	18	Straightest Drive Open Division	Larry Rakestraw
8	Close-Up Open Division	Lon Buckler	18	Straightest Drive Senior Division	Ric Reider
10	Closest to Hole in Two Open Div.	Curt Mull			

18th Annual Vince Dooley Open

Scores- Senior Division

Low Gross

1st	Larry Rakestraw
2nd	Dick Conn

Low Net

1st	Preston Ridlehuber
2nd	Earl Gunn

Scores- Open Division

Low Gross

1st	Lon Buckler
2nd	Paul Messer

Low Net

1st	Peter Anderson
2nd	Curt Mull

Special Winners

Hole	Contest	Winner
1	Long Drive Open Division	Larry Rakestraw
3	Close-Up	Earl Gunn
5	Long Drive Senior Division	Larry Rakestraw
8	Close-Up	Wally Williamson
12	Long Drive Senior Division	Preston Ridlehuber
13	Close-Up	Don Soberdash
16	Close-Up	Peter Anderson
18	Long Drive Open Division	Peter Anderson

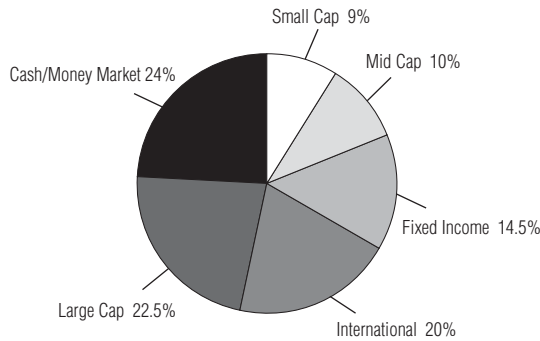
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19th Annual Vince Dooley Open and Hartman-Dukes Classic

When making reservations at the Holiday Inn Express for the golf tournaments next year, you can call the hotel direct at (706)546-8122 or 1/800/HOLIDAY (worldwide) and ask for the Football Lettermen's Club to obtain the special rates and to be sure your reservations get in the assigned block of rooms. The room rate will be \$80.00 per night. The cut off date for making reservations is March 26, 2008. The dates for the tournaments are April 17, 2008 and April 18, 2008. The tournaments will be held at the UGA Golf Course.



Georgia Lettermen Education Foundation



Current Asset Allocation

Portfolio Holdings as of April 18, 2007

Security Type/Description	Market Value	% of Total
Large Cap Equity	\$143,093.00	22.5%
Mid Cap Equity	\$ 61,789.00	10%
Small Cap Equity	\$ 54,114.00	9%
International Equity	\$123,226.00	20%
Fixed Income	\$ 92,488.00	14.5%
Cash/Money Market	\$ 154,630.00	24%
Total of all assets	\$629,340.00	100%

9th Annual GLEF Celebrity Golf Tournament Results

Place	Name	Overall Low Gross						
			8	Chuck Couch	52	16	Steve Brown	55.37
				Clay Parks			Jim Linck	
				Tom Horner			Lee Edmond	
				Craig Hollingsworth			Zippy Morocco	
1	Mike Davis	51	9	Lou Perno	52	17	Jack Bowdoin	55.37
	Tim Greer			Stewart Richardson			Kenny Hudson	
	Mitch Greer			Phil Kelly			Marvin Brooks	
	Jody Bellflower			Michael Fitzgerald			Phil Hill	
			10	Tim Morrison	52	18	Rick Griffin	55.63
				Mac Bryan			Davis Stewart	
				Pete Martinelli			Neal Howard	
				Harold Galloway			Hal Meeks	
			11	Tom Stephenson	52.63	19	Clint Thompson	56
				Jim Boyles			Philip Wilcox	
				Andy Johnson			Gene Spurlin	
				Ted McWhorter			Darin Southard	
			12	George Patton	52.75	20	Mack Guest	56
				Parks Mann			Bill Britt	
				Jim Wingo			Bill Johnson	
				Al Goodspeed			Grant Tribble	
			13	Lee Willis	53.5	21	Tim Daniell	59.75
				John Willis			Ron Bishop	
				Joe Gasses			Tim Swaney	
				Jarrod Prickett			Ray Adams	
			14	Jim Griffith	54.37	22	Bubba Tindol	60.12
				Andy Ullrich			Chuck Tindol	
				Chuck Harris			Mike Tindol	
				Danny Dantzer			Perry Tindol	
			15	Patrick Tritt	55.25			
				Tom Cooney				
				Tom Dohrmann				
				Jared Morton				
7	Greger Roner	51.38						
	Ryan Mason							
	Steve Robinson							
	Tom Mast							

Special Winners	
Closest to the Pin #5	Tim Greer
Closest to the Pin #8	Steve Patton
Closest to the Pin #12	Steve Patton
Closest to the Pin #17	Neal Howard
Longest Drive #4.....	Kenny Hudson
Longest Drive #16.....	Tee Burton
Strongest Drive #11	Tom Horner



Georgia Lettermen Education Foundation Scholarship Recipients 2007-2008

Andrew James Homeyer – A junior at UGA, Andrew is the son of Andy Homeyer of Watkinsville, GA. Andy lettered in tennis from 1974-77. Andrew will receive the Frank G. Lumpkin, Jr. Scholarship Award which is worth \$4,000.

William Lowery Humphries – William is a freshman at UGA and is the son of Harvey Humphries who lettered in swimming from 1976-79. William will receive the Vincent J. Dooley Award which is worth \$3,000.

Amelia Elizabeth Ballard – A sophomore at Georgia College & State University, Amelia is the daughter of Marty Ballard. Marty lettered in football from 1979-80. Amelia will receive the Erk Russell Award which is worth \$3,000.

Anna Christine Richwine – Anna will graduate from Forsyth Central High School and will attend UGA in the fall. She is the granddaughter of Sam Richwine. Sam lettered in football in 1947. Anna will receive a \$2,000 scholarship.

Amber Ann Conlon – Amber will graduate from Warner Robins High School and will attend Middle Georgia College in the fall. She is the granddaughter of Robert Allen of Eatonton, GA. Robert lettered in football from 1960-62. Amber will receive a scholarship worth \$2,000.

Charlee Lynn Russell – Charlee will graduate from Statesboro High School and will attend UGA in the fall. She is the daughter of Rusty Russell of Statesboro, GA who lettered in football from 1973-1975. Charlee will receive a scholarship worth \$2,000.

Mitchell Byrd Snyder – Mitchell will graduate from Westminster Schools and will attend UGA in the fall. He is the son of Sherri Byrd Snyder of Martinez, GA who lettered in tennis from 1979-82. Mitchell will receive a \$1,500 scholarship.

Brittany Sabina Wallace – Brittany will graduate from Oconee County High School this year and will attend UGA, Georgia College & State University or Valdosta State University in the fall. She is the daughter of Sabina Horne-Wallace of Watkinsville, GA who lettered in track from 1981-86. Brittany will receive a scholarship worth \$1,500.

Stephen Neil Goodwin – Stephen will graduate from Oglethorpe County High School this year and will attend either Gainesville State College or UGA in the fall. He is the son of Robert Goodwin of Winterville, GA who lettered in football from 1977-79. Stephen will receive a scholarship worth \$1,500.

Luke Hammond Rogers – A freshman at Gordon Jr. College, Luke is the son of Danny Rogers of Watkinsville, GA. Danny lettered in football from 1976-79. Luke will receive a \$1,500 scholarship.

Jessica Lane Clark – Jessica will graduate from Prince Avenue Christian School this year and attend UGA in the fall. She is the daughter of Dicky Clark of Watkinsville, GA. Dicky lettered in football from 1974-76. Jessica will receive a scholarship worth \$1,000.

Allison Elizabeth Kelly – Allison will graduate from Aquinas High School and will attend Georgia College & State University. She is the daughter of Philip Kelly of Augusta, GA who lettered in football from 1978-80. Allison will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

Seth Tomlin Pound – A sophomore at Georgia Institute of Technology, Seth is the son of Brinkley Burks Pounds of Columbus, GA. Brinkley lettered in volleyball in 1978. Seth will receive a scholarship worth \$1,000.

**Support your fellow Lettermen's Children and grandchildren.
Contribute to the Georgia Lettermen's Education Foundation!**



Lettermen News

2002: *Braxton Snyder* has started a new role as Director of National Sales for Varsity Sports Media. Varsity Sports Media will launch a Georgia Football publication that will feature every High School, College and Professional football team in the state of Georgia. Please contact Braxton regarding advertising or distribution questions. Braxton can be reached at (865) 379-5148

Email: braxton.snyder@actionsportsmedia.com

2000: *Brett Millican* and his wife Melissa are proud to announce the birth of their son, Ethan David who was born July 17, 2006. Their daughter Kiley Michelle turned 3 in February and is a very proud and loving big sister. Brett and his family reside in Austin, TX where Brett is the Youth Pastor at Christ Community Church.

Email: brett.millican@ccaustin.com

1998: *Bruce Sills* and his wife Rebecca are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Ellie Jane Sills who was born on March 28, 2007.

Email: sills.bruce@synthes.com

1997: *Karen Straub Stanton* and her husband Nate Stanton are expecting their first child his summer.

Email: strauks@auburn.edu

1997: *Matt Rabon* and his wife Kasay are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Katherine Mercer. She was born January 28, 2007 and weighed 7 lbs 6 oz.

Email: matt.rabon@merial.com

1996: *Brian Smith* and his wife Audrey are pleased to announce the birth of their son Jacob Samuel Smith who was born on March 6, 2007. He was 9 lbs, 4 oz and is doing well. He joins big sisters Hannah (4) and Sarah (2).

Email: brian.smith@vanderbilt.edu

1995: *Chad Chosewood* and wife, Kimberly welcome Callyn Faith Chosewood. She was born on May 5, 2007 at 12:53. She weighed 7 lbs 1 oz and was 19 1/2 inches long. She joins siblings Maddie (3) and Brad (1).

Email: kchosewood@yahoo.com

1989: *Steve Harmon* is now working at the Snellings Walters Insurance Agency in Dunwoody, Georgia as of April of this year. His new office number is 770-508-3003. Be sure to call him if you have any business insurance needs.

Email: sharmon@snellingswalters.com

1988: *Troy Sadowski* has formed G.I.G Partners, L.L.C. They are a LAND ACQUISITION & DEVELOPMENT COMPANY. They have recently acquired 2 tracts of land of over 400 acres combined on Lake Russell in Elberton, GA. They are looking at having 2 communities with .5 - 1+ ACRE LAKE LOTS with a community Marina. They are awaiting approval from the State for DOCK PERMITS.

Email: aambloans@bellsouth.net

1986: *Tim Dixon* has been named Principal of Waycross Middle School in Waycross, Georgia.

Email: timdixon@ware.k12.ga.us

1980: *Pat McShea* is pleased to announce that his daughter Kaitlin has just earned her degree from Presbyterian College. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and played on the varsity soccer team all four years and graduated on time. Pat and his wife Pam are very proud of Kaitlin.

Email: pmcshea@firstsaversfs.com

1981: *Buck Belue* and his wife Kelley are proud to announce the birth of their baby boy, Rhett Butler Belue who was born on April 9, 2007. Rhett weighed 8 lbs (good number for the Belue family) and is their 3rd child. Audrey is 3 and Braden is 1 1/2.

Email: buckandkelley@yahoo.com

1976: *Mark Wilson* and his wife Gail (UGA grad 1978) are pleased to announce that their son Mark "Paul", Jr. has accepted a full scholarship to play football for the Florida Gators. He completed his high school requirements early and enrolled at UF for the January semester. His high school team the Lakeland Dreadnaughts won their 3rd straight 5A state football championship in December, and were ranked by several polls #1 team in the nation for the 2nd straight year. He is a wide receiver like his Dad was at UGA.

Email: access21st@aol.com



Lettermen News (cont.)

1974: *Cooper Gunby* is proud to announce the birth of his first grandchild, Keaton Elizabeth Gunby whose father is Joseph. She was born on March 25, 2007 in Greenville, SC and weighed 8 lbs 3 oz and was born with a head full of black hair.

Email: cooper@mstconcrete.com

1974: *John Gurley* and his wife Robin are new grandparents. Their daughter Allyson Gurley Payne and her husband Brad Payne of Athens announce the birth of William Grady Payne, born April 24, 2007.

Email: johngurley@sprintmail.com

1973: *Johnny Cobb* has changed companies from Brannen & Cobb Auction Co. to Remax Group Auctioneers as an Associate Broker and Auctioneer.

1973: *Mac McWhorter* is pleased to announce the birth of his first grandchild, Katherine Mercer Rabon. She was born January 28, 2007 and weighed 7 lbs 6 oz.

Email: mcwhorterhp@athletics.utexas.edu

1970: *Paul Gilbert* will be retiring from 29 years in education, coaching and teaching. The last 18 years have been at Gainesville High School in Gainesville, GA. He had one year at West Hall High School, 9 years at Jonesboro High and one year at Clarke Central. Paul also had a second grandson Landon Robert Gilbert--born on April 30 to his son Kyle and his wife Caroline. Gavin is the first grandson and is 3 now.

Email: pbgilbert@charter.net

1966: *Bill Harber* and his wife Joyce celebrate the birth of their granddaughter, Avery to son Michael and wife Kathye. This is Michael and Kathye's first child. Bill and Joyce also have three additional granddaughters.

Email: wharber@alltel.net

1962: *John Paul Holmes* is pleased to announce that his wife Susan has been appointed by the President to be State Executive Director of FSA-USDA with headquarters in Athens and 84 county offices. She is also serving in her 12th year as Mayor of the City of Monticello.

Email: paul@holmesoffice.com

Send a Memorial

You can send a memorial gift to the Georgia Lettermen Education Foundation in memory 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@georgiadogs.com. Thank you to those people who have taken part in this opportunity.

Patrick Smith in honor of Edna Shalala

Donald Leebern in memory of Sam Mrvos

Zippy Morocco in memory of Sam Mrvos

Billy Slaughter in memory of Wayne Dye

Frostbite Guys in memory of Fuzzy Cawthon

Angela Holley in memory of Sarah McPipkin

Joe & Bonnie Conner in memory of Sarah McPipkin

Jerome & Annjell Webb in memory of Sarah McPipkin

Graphic Packaging International in memory of Sarah McPipkin

Jim Baker in memory of Sarah McPipkin and Wayne Dye

Diversified Energy, Inc. in memory of Sarah McPipkin

Lou Perno in memory of Marty Ballard

Donald Leebern in memory of Phil Ashe



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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@georgiadogs.com or mail information to 1070 Lake Wellbrook Drive, Athens, GA 30606. Thanks for your help!

Charles Richard Arkwright
 William Edwin Andrews
 Kenneth Bailey
 Michael Baker
 Joshua Billue
 James Allen Branner
 George B. Brewer
 DeCory Bryant
 Charles Ray Byars
 Steve Arthur Chamberlin
 Charlie Fitzgerald Clemons
 Nicolas Deantoni Clemons
 Randy Cook
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 Francis Dipietro
 Keith D. Drayton
 Kenneth Dewayne Driskell
 Joseph Dupree
 Robert P. Durand
 Robert L. Edwards
 Terrence Jermaine Edwards
 Douglas Faircloth
 Anthony Thomas Flack
 Albert J. Francis
 Olandis Gary
 David Dawayne Grace
 Joe Graff
 Kip Hall
 Kevin Randall Hartman
 Jamie Henderson
 Jimmy Holton
 Robert Hope
 Stephen G. Hughes
 Kelly Ivester

Alfonza Jackson
 Gregory Jackson
 Willie K. Jackson
 David L. Jenkins
 Jerry R. Jerman
 Jevaris Tobbar Johnson
 Michael Johnson
 Sandy Johnson
 Ray Jones
 Travis Orlando Jones
 David R. Kendrick
 David Allen Lloyd
 Elbert Manning
 Kareem E. Marshall
 Thomas Whitfield Marshall
 Ricky McBride
 Mark McGinnis
 Jack McHugh
 Kevin Del McLee
 Michael R. Meatheringham
 James Pinkney Miller
 Warner (Chip) Miller
 Jesse Murray
 Carl Ogletree
 Thaddeus Parker
 Kanon Parkman
 Tim Parks
 Victor A. Perry
 Joe Polak
 David James Powell
 Carmon Prince
 James Rahal
 Gordon Robbins
 Richard C. Robich
 Joe Wayne Roberts

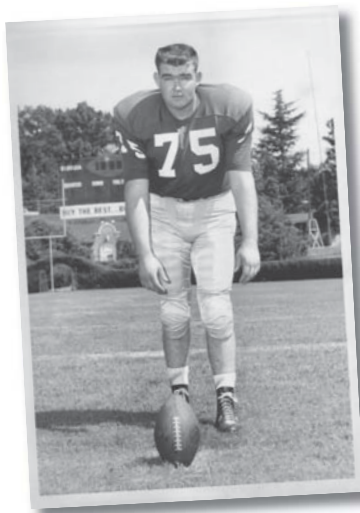
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 Durell Robinson
 Eric W. Robinson
 Ronald William Rogers
 Walter Rouse
 Charles Terry Sellers
 David Dillard Shaw
 Wilson Eugene Singletary
 Andre Smith
 Quinton Smith
 Brad Staton
 Jeffery Allen Stephens
 Kirby Lanier Stewart
 Ricky Styles
 Johnathan L. Sullivan
 C. B. Tate
 Michael Renai Taylor
 Nathaniel Taylor
 Lemonte Donzell Tellis
 Christopher A. Terry
 Andrew Odell Thompson
 Horace Van Thompson
 Ralph Cecil Thompson
 Steve Tidmore
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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.



'62 Bulldog Lettermen Jim Whitehead the Frontrunner in Georgia's Special Election for the 10th Congressional District



1962 Letterman Jim Whitehead is running for Congress in the upcoming special election June 19 to replace the late U.S. Rep. Charlie Norwood (R-GA10). If you live in the 10th Congressional District, it is critical you get out and vote Whitehead—since it is a special election turnout will be low so every vote counts!

Jim Whitehead was born in Augusta, Georgia in 1942. He graduated from Richmond Academy in 1959 as a standout athlete. He continued his athletic career as a Bulldog at the University of Georgia Athens from 1960-62 in both football and track. Jim was drafted by the Chicago Bears, but chose to stay put in Augusta.

After marrying Peggy in 1964, the Whiteheads returned to Augusta, where Jim founded Jim Whitehead Tire Company in 1985. In 1994, he was elected to the Columbia County Commission, serving from 1995-2002, including a term as Chairman. Jim was elected to the Georgia Senate in 2004, and re-elected in 2006. Jim and Peggy Whitehead currently live in Evans.

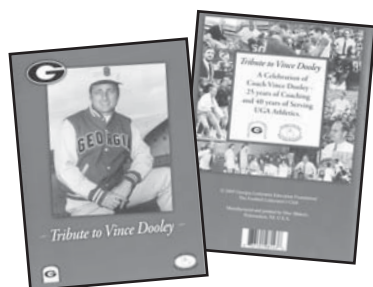
As a businessman, former county commissioner and state senator, Jim is the only candidate in the race who can truly pick up where Congressman Norwood left off. Mr. Whitehead will vote to protect our homeland, secure our borders, block amnesty for illegal aliens, reduce taxes, and increase job opportunities in Georgia's 10th district. Mr. Whitehead served as the Chairman of the Georgia Senate Homeland Security Committee, and will bring that same leadership to Washington.

The Voice of the Dogs, Larry Munson, is already on board the Whitehead team, with his famous voice featured in a radio commercial currently playing in Athens and around the district, saying "Hello, Dawg fans. This is Larry Munson. We're down to the wire in this election for Congress. Conservative Republican state senator Jim Whitehead... is looking doggone good."

You can listen to the entire audio at: <http://www.whiteheadforcongress.com/downloads/jwmunson.mp3>

If you have any questions about Jim feel free to call his campaign office at 706-651-9350, or check him out on the web at www.jimwhiteheadforcongress.com.

Send a Bulldog to Congress, remember to get out and vote Whitehead this June 19th!



***Vince Dooley
Tribute DVDs for sale
www.firsttune.com***

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.

Phillip Ashe

William Hiers

Marty Ballard

Albert Jeffery

Jesse Bowles

David McCullough

Wayne Dye

Billy Mixon



Lettermen Reunion

All lettermen will be honored at halftime of the UGA vs. Western Carolina game on September 15, 2007. Please report to the granite bulldog in the East end zone just before halftime. Instructions on where to stand once your team is called will be at the registration table at Oconee Hill Cemetery. There will be a special recognition for the class reunion teams of 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 and 60 years. Once these teams are recognized, all football lettermen will be asked to join them on the field.

10 years ago 1997

Outback Bowl Champions
(10-2) Coach: Jim Donnan
Captains: Hines Ward, Brandon Tolbert,
Mike Bobo, & Greg Bright

20 years ago 1987

Liberty Bowl Champions
(9-3) Coach: Vince Dooley
Captain: Kim Stephens

25 years ago 1982

SEC Champions
Sugar Bowl Participants
(11-1) Coach: Vince Dooley
Captain: Wayne Radloff

30 years ago 1977

(5-6) Coach: Vince Dooley
Captain: Ben Zambiasi

40 years ago 1967

Liberty Bowl Participants
(7-4) Coach: Vince Dooley
Captain: Kirby Moore

50 years ago 1957

(3-7) Coach: Wallace Butts
Captain: J.B. Davis

60 years ago 1947

Gator Bowl Participants
(7-4-1) Coach: Wallace Butts
Captain: Dan Edwards

Countdown to Kickoff July 6-7, 2007

Join former University of Georgia football players Jon and Matt Stinchcomb as they host the second annual Countdown to Kickoff. Prepare for the upcoming season along with fellow Georgia alumni and Bulldog fans as you take part in the golf tournament, Dawg-themed auction and party, and autograph session.

Benefiting Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and the Georgia Transplant Foundation, as well as the Children's Tumor Foundation and the University of Georgia College of Education, the event allows hundreds of Bulldog fans the opportunity to meet more than 50 current and former UGA players.

Schedule of Events

Friday, July 6, 2007

Golf Tournament
University Golf Course
Athens, Ga.
8:30 a.m. Registration
10 a.m. Shotgun Start

Sick 'Em Auction and Party
Foundry Park Inn
Athens, Ga.
7 p.m. Doors Open

Saturday, July 7, 2007

Countdown to Kickoff and
VIP Reception
UGA Practice Fields
Athens, Ga.
3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Different Sponsorship Levels are available. Please contact **Matt Stinchcomb** at **813.380.4599** or **stinch7974@yahoo.com** for details. You may also visit the website: **www.ugakickoff.com**.





Remebering Marty Ballard

From Bob Kelly, February 24, 2007

To All Marty Ballard's Family and Friends: I love you and you can always count on me!

I met Marty in the spring of 1977 as a walk-on football player. We quickly became best friends, teammates and roommates at UGA for nearly 6 years. It took some of us longer than others to graduate (smile). His wife, Kathy, told me she had her work cut out to stay with Marty longer than we had lived together.

Those were the best years. I liked Marty the first time I met him. Doesn't everybody who's ever known him? He was comfortable in his own skin, and later in his work boots which he lived in. Marty had an air about him of self assurance, but never cockiness. I attribute his character to his wonderful family (Margie and Charles and Steve and Karen and Tim). He had that inner confidence. You can see it in that wedding portrait with Kathy. He also had a magnetic personality, didn't he? People were drawn to Marty, like he was big gentle bear.

I remember one Spring break when he and Frank Ros and I went to St. Patrick's Day in Savannah to celebrate with my Irish Clan down there. You'd have sworn he built Blarney Castle the way my friends took to him. 25 years later, friends of mine still ask about "Big Marty." The green beer really flowed our way. The name "Ballard" will always be Irish in Savannah.

Then we decided to go to Daytona Beach for the rest of that spring break, just spur of the moment. Packed up my Mom's "cool" station wagon and bolted. No hotel reservations. Nothing. It didn't matter. We had more offers for accommodations than we could accept by just hanging around the hotel pool with Marty. Everyone just loved Marty and warmed to him instantly. Marty drew a crowd everywhere we went that week. It was great. We met more women and were invited to more parties than I've ever attended in one week since. In fact, I think they made him honorary "Wet T-Shirt" Judge. He was no Simon (American Idol), he loved 'em all. It was a hard job for Marty to pick one.

Marty loved his family and this place more than anything on this Earth. When he came to Athens in 1976 from Kershaw, SC (where he learned good Morals and a love for vittles), he told me he had found his heaven on Earth. There is something about this Georgia Red Clay that he loved. He dug it, molded it and worked in it with the buildings he built. His footprints are left all over this county with his buildings: homes, offices, gymnasiums and stadiums. He did this with the help of all the contractor "family" he adopted. I know Marty gave some of you "Underdogs" (craftsmen, laborers, and subcontractors) out there a second or third or fourth chance at redeeming yourselves. As I drove around Oconee County these last few days, I found myself saying "This is Marty Country." I could feel his presence and love for this area.

These are just a few random, good memories I share of him. This won't make sense to a lot of you, but some of you will smile with me. Marty liked Fishbowls at Coopers, Country Music (especially Waylon Jennings and Willie Nelson, The Marshall Tucker Band, and ZZ Top), Skilled Craftsmen (who are a dying breed he said), A Skoal "dip" in the morning - well just about anytime, Pretty women with character, kids, dogs, trucks, red bandanas, Kegs in the back seat of his Jimmy, T Graham Brown at the B&L (Warehouse), John Kasay - coach & philosopher, O'Malley's Deck, volleyball in the pool after spring football, Books by Robert Ludlum and Leon Uris, especially his book Trinity (I told you he was Irish), well worn jeans, Manuel's Mexican (restaurant), Pat Collins' jokes, a steak, his Mom's cookin', backgammon, cards in our dorm room on Thursday nights (he always lost at least a dollar), Wayne for his mental toughness, Seagraves, sun on his big back, big everything, Bull Mastiffs, the Fifth Quarter, his worn out baseball caps, pretty girls walking down Milledge, hollering at 'em, cooking, sharing a meal with friends, shaggin' at the Frat house (just kiddin), poker night, Ms. Johnson, criminal justice, bouncer work, Athens and Oconee County, the beach, Papa Joes peanuts, the end of the punch list, but most of all he LOVED his family. Stuart and Liz, and Kathy and Tracey and Eric and Justin and Samuel. His kids were his world. Kathy, you're a saint. I'll be there for you to help out.

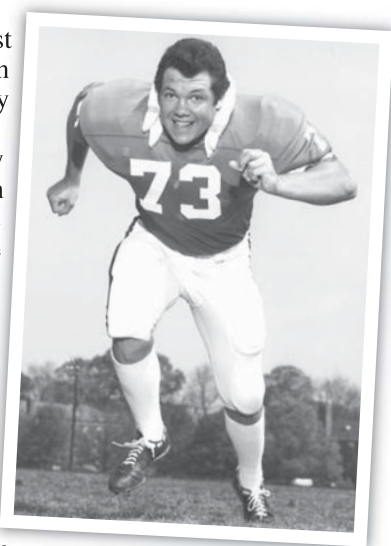
He's celebrating in heaven with all his favorites now --- St. Paul, Waylon Jennings, Wayne McDuffie. He told me several years ago that St. Paul was his favorite character in the Bible. He said Paul was a big burly man, toughened by prison and personal attacks, shackled, stoned and beaten, writer of nearly half the New Testament, and a staunch defender of Christ. Marty traveled a rocky road at times himself and identified with Paul. I think they'll be great friends in heaven. Maybe they'll share a story and some "dip" there.

Marty called me every Christmas afternoon for 25 years. He never missed one. It was my best present. Marty will live on with the memories and lessons from him that we leave with today. We lost a Giant. He just gave all that big heart of his away until it finally gave out.

Big Old Marty. Husband, Dad, Builder, Boss, and Friend to all who knew him. "He ain't heavy, he's my brother." I can't think of Marty without it bringing a smile to my face. We had a lot of fun together, but he always had a good sense for doing right and being responsible. He would have been 49 today. Happy Birthday, Marty.

Obituary Note from me to the Athens Banner Herald:

"Big Marty"- Friend and Giver to all he met. Builder of structures and people. Fair and Honest to the end. You're home now, but we'll sure miss you.





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Aug 18	Picture Day	Athens, GA
Sep 01	Oklahoma State	Athens, GA
Sep 08	South Carolina	Athens, GA
Sep 15	Western Carolina	Athens, GA
Sep 22	Alabama	@ Tuscaloosa, AL
Sep 29	Ole Miss	Athens, GA
Oct 06	Tennessee	@ Knoxville, TN
Oct 13	Vanderbilt	@ Nashville, TN
Oct 27	Florida	@ Jacksonville, FL
Nov 03	Troy State	Athens, GA
Nov 10	Auburn	Athens, GA
Nov 17	Kentucky	Athens, GA
Nov 24	Georgia Tech	@ Atlanta, GA

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September 1 – Oklahoma State

1. Tony Cushenberry
2. Walter White
3. Skip James
- 4.

September 8 – South Carolina

1. Robert Honeycutt
2. Dick Conn
3. Chris Hammond
- 4.

September 15 – Western Carolina

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

September 29 – Ole Miss

1. John Jennings
2. Bobby Poss, III
- 3.
- 4.

November 3 – Troy State

1. Jim Curington
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

November 10 – Auburn

1. Jim Baker
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

November 17 – Kentucky

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