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Letter from the President

Dear Lettermen,

The 29th Annual Vince Dooley Open and Hartman-Dukes Classic and the Lettermen's Reception were the coolest and best yet. The Reunion game this fall is the UGA vs. Middle Tennessee game on Saturday, September 15, 2018. Classes of 2008, 1998, 1993, 1988, 1978, 1968, 1958, and 1948 will be recognized at halftime of the game as well.

Andy Johnson, our long time club Vice President and the best athlete to ever play between the hedges, co-founder of our golf tournaments and Frostbite Tournament, and Bulldog Haven who was always there to support any letterman in anyway has gone to heaven. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during these challenging times.

As we look forward to the 2018 football season, let us again congratulate our 2017 SEC and Rose Bowl Champions. Enjoy the summer with your families and we will see you all this fall.

Sincerely,



Mack H. Guest, III



Important Dates to Remember

August 11, 2018

Board Meeting
Lettermen's Club

April 18, 2019

30th Annual Vince Dooley Open
Lettermen's Reception
Athens Country Club

September 14, 2018

1968 & 1978 Reunion
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April 17, 2019

Board Meeting
UGA Lettermen's Club

Alumni Flag Football Game

G-Day Game
Sanford Stadium





Rose Bowl & National Championship

Great times were had by lettermen and their families cheering on the Dawgs in Post-Season Play!!!



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Remembering Andy Johnson

(1971-72-73)

Andy Johnson passed away on May 16, 2018. Andy served as Vice President of the Georgia Football Lettermen's Club for over 20 years and was the co-founder of the Lettermen golf tournaments.

Farewell to a great athlete and a great person

By Darrell Huckaby

May 18, 2018

The first time I saw Andy Johnson play football was on a cold Saturday night in Valdosta in 1969. Athens High was playing Valdosta for the Georgia state championship. It was probably the greatest high school game ever, at least for those of my generation. Fittingly, it ended in a 26-26 tie.

The next fall Andy and I would move into the same dormitory — McWhorter Hall — at the University of Georgia. He was an up-and-coming football star and an authentic golden boy and legitimate BMOC. I was manager of the basketball team and probably the most unworldly person to ever matriculate at the University.

None of that mattered. Andy befriended me and treated me like a prince. I have one story that will demonstrate everything anyone needs to know about the kind of person he was and would always be.

I suffered an injury in an automobile accident and would need a major surgery in the spring of our freshman year. I was determined to try and finish spring quarter first, but I could hardly walk more than two or three steps at a time. After about the second day back on campus that quarter, when I walked out of my last class of the day on North Campus, Andy just

happened to be driving by the front door of my classroom and offered me a ride back to the dorm. This saved me lots and lots of steps and lots and lots of pain.

The next day and the next and the next Andy Johnson just happened to drive by my building as I left class. In fact, for eight days in a row — until I finally gave up and left school to have my surgery — the most popular football player on campus altered his own schedule to make sure that the basketball manager didn't have to try and walk across campus or catch a bus.

That's who Andy Johnson was.

Yes, he was an amazing athlete. He will always be remembered as one of the greatest UGA quarterbacks to ever play the game. The touchdown drive he led against Georgia Tech on Thanksgiving night in 1971 was enough to make him a legend. Who can forget his touchdown run against Tennessee in 1973?

“Andy gonna give it to Harrison. He fakes it. Touchdown Andy Johnson! Touchdown Andy Johnson! Touchdown Andy Johnson!”





Larry Munson always said that was the call that “cemented” his relationship with the Georgia fans.

Andy would go on to play for eight seasons in the NFL, as a running back!

He could have probably been a pro at baseball as well, or even tennis or golf. His athletic ability was as natural as his smile, which was always there.

My lovely wife, Lisa, and I were traveling with Vince and Barbara Dooley — 6,500 miles from Athens — when we got the news that Andy had passed away. It wasn’t unexpected. We had discussed Andy and his diminished condition frequently during our trip.

Coach Dooley had last seen him at a G-Day function for lettermen and indicated that although his body was obviously failing him, Andy was as full of charm and grace as he’d ever been as he held court and visited with his friends and teammates. Coach Dooley said that Andy Johnson was the greatest natural athlete he ever coached and was greatly saddened to hear of his passing.

Barbara Dooley, never at a loss for words, looked across the dinner table at Vince and said, “You know, you owe Andy to me. I recruited him for you. He came to the house every

Thursday night his senior year, and I cooked him dinner and helped him pass Shakespeare. It was me and Andy and King Lear every Thursday night. But I had to tear him away from the kids to tutor him. They loved Andy.”

He will always be remembered as one of the greatest UGA quarterbacks to ever play the game.

Everybody loved Andy, and for good reason. In addition to being a great athlete he was a great person who epitomized the Golden Rule and tried to treat everyone the way he would have liked to have been treated.

Andy leaves behind his wife, Chot, and three children, Kristy, Brent and Brooke. I am sure I speak, on this subject, for the entire Bulldog Nation as we offer sympathy and share in your grief.

We have an expression among the citizenry of that nation. DGD.

Andy Johnson was a Damn Good Dawg — and an even finer human being.

Darrell Huckaby is an author in Rockdale County. Email him at dhuck008@gmail.com.





Remembering Andy

Owen Scott III · Thursday, May 17, 2018

"For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required." Luke 12:48 (King James Version)

Those who didn't know Andy Johnson personally will remember him as one of the greatest athletes to emerge from Athens, Georgia and go on to star at the collegiate and professional levels. Andy was given much in the way of athleticism and intelligence and much was expected of him on the baseball diamond and football gridiron from a very early age. Those of us who had a personal connection knew another Andy, someone whose virtuous humanity shone just as brightly as his achievements in sports.

Andy was an Old School hero, the kind who always smiled and always wore a letterman's jacket. I see him as a 17-year old high school senior in my mind's eye as I write this. He and I graduated from Athens High with the Class of 1970. By that time, he was already a celebrity. Everyone knew he would go on to sports stardom.

We had both attended the YMCA in elementary and middle school. Andy was by far the best athlete at the Y, while I was a 3rd or 4th stringer in all the sports. In football, Andy was, of course, the QB, while I played tackle, for which I was undersized. I did enjoy playing defense and, if I'm not imagining things, I remember managing to tackle Andy in the backfield one of the few times I played against him. In my mind, I see and hear him laughing and congratulating me. If true, my sporting career went downhill from there. Be that as it may, my clearest early recollection is watching Andy play shortstop in a Little League game. In the field, he had the grace and confidence and quickness of a cat, a big intimidating one, like, say, a jaguar. He hit a towering home run in the same game, well over the centerfield fence. Andy was like Achilles or LeBron, a superhuman matching up against mere mortals. As time went on, I watched his football heroics from the stands on many occasions at high school and UGA games.

I've heard it said Andy would have preferred a career in baseball but respected his father's wish for him to favor football. This would be typical of the Andy Johnson I knew, always polite and respectful of others, the epitome of the good son. Not that we were at all close in our young days- our lives were on very different tracks and I only observed Andy from a distance. Andy

was the innest of the in crowd while I gravitated toward the disreputable kids with long hair who hung out next to the auditorium before the first bell rang.

As everyone expected, Andy starred in football at UGA and later

with the New England Patriots; and, I followed his career as a fan. I recall reading some years back that he had been inducted into the Patriots Hall of Fame. I had moved away from Athens by the time Andy retired from the pros and came back to our hometown. I like to attend our Class of '70 reunions, usually held every 5 years, and for a long stretch of time, those were the only occasions I ran into Andy. What I remember about that is, times Andy approached me and initiated a conversation in which he actually seemed to like and take an interest in me. To be honest, it was almost shocking, even in recent encounters, because Andy had always been a larger-than-life celebrity to me. I scarcely thought he had any reason to remember me at all.

I last saw Andy at an informal Medicare seminar Tom Hodgson, a mutual friend, hosted in 2017 as our classmates were turning 65. I could see Andy was not in good health but I wouldn't have known from his demeanor. The conversation we had there was our last and best. I finally took it in that he was not someone out of a comic book or feel-good movie: Andy was, like me, a real person, and his interest was sincere. But it's still stunning.

Reflecting on all of this, I can't help but view Andy in a Christian perspective. He spoke to me as if I were the most important person in the world, the way the Gospels show Jesus speaking to each person, from the lowest to the highest. I don't know about Andy's personal faith but I have to believe it ran as deep as the still waters. In spite of his immense talent, his lifelong celebrity, his great success, his universal popularity, Andy was a humble and kind man who treated every person he encountered with sincere interest and respect. From my experience, Andy deserves the highest praise for the example he gave us in the way he lived his life. I will hold on to my dubious image of him laughing and congratulating me on tackling him for a loss, and I'll reply with this:

"Well done, Andy, thou good and faithful servant."

*Owen Scott, III
Baton Rouge
May 16, 2018*





Andy Johnson let his actions speak

By Loran Smith

Headlines and heroics are often partners in the world of sport, but oft-times perspective becomes skewed and attitudes self-serving. In sport, we should not forget that, in most cases, the competition lives to line up another day.

Andy Johnson, one of the truly great athletes in history of the Classic City of Athens and the University of Georgia, enjoyed remarkable ability with few flaws when it came to performance in competition. He functioned with a selfless perspective. There was an enduring passion to win, but he would be the last the last to rub it in.

Johnson, 65, died last week.

A headline meant that he had excelled in competition. He had won the prize, the objective of all competitors. Emotionally, however, it was all about the team. No individual honors, please. You break your arm patting yourself on the back when there is success in sports. Andy did his best to deflect praise which became as much a part of his competitive life as the playing of the National Anthem pre-game.

Modesty aforethought was as much a part of Andy's makeup as his innate ability to succeed at the propitious moment, to excel in the clutch, to rise to the occasion, to reach for the stars but not wanting to be one. Andy simply could not enjoy the moment unless his teammates joined him in the forefront when any celebration was underway.

He exuded team effort as much as anybody who ever played the game he loved, but he never took to the stump to verbally trumpet any high moment. If he had been the MVP of a Super Bowl, the routine he would have enjoyed the least was meeting the press.

Through the years, as an Athens resident, I have often talked to the ole timers, the local railbirds, about the local luminaries who best excelled and how they ranked. This certainly is not definitive, but there is this general conclusion that Andy was one of the top three natives when ranking the best athletes to come the community's way — Fran Tarkenton, Billy Gambrel and Andy. Tarkenton, a better athlete than many realized, was probably the most accomplished, but for pure athleticism, it would be difficult not to rank Johnson the best.

Quarterbacks are often the best athlete on any team, which means they can play other positions but not necessarily in the National Football League. Tom Brady, as good as he is at quarterbacking Andy's old team, the New England Patriots, we don't see him excelling anywhere else on the field to the level that he has maintained at quarterback. Andy was such a gifted athlete that he left the Georgia campus as a quarterback but lined up nine years as a running back in the NFL where he was a cursed target for the best and mightiest defenders.

Andy was a competitor but also a gentleman. While he would never climb a soapbox, his life, by his actions, reflected class altruism, and decency. He could destroy a case of Coors Light on short notice, but was kind hearted and never struck another person in anger. Well, perhaps, a linebacker or two.

If we settled on a recall of his memorable games, space constraints would bring about an abridgment, but in my memory banks there are two which rank the highest: Athens High's comeback to tie Valdosta for the state championship in 1969 and his leading Georgia to a comeback victory over Georgia Tech on Thanksgiving night at Grant Field in 1971.

A defensive penalty allowed one more play for the home team versus Valdosta. Andy took the snap and raced for a touchdown. Down eight points with time running out, he threw a tackle eligible pass for a score and a two-point conversion for a tie to claim a share of the state championship.

On Thanksgiving night 1971 at Grant Field, with 1:29 left in the game, Andy led his team to a touchdown and a 28-24 victory. As the celebration spilled out on the field, Mixon Robison, who would later become the Bulldog team doctor was overcome with emotion and found himself slapping his brother, who played for Tech, on the back. "Isn't this great?" he gushed. "Well," snapped his brother, "it really isn't."

Keith Jackson, the Georgia-born announcer who called the game for ABC, said it was one of the most exciting games he ever broadcast.

"It was the essence of the college game," Jackson said.

Andy Johnson, the man who made it happen, treated it like was another day at the office. Andy took understatement to a new level.

Until Nick Chubb came along, Andy held the record for fewest words spoken by a Bulldogs superstar. Andy's action on the field, however, was like a deafening thunderclap.





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G-DAY 2018: Alumni Return for Annual Flag Football Game

By Chris Starrs / For the Athens Banner-Herald

Article appeared in the Athens Banner-Herald on Saturday, April 21, 2018

There are only two bad things about the alumni flag football game played prior to Saturday's G-Day Game – somebody's probably going to get injured and somebody is definitely going to get fired.

Mack Guest, an All-SEC lineman for Georgia in the late 1970s, says former Bulldogs coach Mark Richt got the ball rolling on the alumni game about 12 years ago and adds the event has proven to be quite popular with former players. This year's alumni game kicks off at 1:15 p.m., with the main event set for 4 p.m.

"We don't have a problem getting guys to participate, but the problem is somebody winds up getting hurt," said Guest, the president of LAD Truck Lines in Watkinsville. "They still think they're 18 years old."

In this year's game, the Black team will be coached by Todd Wheeler, who served as a co-captain for Vince Dooley's last Georgia team and is the head coach at Coosa High School, while the Red team will be coached by entrepreneur Paul Messer, a long snapper who lettered in 1984 and 1985.

It's likely either Wheeler or Messer won't be in this position again as Guest says tradition dictates that the losing coach never again be permitted to stalk the Sanford Stadium sidelines. And Guest speaks from bitter experience.

"If you coach and you lose, you're fired. You can't come back," he said. "The first year we had this game, I had the Black team and Jack Davis had the Red team. We agreed to put the Wally (Butts) Boys – the older guys – in at a certain time. And then Jack and Mixon Robinson ran a sweep with Garrison Hearst and nobody could catch him as he ran down the field. Guys like winning, you know? I was relieved of my coaching duties after that."

Notable Black team members of a recent vintage include Tyson Browning (who lettered in 2003, 2004 and 2005), Ty Frix (2009-2012), Joey Hester (1986-1989), Charles Junior (1980-1982) and Andre "Pulpwood" Smith (1983-1984).

Notable Red team members include Marquis "Mudcat" Elmore (2006), Thomas Flowers (2004-2005, 2007), Trent Frix (2015-2016), Brandon Miller (2004, 2006-2007), Richard Samuel (2008-2009, 2011-2012) and Des Williams (2003-2004, 2006).

There's an elaborate set of rules that governs the game, which

will have seven players on a side with the center pass-eligible.

"It's good to see everybody get out there and play again," said Guest. "The key to flag football is (having) a great quarterback and somebody that can run. And you've got to have some razzle-dazzle plays, too."

There are also rules pertaining to the drafting of players for the Red or Black team, but Guest says those directives get slightly bent when the game is on the line.

"The biggest problem we have every year with the flag football game is the draft," he said. "They draft these players, but if a certain player hasn't signed up and just shows up on Saturday, one team likes to sneak them in without letting the other side know. So a lot of people show up mysteriously. What people won't do to win -- but that's the Bulldog spirit."

A catered lunch will be served to lettermen and their families before and after the flag football game in the Oconee Hill Cemetery just across East Campus Drive from the stadium. Guest says that all of the flag football participants will sit together during the G-Day Game.

"It's a good time," said Guest. "Coach Smart has embraced us on it and everybody is excited about football with the success coach Smart has brought back. It'll be a good weekend...We all sit together at the stadium. I think coach Smart has us all in a certain area and that works out good. It's just a great, great group of guys."

The game is just one of several events former Georgia lettermen can take part in during the G-Day weekend. On Thursday, the 29th annual Vince Dooley Open golf tournament was held at Athens Country Club and that evening there will be a reception for former players, also at the country club. And on Friday, the 29th annual Hartman-Dukes Classic (named in honor of former UGA coach Bill Hartman and letterman Leroy Dukes) was also held at Athens Country Club.

The bottom line is, of course, the fun and fellowship that comes with remembering those Saturday afternoons toiling between the hedges.

"We have a good time. Everybody gets to see everybody," said Guest. "It's just a tremendous network and a great way to get together."



Alumni Flag Football Game

The 11th Annual Alumni Flag Football Game was held on Saturday, April 21, 2018 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. We even had a wedding proposal this year after the game! Thank you to our fantastic coaches- Todd Wheeler and Paul Messer! This year's game ended in a tie so these two coaches have agreed to come back next year for a rematch.

(Photos courtesy of UGA Sports Communications)





Alumni Flag Football Game



A big thank you to the UGA Athletic Association for hosting the G-Day BBQ at Oconee Hill Cemetery before the G-Day game on Saturday, April 21, 2018. We had over 1,300 lettermen and families enjoy a beautiful day of delicious food and great conversation.





29th Annual Vince Dooley Open

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Scores- Senior Division

Low Gross

- 1st David Dukes
- 2nd Dick Conn

Low Net

- 1st Jim Hickey
- 2nd John Gurley



Scores- Open Division

Low Gross

- 1st Chris Davis
- 2nd Ryan Schnetzer



Low Net

- 1st Curt McGill
- 2nd Lee Jackson



Special Winners

Closest to the Pin

- #5 Curt McGill
- #12 David McDonald
- #17 Steve Harmon

Long Drive

- #4 Ryan Schnetzer
- #16 Horace King

Reflection on the Frostbite Tournament

By James Massey (1968-70)

Early on a Frosty Morning, I told people in Central PA that I had given up and I was taking the MIDNIGHT TRAIN to GEORGIA. I took the train to Philadelphia and then the overnight train to Jesup, GA. A train trip is always interesting because of the scenery, people, eating in the dining car, enjoying the bar and listening to stories. One lady told her daughter when we got close to Savannah and pointed to me and said that's the guy taking the Midnight train to Georgia. It was beautiful when I arrived at Jesup, GA. Coach John Donaldson (UGA back coach in the 60-70) and his wife Anne picked me up at the train station. We then went off to The Waffle House for a big breakfast. I spent the morning with Coach and Anne swapping stories. We tried to get with Kendall Keith (who was on dialysis) to have lunch at the Jesup Country Club. We had a mix up but we enjoyed our time at the club. Later in the afternoon, I took off for the Frostbite tournament at Jekyll. I arrived just in time for Happy Hour. It was back to the late 60's in a few minutes. We had a wonderful cocktail hour and then headed off to the Jekyll Island Club Hotel. Unfortunately,

I had missed Lon Chatfield and a couple of others that had only come for the day of golf. However, we were in rare form once again in the garden dining room. It is such great place to hold a dinner. The meal was good as usual. We enjoyed some fine red wine courtesy of the golf winners of the day. The next day, we had a breakfast buffet then it was out to the course. The weather was low 80's. Everyone had a number of beers just to keep hydrated. The afternoon Happy Hour had most of us at the wharf to watch the sun set. It was very nice with group playing. The evening meal was fun, and the food was spectacular. We all talked a good bit about our years at Georgia since a number of the guys were there at different time periods. It is wonderful to be among the brotherhood for a few days. It is one of the reasons that I don't feel old since we get to reminisce a couple times a year. FOR those who have never attended Frostbite, you have missed a great experience that helps each of us to keep focused on life and the enjoyment of others that helped make us what we are today.



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29th Annual Hartman-Dukes Classic Result

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Place																				
1	David Dukes Milton Bruce Joel Darden Sean Rivas	56			10	Doug Davis Don Tomberlin Kolton Houston	63			19	Ric Reider Fred Sanderson Pat Collins Ty Frix	65								
2	Chris Davis Jack Davis Jimmy Harper Dustin Royston	58			11	Todd Williams Charley Whittemore Tyger Vollrath Neal Franklin	63			20	Harold Tarrer Lon Buckler Jim Whitehead Curtis McGill	65								
3	Wright Gazaway Lee Jackson Robert Honeycutt Johnny Cobb	59			12	Spike Jones Hunter Long Ted Tarpley	64			21	Dicky Clark Andy Kardian Preston Pannell Steve Sleek	66								
4	Stan Charping Rex Putnal Jud Guest	59			13	Mike Cavan Kirby Moore Jim Lewis Paul Snellings	64			22	Steve Harmon John Griffin Bill Cole Matt McCormick	66								
5	Billy Griffith Andy Johnson Dick Conn Mark Hodge	60			14	Clay Ware Gabe Galt Derrick Bailey	64			23	Tim Chapman Pete Dickens Mac McWhorter Mixon Robinson	66								
6	Jimmy Harrell Todd Wade John Gurley Ralph Clark	61			15	David Chandley Ken McCranie Jim Hickey	65			24	Horace King Lindsay Scott Mark Bowen Bruce Sills	67								
7	Dave Allison Jimmy Shirer Ryan Fleming	61			16	Scott Ghedine Chris Shaw Mitch Frix John Brantley	65			25	Philip Kelly Adam Erickson David McDonald Vernon Smith	67								
8	John Lastinger Ernest Ponder Lou Perno Trey Sipe	62			17	Josh Lee Cameron Allen Norman King Tripp Simpson	65			26	Ryan Schnetzer Mark Johnson Casey Nickels	69								
9	Jim Exley Mark Starnes George Collins Gus Guthrie	62			18	Joe Tereshinski Pete Gaines Bill McCullough Mike Thornton	65			27	Philip Nix Brandon Wheeling Curt Mull Jim Cagle	69								





29th Annual Hartman-Dukes Classic

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Special Winners

Regular Division- Longest Drive

- #4 Todd Wade
- #7 Pete Gaines
- #11 Bruce Sills
- #16 Chris Davis

Senior Division- Longest Drive

- #4 John Griffin
- #7 Mike Cavan
- #11 John Brantley
- #16 John Brantley

Closest to the Pin

- #5 Chris Davis
- #8 Lou Perno
- #12 Chris Davis
- #17 David Dukes

Closest to the pin on second shot

- #1 Tim Chapman
- #2 Pete Dickens
- #13 Mark Starnes
- #18 Clay Ware

Straightest Drive

- #14 Steve Sleek



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.

30th Annual Vince Dooley Open and Hartman-Dukes Classic

The 30th Annual Vince Dooley Open and Hartman-Dukes Classic will be held on **April 18, 2019 and April 19, 2019**. Hotel reservations can be made at the **Holiday Inn** in Athens. Please call (706) 549-4433 and ask for the "LET/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 \$112.00-132.00 per night. **Athens Country Club** will be our host for the tournaments.





Lettermen Reunion

All lettermen will be honored during the UGA vs. Middle Tennessee football game on **September 15, 2018**. 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 2008

Capital One Bowl Champions
(10-3) Coach: Mark Richt

Captains: Mohamed Massaquoi, Brannan Southerland, Corvey Irvin, Andrew Williams

20 years ago 1998

Peach Bowl Champions
(9-3) Coach: Jim Donnan

Captains: Champ Bailey, Matt Stinchcomb, Olandis Gary, Chris Terry, Paul Snellings, Kirby Smart

25 years ago 1993

(5-6) Coach: Ray Goff

Captains: Eric Zeier, Bernard Williams, Shannon Mitchell, Mitch Davis, Charlie Clemons

30 years ago 1988

Mazda Gator Bowl Champions
(9-3) Coach: Vince Dooley

Captains: Todd Wheeler, Wycliffe Lovelace, David Guthrie

40 years ago 1978

Bluebonnet Bowl Participants
(9-2-1) Coach: Vince Dooley

Captains: Willie McClendon, Mark Hodge, Mack Guest, Ricky McBride, Steve Dennis

50 years ago 1968

SEC Champions

Sugar Bowl Participants
(8-2-1) Coach: Vince Dooley

Captains: Bill Stanfill, Brad Johnson, Mark Stewart

60 years ago 1958

(4-6) Coach: Wallace Butts

Captain: Theron Sapp

70 years ago 1948

SEC Champions

Orange Bowl Participants

(9-2) Coach: Wallace Butts

Captains: Weyman Sellers, Bernie Reid

2018 GEORGIA Football Schedule

September 1	Austin Peay State	Athens, GA
September 8	South Carolina	Columbia, SC
September 15	Middle Tennessee	Athens, GA
September 22	Missouri	Columbia, MO
September 29	Tennessee	Athens, GA
October 6	Vanderbilt	Athens, GA
October 13	LSU	Baton Rouge, LA
October 27	Florida	Jacksonville, FL
November 3	Kentucky	Lexington, KY
November 10	Auburn	Athens, GA
November 17	Massachusetts	Athens, GA
November 24	Georgia Tech	Athens, GA



Paul Petisko

Paul Petisko (1976-78) was recently recognized by the Southeastern Conference for 24 years of service (1992-2016) as a Line Judge. In addition to officiating during the regular season, Paul has had many post season assignments over the years including bowl assignments to the Alamo Bowl, GoDaddy Bowl, Holiday Bowl, Liberty Bowl, Insight.com Bowl, and the Pinstripe Bowl to name a few. He has also previously officiated in the SEC Championship Game. In 2014 Paul served as the President of the SEC Football Officials Association. Paul is continuing his career with the SEC by moving into the booth as an Observer of officials.



Pictured are Paul, wife Debi, and daughters Kacie and Kara.





Wally's Boys

Once again, the Wally's Boys came together for breakfast and fellowship Saturday morning before the G-Day game at the Athens Country Club. This year, 220 lettermen,

family members, and special guests came out to enjoy an extraordinary morning with these men. Pictured are the Wally's Boys members in attendance.

Photo courtesy of Rob Saye



Johnny Cobb (1971) and Jeff Foxworthy working hard at a FCA Fundraiser and Auction on the Sunday after the G-Day game.



April 14, 2018 event titled "A Magical Evening of Literacy – Atlanta", which was a dinner and fundraiser for Malcolm's Share The Magic Foundation. Pictured (L-R) are former UGA basketball player Marcus Thornton, and footballers Reggie Carter (2013-17), Rennie Curran (2007-09), Jeff Lewis (1975-77), Malcolm Mitchell (2011-15), Casey Nickels (2009), and Jonathon Rumph (2013-14).

1968 & 1978 Reunion

The 1968 and 1978 teams will be celebrating their 40 & 50 year reunions on Friday, September 14, 2018. There will be a reception at the West End Zone that evening at 6:30 PM. We are hoping for a big crowd so be sure to RSVP to Sally Haugabook at sallyhaugabook@ugalettermensclub.com by September 7, 2018. This event is for the 1968 and 1978 lettermen and their spouses/guests.

We have a small block of rooms at the Holiday Inn reserved for a limited window of time. The cost is \$339 per night and there is a 2-night minimum. If you are planning on staying there, please make your reservations promptly. The phone number is (706) 549-4433. Be sure to give "LET/Reunion" as your code.

This is a weekend you don't want to miss!!!



Gwinnett Medical Center Gala

February 17, 2018

Pictured are David Greene (2004), Jeff Lewis (1977), and Matt Stinchcomb (1997)



Lettermen News

2012: Jamie Lindley is pleased to announce that his company, Byrd Cookie Company of Savannah, Georgia, recently announced a multi-million dollar expansion project that will bring over 50 more jobs to southeast Georgia. The almost 94-year old family business is currently in its 4th generation of leadership with the 5th generation (himself) in line for the future. As D.O.O., he will be most directly involved in the implementation of a new, 180-ft production line that will allow them to increase cookie production capacity by 5 to 10 times. May Your Cookie Jar Never Be Empty..."

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2007: Justin Lyles is on the move. After spending four and a half years in Albuquerque, NM, his family is moving to the Dayton, Ohio area where he has accepted a career development reassignment at Wright-Patterson AFB. He and his wife, Kendall, are excited about the move and new opportunities for their family. Their two sons are growing fast. Ezekiel is 5 and starting Kindergarten this fall, and Timothy will be 2 on the 4th of July. Justin didn't get to attend many UGA games during his time in NM, so is hoping his relocation to Ohio will be an improvement in that area. He is already planning his road trip to Lexington this year.

Email Address: jlyles03@gmail.com

2007: Clark Williams married Ms. Maria Breen of Savannah, GA on May 5, 2018. Maria is also employed by UGAAA and currently serves as a nutritionist with our Olympic sports, working mostly with the gym dawgs, the baseball team, and the swim/dive program.

Email Address: ugaclark@gmail.com

1995: Jason Cancel will participate with the New Zealand ultimate frisbee club team Aotearoa at the World Masters Ultimate Club Championships this summer in Winnipeg, Canada. This is his second time playing at Worlds in the Masters division and his third time playing with Aotearoa in an international tournament. He has received the Gold Medal for Spirit in both of his previous tournaments.

Email Address: mondesi@rocketmail.com

1982: Kevin Jackson was elected by the Savannah State University Gala Committee to receive their annual Entrepreneurship Award. The award ceremony took place on Saturday, April 7, 2018.

Email Address: jackson@envirovac.us

1979: Sylvester Elkins' daughter, Precious Elkins, is receiving her anesthesiology certification from Emory University in June 2018 and has been hired by Saint Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta.

Email Address: sylvester.elkins@gscs.org

1972: Lynn Hunnicutt, and his wife Margie, announce the arrival of their first grandson, Owen Moss Hunnicutt, born on March 30, 2018. This grandson compliments their three granddaughters named Emma, Ava, and Ella Hunnicutt!

Email Address: lynnhfbc@hotmail.com

1970: James Massey's wife, Madelyn, has been doing well with her cancer treatments. They went to New York City for Broadway week and saw three musicals in January. In February, he attended the Frostbite tournament. In late March, they welcomed a new granddaughter into the family. Her name is Angelica (my daughter-in-law is enamored with the Musical "Hamilton"). In April, he attended the first day of the Masters. (It was a wonderful time to see the flowers and to see Tiger Woods, Bubba Watson and Phil Mickelson play.) The food there is great and really inexpensive. They then drove to St. Simon's for a family wedding. There are some terrific new restaurants on St. Simons. In early May, he went on a train trip through the coal country on the old Blue Line (no longer operates a regular railroad). In June, he will be hosting the Georgia Alumni & Friends Club at the Spring Gate Winery and Brewery. They will be barking at the cheese food trucks in attendance. They always have great time at special events and watching the Dawgs play in the fall. Come to see us sometime.

Email Address: jmassey22@verison.net

1974: Bobby Gibbs and his wife, Dinah, are pleased to announce the birth of their new granddaughter, Sarah Kate Worthy. She was born on August 11, 2017 to Pamela (Gibbs) & Nic Worthy weighing 8 lbs 7oz and is 21" long.

Email Address: dgibbs@gmail.com

1969: Phil Russell will be induced into the Brickyard Wall of Fame at a banquet at the Thomson First Baptist Church on August 25, 2018.

Email Address: Russellphil8881@gmail.com

1967: Wayne Ingle's daughter, Caroline, was diagnosed with Leukemia the day of the Louisiana Lafayette game in 2010. All the Lettermen were so instrumental in praying for them and supporting them during this whole ordeal – well it gets better and better – She was deemed cured in 2016 then she became PREGNANT to everyone's surprise – her being the most surprised. Below is a link to the article that St. Mary's in Athens posted about the miracle on New Year's Day 2018. BTW "Woman's World" magazine contacted her (yep the one you see every time you check out at any grocery store). They sent a photographer and writer to do a story on her and Mac that ran the week of March 15-21, 2018. This has nothing to do with bragging it has to do with Letterman to Letterman and God's miracle!!

<https://www.stmarysathens.org/about-us/news/miracle-baby-st-marys-first-2018/>

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Todd Gurley

Congratulations to Todd Gurley (2012-14) who was named the NFL Offensive Player of the Year. Todd currently plays for the Los Angeles Rams.

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Matt Stinchcomb

Congratulations to Matt Stinchcomb (1995-1998) who will be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame on December 4, 2018 in New York City. Matt is the 14th Bulldog to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.





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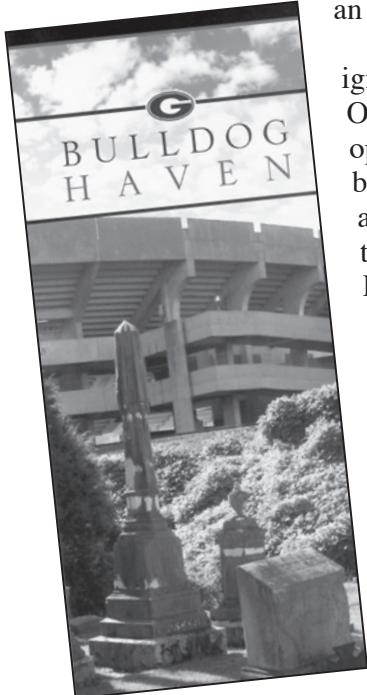
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