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Coach Vincent J. Dooley



It is hard to imagine the University of Georgia without Coach Dooley. The impact that he made on it and countless people is unmatched. We know that his lettermen were so happy to be able to celebrate his 90th birthday with him in September. We thank the University of Georgia Athletic Association who hosted his surprise party. We will surely miss seeing Coach Dooley at all of our Georgia Football Lettermen's Club events and all over Athens.

Former UGA Coach, Athletic Director Vince Dooley Dies

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ATHENS – Legendary former University of Georgia football coach and director of athletics Vince Dooley died peacefully at his home in the presence of his wife and their four children Friday afternoon at the age of 90. A member of the College Football Hall of Fame, as well as the Georgia and Alabama Sports Halls of Fame, Dooley is Georgia's winningest football coach with 201 victories, six SEC titles and the 1980 national championship in his 25 years leading the Bulldogs (1964-88). He was also the recipient of numerous awards for his service as director of athletics over a 25 year tenure (1979-2004).

"I join the entire Bulldog Nation in expressing our sadness over the loss of our legendary and treasured athletic leader and dear friend," said UGA President Jere W. Morehead. "I first had the

opportunity to spend significant time with Coach Dooley when I served as Faculty Athletics Representative 20 years ago. I have always been grateful for the many ways he worked to make the University of Georgia a stronger and better institution. My fondest memory is going to his home to tell him we planned to name Dooley Field in his honor. He will be missed by all who had the opportunity to know and learn from him. We extend our deepest sympathy to Barbara and all members of the Dooley family."

"Our family is heartbroken by the death of Coach Dooley," UGA head coach Kirby Smart posted. "He was one of a kind with an unmatched love for UGA! He and Barbara embraced my family from day one. He will be missed by our community, university, and in college athletics."

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“We are heartbroken to hear of Coach Dooley’s passing. Georgia Athletics is what it is today because of Vince Dooley,” said UGA J. Reid Parker Director of Athletics Josh Brooks. “He was a role model, mentor and friend. My thoughts and prayers are with Barbara and his entire family. Vince Dooley was one of the greatest coaches and athletic administrators of all time, and I am humbled and honored to serve in a role that he built. All of us at the University of Georgia will continue to honor his legacy for years to come.”

For over 50 years, Dooley had an enduring impact on the University of Georgia, the Southeastern Conference, and college athletics across the country. Serving as head football coach at UGA from 1963 to 1989 and as director of athletics from 1979 to 2004, he was a man of great foresight in times of charting the future, a man of stability in times of change, and a man of vision in critical times that have helped shape the path of college athletics.

His legacy has been forever preserved with the naming in 2019 of the Sanford Stadium field in his honor—Dooley Field at Sanford Stadium.

He received numerous national honors, including the John Wooden Citizen Cup Award for his positive influence on the lives of others, the Bear Bryant Lifetime Achievement Award for excellence in coaching both on and off the field during his career, and the Duffy Daugherty Memorial Award for his contributions to amateur football.

His national stature was reinforced many times since the early 2000’s. Dooley was the 2004 recipient of the James J. Corbett Memorial Award presented annually by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) to the collegiate administrator who “through the years has most typified Corbett’s devotion to intercollegiate athletics and worked unceasingly for its betterment.” The award is the highest honor one can achieve in collegiate athletics administration.

Almost simultaneously, he was also named recipient of the John L. Toner Award presented annually by the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame to an athletic director who has demonstrated superior administrative abilities and shown outstanding dedication to college athletics, particularly college football. The same year he was also inducted into the UGA Circle of Honor. In 2003, he was chosen from athletic leaders around the country to chair a national sportsmanship summit. In 2006,

Dooley and wife Barbara were chosen as recipients of the Wooden Award presented by the World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame for their lifetime contributions to sports and community service. He also received in 2007 the Homer Rice Award presented by the Division 1-A Athletic Directors Association to a retired athletic director with a distinguished career and who has made a significant impact on the Director of Athletics profession and intercollegiate athletics.

His contributions to the university were recognized in 2008 with the dedication of the Vince Dooley Athletic Complex. A statue and garden commemorate his accomplishments along with the naming of all of the south campus athletic facilities in his honor.

His contributions to coaching and athletics administration are significantly defined by his place as the only person ever to hold the presidency of both the American Football Coaches Association and the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics.

Dooley’s 25 years as head coach earned him the distinction as the most successful football coach in Georgia history. He guided the Bulldogs to a career record of 201-77-10, becoming only the ninth coach in NCAA Division I history to win over 200 games. The Bulldogs won one national championship (1980) and six

SEC Championships under his direction. He took his teams to 20 bowl games and coached a Heisman Trophy winner (Herschel Walker, 1982), a Maxwell Award Winner (Walker, 1982), an Outland Award Winner (Bill Stanfill, 1968), 40 First Team All-Americans, and 10 Academic All-Americans.

He was named NCAA National Coach of the Year by every major poll in 1980 and by Chevrolet-WTBS in 1982. Dooley was named SEC Coach of the Year seven times and NCAA District Coach of the Year on six occasions. During his tenure, seven of his players earned the prestigious National Football Foundation post-graduate scholarship and 11 former players received the equally-coveted NCAA post-graduate scholarship. Seventy-seven of his players earned Academic All-SEC recognition. He holds the unique distinction of being inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame in two different states, Georgia and Alabama. Dooley was inducted into the National College Football Hall of Fame in 1994 and in 2001 was named recipient of the Amos Alonzo Stagg Award from American Football Coaches Association presented for lifetime contributions to the sport of football. In 2004, he was inducted into the UGA Circle of Honor and on Jan. 1, 2019, he was inducted into the Sugar Bowl Hall of Fame.

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and friend.*”



As Director of Athletics, his leadership translated onto the fields of competition as well. There is no stronger indicator of Georgia's overall athletic prominence than its success in the annual Directors Cup national competition which annually measures athletic success of schools across the country. Under Dooley, Georgia's final rankings include a second-place finish in the 1998-99 season, third-place finish in 2000-01, fifth place in 2003-04, and top-10 finishes in five of his final seven years as Director of Athletics. In his final year as Athletic Director (2003-04), Georgia was the SEC recipient of the first-ever Excellence in Athletics Cup, an award based on a total athletic program performance in eight distinct categories.

Under Dooley's watch as athletic director, Georgia teams won 23 national championships (10 in his final six years), including an unprecedented four during the 1998-99 year (gymnastics, women's swimming & diving, men's tennis, and men's golf). Also during his tenure, Georgia athletic teams won 78 SEC team championships and numerous individual national titles in both men's and women's sports.

He was also a standard-bearer for academic excellence. Under his leadership, more than 100 Georgia student-athletes were named First-Team Academic All-America, more than 50 received NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarships, seven were named recipients of the SEC's Boyd McWhorter Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award, seven NCAA Top Eight Award winners, three NCAA Woman of the Year recipients, two Walter Byers Award winners, and well over \$275,000 was awarded to the University's general scholarship fund through performances by Georgia student-athletes.

In 1985, Dooley was also instrumental in fostering the pledge which has resulted in \$2 million being contributed by the Athletic Association to the University -- the principal being used for non-athletic scholarships and the interest used in the recruitment of top students and other non-athletic programs. These funds also provided private matching money which made possible the construction of the chemistry building expansion and the Performing and Visual Arts Center. And as part of the University's



Third Century Campaign, he also initiated the Vincent J. Dooley Library Endowment Fund which was created with Coach Dooley's personal gift of \$100,000 to the University library. Under his leadership, the Fund raised over \$2.3 million and had a fund balance of almost \$4 million in 2005 — the fifth largest out of the more than 1,000 endowments held by the UGA Foundation.

He was instrumental in the Athletic Association's participation in the University's Ramsey Student

Activities Center, a facility rated by Sports Illustrated in 1997 as the top student physical activities building in America. It cost more than \$35 million, over \$7 million of which was funded by the Athletic Association, including \$2 million in advance to begin the project. The complex, which hosted the 1999 and 2006 NCAA Women's Swimming and Diving Championships and the 2002 NCAA Men's Swimming and Diving Championships, includes competition facilities for varsity swimming & diving and practice arenas for basketball, gymnastics, and volleyball.

His community service and charity work was extensive and included work with the Heart Fund, Multiple Sclerosis, Juvenile Diabetes, Boy Scouts, and the homeless, and he was a former member of the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army. He served 28 years as the long-standing chairman of the Georgia Easter Seals Society and in 1987 was named National Volunteer of the Year for his service. For his many contributions, a new Easter Seals facility in Atlanta was built and named for him in 1990. He and his wife, Barbara, co-chaired a fund-raising campaign to establish a Catholic high school in the Athens and northeast Georgia area. Dooley, who was instrumental in the University's campus being designated as an arboretum, was presented with the Georgia Urban Forest Council's 2001 Individual Achievement Award given for significant accomplishments in promoting urban forestry in Georgia.

He served six years on the Advisory Committee to the Atlanta Olympic Organizing Committee and was in Tokyo with his former player, ACOG president Billy Payne, when Atlanta won the bid to host the 1996 Games. Through his efforts and association with Payne, Dooley helped secure for Athens and





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the university three Olympic venues (soccer, volleyball, and rhythmic gymnastics) which was the largest number of events in a city outside Atlanta. Dooley was selected as a torch bearer in the 1996 Summer Olympics torch relay, receiving the flame from Payne in Sanford Stadium. He also chaired a successful million dollar fund-raising campaign for new Salvation Army facilities in Athens.

Dooley also served as a consultant in 2010-15 with Kennesaw State University, which began playing varsity football in the Fall of 2015. Along with former Sen. Sam Nunn in 2011, he was named a Georgia Trustee by The Georgia Historical Society and the Governor's office — the state's highest honor.

For many years he spent a week each year in a foreign country doing service work for the poor and infirmed. As a member of the Order of Malta, he went with the Atlanta Malta Chapter Group to Lourdes, France, "The Miracle City," accompanying the sick who came for spiritual and physical healing. On four other occasions, he journeyed to the remote area of the Agalta Valley in Honduras with the Honduras Outreach organization working with people in impoverished villages. His wife, Barbara, joined him on the mission trip on two occasions.

He also authored several books, including two editions of Dooley's Dawgs (with Loran Smith); My 40 Years at Georgia (with Tony Barnhart); three editions of Dooley's Playbook: The 34 Most Memorable Plays in Georgia Football History, including the 2021 National Championship edition; Dooley's Garden: A Horticultural Journey of a Football Coach; History and Reminiscences of the University of Georgia; and The Legion's Fighting Bulldog: The Civil War Correspondence of William Gaston Delony, Lieutenant Colonel of Cobb's Georgia Legion Cavalry, and Rosa Delony, 1853-1863. Dooley also wrote an article on the "two" great football teams on the Georgia campus in 1942 that was published in the Georgia Historical Quarterly in the Fall, 2014.

In addition to his writings, he was also at the podium for hundreds of speaking engagements and appearances for numerous charitable causes. Dooley was a former Georgia Historical Society Chairman of the Board and Head of the Nominating Committee. He was a former chair of the Education Committee



and member of the Government Relations Committee, Marketing Committee, and the Development Committee of the American Battlefield Trust.

Dooley was born into an athletic family in the Alabama coastal city of Mobile, Sept. 4, 1932. His younger brother Bill, former head football coach at North Carolina, Virginia Tech, and Wake Forest, was an All-SEC guard at Mississippi State in 1954. After graduating from McGill High in Mobile, Dooley

accepted a football scholarship to Auburn, where he was an all-star football and basketball player. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Management (1954) and Masters in History (1963). After serving in the Marines as an officer for two years and eight years in the Reserves, he took a job as an assistant coach at Auburn. Dooley was named head coach of the Bulldogs in December, 1963, at the age of 31. He maintained his academic and continuing education interests by auditing classes at the University in such disciplines as history, political science, art history, and horticulture.

A native of Mobile, Ala., Dooley was married to the former Barbara Meshad of Birmingham. They have four children: Deanna (Mrs. Destry Rogers), Daniel (married to the former Suzanne Maher), Denise (Mrs. Jay Douglas Mitchell), and Derek (married to the former Allison Jeffers) who is currently an offensive analyst with Alabama. The Dooleys also have 11 grandchildren: Patrick Cook (married to Lauren Oyler), Catherine and Christopher Cook; Michael and Matthew Dooley (Daniel and Suzanne); Ty, Joe and Cal Mitchell; and John Taylor, Peyton, and Julianna Elizabeth Dooley (Derek and Allison Dooley). Three great grandchildren are the most recent additions from Patrick and Lauren: twins Murphy Elizabeth and Miles Marie born on Dec. 21, 2018, and 1-year old Lane Catherine. **The newest great grandchild, Jack Vincent Dooley, was born on October 14, 2022 to parents Michael and Maggie Dooley.

Photos are courtesy of UGA Athletics and Wingate Downs Photography and were taken at Coach Dooley's birthday party. To view the entire photography gallery, visit <https://wingatedownsp photography.zenfolio.com/p68104455>. Password is "Dooley"





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Letter from the President

Dear Lettermen,

As y'all are all aware, we have lost two of our best lettermen in October-Charley Trippi and our beloved Coach Vince Dooley. Both were simply the best during their playing days. Coach Dooley was the best coach and AD for many years.

Bulldog Spirit and the Number #1 UGA Bulldogs are enjoying another championship year as we enter November. As Coach always said, "They remember what you do in November." Coach Smart and the team are headed towards their second consecutive National Championship.

Jim Baker and his chefs, bartenders, and servers did an amazing job this year as it was our best one yet. As we enter into the holiday season, let all of us pull for another SEC Championship and successful playoff and championship run this year. Happy Holiday season to all!

Attack the Day!!

Mack H. Guest, III



Important Dates to Remember

April 13, 2023

Board Meeting
UGA Lettermen's Club

August 19, 2023

Board Meeting
10:00 AM

April 15, 2023

Alumni Flag Football Game
Lettermen's Cookout
G-Day Game
Sanford Stadium

Lettermen's Luncheon & Scrimmage
West End Zone
Sanford Stadium

September 23, 2023

Lettermen's Tailgate and Reunion
UGA vs. UAB
Oconee Hill Cemetery

August 18, 2023

34th Annual
Dooley-Hartman-Dukes Classic
Athens Country Club





UGA Football Scrimmage

A big thank you to Coach Smart for inviting all football lettermen for lunch and to watch the 2022 Bulldogs scrimmage on August 20, 2022. Over 200 lettermen joined the festivities and fellowship while enjoying a delicious meal and watching the Dawgs. It was a great way to kick off the 2022 football season.



1st Annual Keith Harris Memorial Golf Tournament

On September 9, 2022 a group of lettermen played a round of golf at Jennings Mill Country Club in memory of Keith Harris (1972-74) who passed away on March 25, 2022.

Pictured: L to R Bill Cole, Johnny Cobb, David McKnight, John Gurley, Jim Cagle, Horace King, Ric Reider, Mike Oakes

Georgia Great Charley Trippi Dies

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On October 19, 2022, we lost our oldest living letterman, Charley Trippi, at the age of 100.

Below is an article that appeared on georgiadogs.com.

ATHENS – Charley Trippi, still regarded by many as the greatest all-around athlete ever to play for the University of Georgia, died peacefully at his home in Athens Wednesday morning. He was 100. Services are still to be determined.

Trippi began earning Hall of Fame distinction as a sophomore by leading the Bulldogs to a 9-0 victory over U.C.L.A. in the 1943 Rose Bowl game in which he was named the game's outstanding player after rushing for 130 yards.



of Georgia Sports Hall of Fame (1965). He was also inducted into the University of Georgia Circle of Honor in 1996. Trippi is one of only four Georgia players to have his jersey retired.

Trippi was a star left halfback on Georgia's unbeaten freshman team of 1941 and became a regular halfback on the 1942 SEC championship team that finished 11-1 and earned the Rose Bowl invitation. As a sophomore, he gained 1,239 total yards (672 rushing on 98 carries and another 567-passing completing 30 of 58).

Born Dec. 14, 1921, in Pittston, Pa., Trippi was a unanimous All-America selection in 1946 after leading Georgia to a perfect 11-0 record, SEC championship, and victory over North Carolina in the Sugar Bowl game. His senior season, he led the SEC in scoring with 84 points and finished the year with 1,366 yards total offense (744 rushing and 622 passing). He was runner-up for the Heisman Trophy in '46 and won the Maxwell Award, given annually to the most valuable player in the country.

He signed with the Chicago Cardinals following his collegiate career and in his rookie season, led them to the world championship. In the championship game, he scored twice on a 44-yard rush and 75-yard punt return. He played with the Cardinals for nine seasons.

Following his playing career, Trippi was selected to the National College Football Hall of Fame (1959), National Pro Football Hall of Fame, Rose Bowl Hall of Fame, and State

He spent 1943-45 serving in the Air Force, but following his discharge, he returned to Georgia to play the final six games of the 1945 season. One of his most memorable performances was leading the 'Dogs to a 33-0 victory over Georgia Tech—a game in which he set the SEC record for yards gained passing (323) and also total offense (384 yards on 323 passing and 61 rushing). Against Florida that same year, he set the SEC record for rushing in a single game with 239 yards. In his junior season, he led Georgia to a 20-6 victory over Tulsa in the Oil Bowl at Houston, Jan. 1, 1946.

Trippi was also an All-America baseball player in 1946 and played with the Atlanta Crackers in 1947. He hit .334 with the Crackers while still in school at UGA in spring, '47. He later served as an assistant coach at Georgia (1958-62) and with the St. Louis Cardinals. He returned to Athens in private business where he resided until his death.

Jimmy Payne Hardship

The Jimmy Payne Football Lettermen's Hardship Fund has been established by the Georgia Football Lettermen's Club for the purpose of providing financial assistance to needy football lettermen who find themselves under hardship conditions. The Jimmy Payne Hardship Fund recently provided assistance to Ralph Clark and Keith Henderson. For an application, please visit our website- www.ugalettermensclub.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.*

*Vince Dooley
Ken Dumbleton
Richard Hamilton
Donald Hayes
Mike Jones
Lars Tate
Ron Tidmore
Charley Trippi
Kirk Warner*



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2022 Lettermen's Tailgate Party

September 10th was a great day for us. Our Lettermen's tailgate is always one of the highlights of the year and this year was no exception. We loved seeing all of the lettermen and families gather for a delicious meal and fellowship. As always, we must thank Jim Baker and his entire crew who prepared our superb tailgate. Your hard work and dedication are most appreciated. Be sure to mark your calendar for next year. We can't wait to see you there!







2022 Ole Faithful Dawg

Bill Kennedy



The Ole Faithful Dawg Award is given by the Georgia Football Lettermen's Club to an individual who is not a football letterman but who has been a loyal and dedicated supporter of the Bulldog football team. This year is no exception. With his tireless support and love of the Dawgs, the 2022 Ole Faithful Dawg Award was presented to Bill Kennedy on September 10, 2022 before the UGA vs. Samford football game at the Lettermen's Tailgate. Bill had the opportunity to work with Coach Dooley, Coach Russell, Coach Whittemore, Coach Goff, Coach Cavan and many others as well as players such as Clarence Pope, Richard Appleby, Horace King, and Wycliffe Lovelace. Bill shared his story with us and is below.



I, William Thomas Kennedy, was born on a cotton plantation in Lexington, GA in 1946. Lexington, 18 miles outside of Athens, GA, was the heart of cotton country and 1946 was the height of segregation in the South. I left that plantation at the approximate age of 5 and moved to Athens. There, I attended a segregated elementary school and graduated from segregated high school. During my school days, colored people were not allowed admission to the University of Georgia. I worked at the University of Georgia during my entire stay in high school. I worked as a server at the Georgia Center and sold Cokes at the football games, after which we were allowed to watch the rest of the game from the "colored bleachers" near the east endzone at Sanford Stadium. Upon graduation from high school, I took a job with the City of Athens working on a trash truck. It did not take long to figure out that that was not for me. I

enlisted in the military in September of 1964. I did well enough on the entrance exam to qualify for medical training. As a Medical Corpsman, I spent a tour in Europe and requested transfer to a combat unit in Vietnam. The War took its toll on me and after discharge, I enrolled at a small Community College in Concord, NC. After a year there, the PTSD related to the Vietnam War got the best of me, and I was not allowed to reenter school. I returned home to Athens in 1968 where I accepted a job with a manufacturing company. I was not happy and wanted more. After a year on that job, I went to the University of Georgia Office of Admissions and had the good fortune to sit down and talk to Ms. Swan. I told her my whole life story, including my last college and my misfortunes. Ms. Swan informed me that she was going to allow me to enter the University of Georgia in a Summer program called "Summer on

Trial!" This would allow me to enroll in UGA classes for Summer School and if I finished the Summer with at least a C average I could enroll as a full-time student. I did it! My dream came true. From standing on the outside of that fence on Broad Street looking in, from hearing that bell ring after football victories to ringing that bell myself. I did it! I went on as a full-time/part-time student and was very active in campus activities. In 1971, I organized the first IFC recognized Black Fraternity, through my mentor, Ray Beacher Ware, one of the original "Tuskegee Airmen." I graduated from two Model Cities Sponsored programs through the University of Georgia, and after having to transfer to Atlanta, GA for my job, I completed my BA Degree at Georgia State University. While at the University of Georgia as a student, I had a chance meeting with a gentleman named Doc Ayers, who



was the Recruiting Coordinator for the UGA Athletic Department. After a brief conversation with Ayers, he explained to me that the University of Georgia had no Black coaches in Varsity athletes at that time and that I, being a black student from Athens, would be a great asset to the Athletic Department as a Volunteer! I agreed and joined in as a Recruiting Aide. I would greet prospective Black athletes and families for pregame meals, talk with them, escort them around campus, and show them Athens. In the absence of minority staff members from 1969 to 1980, I addressed various alumni clubs and represented the University at predominantly Black high schools such as Washington High, South Fulton, Turner and Columbia High Schools. I also worked closely with the

Atlanta Black Coaches Association and appeared at several of their functions. I organized and conducted youth athletic camps and monthly feed the hungry drives through churches and various other organizations. After receiving my degree, I was employed by the State of Georgia Department of Labor for 21 years. I served as liaison between the Labor Department and the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus and Compliance Officer for minority businesses. I had the opportunity to serve on the Selection Committee and to make the Bowl Announcement on ESPN. While on the Committee I personally guaranteed the sale of the University's ticket allotment, some 7,500 tickets, in order to secure votes from Bowl

representatives who expressed concern about the University's ability to sell their allotment, I ended up selling 2,000 tickets myself and helped Tim with the UGA Ticket Office to sell enough tickets to make their allotment. My wife, Brenda G. Kennedy, was among the early minority students admitted to UGA, in 1965, and received her degree in Psychology. Both my daughters received both Undergraduate and Graduate degrees from UGA. My father, George Kennedy, while employed at the UGA Creamery was among the first minority employees to be placed on the Teacher Retirement System and was the 1979 Outstanding Employee of the Year for the College of Animal and Dairy Science.

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.

Clyde Childers in memory of Dennis Shimkus
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Mike Kavouklis in memory of Johnny Henderson
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DJ Pascale in memory of Johnny Henderson
Bill Spencer in memory of John Coram
Bill Spencer in memory of Warren Morris
Bill Spencer in memory of Steve Greer
Bill Spencer in memory of Johnny Henderson
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John Smith in memory of Keith Harris
John Smith in memory of Andy Johnson
Mack Guest, III in memory of Lars Tate

Mack Guest, III in memory of Harry Frix
Jim Massey in memory of Ron Tidmore
Mack Guest in memory of Bennie Ray Anderson
Jim Massey in memory of Ken Dumbleton
Sebron & Nancy Griffin in memory of Ken Dumbleton
Mack & Camilla Guest in memory of Dr. John Hill
Mack & Camilla Guest in memory of Vince Dooley
Jim Massey in memory of Vince Dooley

IN HONOR OF...

Jim & Becky Baker in honor of Clarence Pope
Dave Sam in honor of Howard Germany



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33rd Annual Dooley-Hartman-Dukes Classic

On Friday, August 19, 2022, the rain held off and we had a wonderful time at the 33rd Annual Dooley-Hartman-Dukes Classic. Over 70 lettermen joined us on the course for the day and several others came for lunch and to see the prizes awarded. We would love to have you play with us next year.



33rd Annual Hartman-Dukes Classic Athens Country Club August 19, 2022

Special Winners

Closest to the Pin

#8	Regular Division	Tim Chapman
#8	Senior Division	Dick Conn
#17	Regular Division	Travers Paine
#17	Senior Division	David McDonald



First Place



Second Place



Third Place



Fourth Place





33rd Annual Hartman-Dukes Classic Results Friday, August 19, 2022

Place			Place		
1	Mack Guest Pat Collins Mark Hodge Jim Milo	51	11	Philip Kelly Milton Bruce Charley Whittemore Ted Tarpley	56.4
2	Garrett Jones John Gurley Johnny Cobb	51	11	Stan Charping Lon Buckler Trey Sipe Derrick Bailey	56.4
3	Mark Starnes Andy Kardian Mike Oakes Tripp Simpson	51.62	13	Kevin Butler Pat Hodgson Brandon Tolbert Vernon Smith	57.12
4	Dicky Clark John Griffin Carmen Prince	52.17	14	Curt McGill Roger Bennett Stephen White	59.12
5	Jimmy Harrell David McDonald Ric Reider Tom Zimmerlink	53	15	Paul Messer Horace King Tyger Vollrath Bill Cole	57.5
6	Chris Davis Glenn Townsend Jud Guest John Smith	54	15	Tim Chapman Jack Davis Mixon Robinson	57.5
7	Mike Cavan Casey Nickels David McKnight Jay Russell	54.12	17	Ed Milam Travers Paine John Fletcher Bill McCullough	57.62
8	Spike Jones Wycliffe Lovelace Ray Goff John Staton	54.4	18	Todd Wade Jerone Jackson Norman King Neal Franklin	58.9
8	Preston Pannell Jim Cagle Ben Cowart Roger Bennett	55	19	Shaun Chapas Josh Watt Drew Williams Benjamin Boyd	63
10	Chris Hammond Jim Curington Dick Conn Robert Honeycutt	56.25			





“The Five”



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ATHENS, Ga. (October 13, 2022) – Richard Appleby, Chuck Kinnebrew, Horace King, Clarence Pope, and Larry West hit the field at Sanford Stadium in the Fall of 1971 as the first African American scholarship football players in UGA history. Now the group will live out the legacy they established by empowering the next generation. Reunited 50 years after their pioneering efforts on and off the field at Georgia, this group will give back through a new non-profit entity called “The Bulldogs Original Five,” a non-profit 501(c)(3) (application pending).

“What differentiates us is number one, the University of Georgia football integration experience, and number two, the heart that we have to put programs together in the interest of the players, making them better and giving them hope for a future other than just the NFL. Our determination is different from any other organization or any other people,” said Larry West.

Known as “The Five,” their objective is to use their pioneering special place in UGA athletics history to influence and impact the success of current and future University of Georgia student-athletes. Each member of The Five has gone on to lead successful careers in an array of industries — from playing professionally to pastoring. They know what it takes to harness the opportunity of playing football collegiately and turn it into a lifetime of possibilities.

The Five will collaborate with UGA Athletic Association Assistant Athletic Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Dr. Courtney Gay to create a new student-athlete development program, Beyond the Hedges. The program is designed to foster the professional, personal, and leadership development of UGA student-athletes. Based on a customized curriculum and lived experiences, the program will position them for success during their time at the institution and beyond. The Five will share their experiences with the student-athletes and serve as a resource to make sure every player has the chance to become men of great character and confidence with the clarity to realize their full potential during their time at UGA and afterward.

In partnership with fellow UGA alum Rick Dunn, The Five will support the Athens-Clarke County High School Completion Initiative (HSCI), an immersion program that provides youth with hands-on broadcast journalism education and experience. Dunn’s relationship with the group stems back to his days serving as a sports photographer for *The Red and Black* during The Five’s playing days.

In addition, they are also helping to lead a strategic transformational initiative to increase UGA’s African American Lettermen’s engagement and representation at all levels of the UGA Lettermen’s Club.

Bulldog Original Five member Chuck Kinnebrew is chairing a Membership Engagement Committee with Co-Chair, Robert Miles to increase inclusion and diversity of representation in The Club. “When I decided to be among the first African Americans to integrate the UGA football team, I did so with the future in mind. I envisioned a future that on any given Saturday, the UGA gridiron would reflect the rich diversity of our state and our nation. I am pleased to see that vision has become a reality,” he said.

To help ensure that diversity, equity, and inclusion are embraced by the current and future membership, African American Lettermen have been encouraged to [complete a survey](#) to voice their perspective and insights to the Lettermen Club.

“I’m excited about the opportunity we have to make positive change, and I encourage all African American Football Lettermen to get involved,” Kinnebrew added. The outcome of this initiative will increase the viability and longevity of The Georgia Football Lettermen’s Club.

To learn more about getting involved with the key initiatives of The Five, please contact Horace King at hmking@ameritech.net.

2022 Lettermen's Tailgate Party

(more photos)



Athens Area Alumni Dawg Breakfast

A group of lettermen have been meeting for breakfast once a month for over a year. They usually meet at the end of the month on a Friday at Mama's Boy. They average between 5 and 15 football lettermen from all eras and all over, as well as several former coaches. If you would like to join in, please contact Matt McCormick at mattmccormick49@gmail.com or (404) 556-1557 and he can add you to the text group. He says, "It's good food, good fellowship, and lots of stories."



Pictured: Larry Brown, John Kasay, Stan Stanfill, Kevin Brown, Chris Warren, Matt McCormick, Paul Messer, Ray Goff, Jason Hurt.

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FEATURED LETTERMAN

MAC MCWHORTER

(1971-72-73)



Andrew, Clay, Mac, Becky, Beau, Ansley, Katie, & Mac

You left Athens and moved to Texas a few years ago to be close to family. How are you enjoying it? Please tell us about your family.

Our family is split between Georgia and Texas. After I retired, we moved to Georgia and we made about 5 to 6 trips a year to Texas and back. Now, we make trips to Georgia and back. After I retired, we spent about 8 years helping our daughter, Kasay, (named after Coach John Kasay) with her 3 kids. We have 3 beautiful grandchildren in Athens (Mercer 15, Morgan 13 and JP 9). We moved in 2020. Our grandchildren in Georgia had gotten older and Kasay had other family members that helped. Our other daughter in Texas, Katie, had very young kids and no local help. We have 3 beautiful grandchildren in Texas (Ansley 8, Beau 4 and Clay 1). My mother, brother and sister are in Georgia. My wife, Becky's, sisters are in Texas. It is hard having our family spread out. We just do the best that we can. Our son, Mac, lived in Texas when we moved here, but has since moved to Tampa. He is not married, but has a steady girlfriend, Olivia. Obviously, no children so there is no immediate threat of us moving again!!!!

What are some of your best memories of Athens socially and games that stood out?

Being with family and doing anything in Athens is always special. The other special memories that I have from Athens is



Mac, Morgan, JP, Kasay, Becky and Mercer

gameday tailgating with my fellow lettermen and teammates. I have a great connection and brotherhood with all of my fellow lettermen. I have a very special bond with several that I played and went the duration with together. We have stayed close and are best friends for life. We get together when we can other than at games, and always tailgate together. Robert Honeycutt, Dick Conn, Jerone Jackson, Chris Hammond, Jim Curington and I were on the 1969 freshman team together. Andy Johnson (RIP) was part of our brotherhood, but came a year later. Our senior season was 1973, except for Honeycutt (1972).

The game that stands out the most to me as a player is the 1971 game vs Georgia Tech in Atlanta on Thanksgiving night. I was a sophomore and that game was my first start. We won in the last few seconds with Jimmy Poulos over the top.

You coached at many different universities over the years. Can you share a little bit about those experiences?

I was so fortunate in my 40-year coaching career to coach at some special places, with some great people and to coach a lot of outstanding players.

I had 3 high school jobs, Duluth HS, Douglas Co. HS and Villa Rica HS. I had 10 college jobs, GT, Alabama, West GA College,



I was so fortunate in my 40-year coaching career to coach at some special places, with some great people and to coach a lot of outstanding players.



Mac, Willie Forehand, Andy Johnson, Jerone Jackson, Robert Honeycutt, Jim Curington, Dick Conn



#60 is Mac

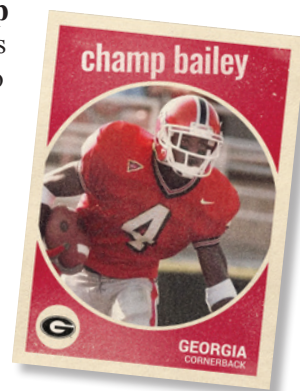
Duke, UGA, Clemson, Memphis, GT, Texas and Penn State. There was something unique and special about each school. Coaching for 5 years at UGA where I played was special. Being the interim HC at GT in 2001 and beating Stanford in the Seattle Bowl was fun. Winning the National Championship in 2005 at Texas was outstanding. Coaching at Penn State in 2012 & 2013, and winning both years with the adversity that we dealt, was extremely rewarding. The people from each school stand out to me today. I enjoy staying in touch with so many former players, their families, coaches and some fans from each of my stops.

Having been a part of these universities and seen many different lettermen organizations, what makes the Georgia Football Lettermen's Club so special?

The participation of the UGA lettermen in the Lettermen's Club is a big part of the success. The communication between the Club and the Lettermen is outstanding (Thanks, Sally Haugabook). The leadership and organization have been very good (Thanks, Mack Guest and committee members). The main thing that sets us apart from the other schools where I have coached is Commitment. Commitment from the lettermen, the athletic department and the university. UGA has by far the best lettermen's club that I have seen.



Congratulations to **Champ Bailey** (1996-97-98) on his upcoming induction into the College Football Hall of Fame. This event will take place on December 6, 2022 at the Chick-fil-A College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta, GA. Congratulations Champ on all of your accomplishments!





Lettermen News

1987: James Jackson was recognized by the Mitchell County Eagles on October 22, 2022 for his outstanding career. His jersey was retired at halftime. James Jackson was known as “The Thrilla from Camilla!!

Email Address: brenet124@gmail.com

1985: Daniel Dooley and his wife, Suzanne, are proud to announce the birth of their first grandchild, Jack Vincent Dooley, who was born on October 14, 2022. Parents are Michael and Maggie Dooley.

Email Address: vdanieldooley@gmail.com

1983: Paul Frate has accepted a position with Microsoft as Enterprise Digital Sales Representative – Security.

Email Address: ugaon30a@outlook.com

1983: Jody Tanner and his wife, Debbie, became grandparents on September 12, 2022. Their son, Clay, and his wife, Lindsey, have twin boys, Andrew and Wyatt. Everyone is healthy and doing well. Also, their daughter, Tori, is engaged to be married in March. She and her fiancé, Matt, are pursuing their PhDs at UGA and work full time as well. Last but not least, their youngest, Ivey, is in her first semester of her full time MBA at UGA.

Email Address: jodytanner5@yahoo.com

1981: Joe Creamons III is proud to announce that his son, Joseph Creamons IV, graduated on time in May 2022 with a Criminal Justice Management degree from Webber International University in Babson, Park, FL while playing NAIA scholarship baseball!

Email Address: JCreamons@oldsecond.com

1981: Tripp Simpson's son, Lee, and wife, Madison Simpson, welcomed a baby girl, Brett, who was born on July 8, 2022. His daughter and son-in-law, Will and Lindsey Simpson King, welcomed a baby girl, Camilla, who was born on September 19, 2022. His youngest daughter, Landry, married Hunter Galloway on October 22, 2022. Tripp's wife, Robyn, is going crazy with nervousness and excitement!

Email Address: trippsimspon7@gmail.com

1980: Jeff Harper has added two identical grandsons to the Harper Tribe. Their parents are Cullen & Jodi Harper. The boys' names are Tommy, and Archie!

Email Address: Jeff@capitalcitystucco.com

1978: Bill Spencer and his wife, Ann, are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter, Kimberly, to Paul Thaxton on May 14th, 2022. The groom is the son of Eddie and Beverly Thaxton of Watkinsville, GA. The newlyweds will live in Watkinsville.

Email Address: spencersjewelers@bellsouth.net

1977: Howard Germany has retired as pastor of Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia. He and his wife Lee have returned to the Athens area and live at 325 Trinity Pond Road in Winterville, GA. His email is howardgermany@comcast.net and phone number is (804) 239-8940.

Email Address: howardgermany@comcast.net

1976: Bucky Dilts is proud to announce he recently attended/participated (Father of the Bride) in the wedding of his daughter, Harper Morgan Dilts, to Zack Ziegler in San Clemente, California. Bucky also just started a position as an Older Adult Research Specialists (OARS) at the University of Colorado Division of Geriatric Medicine. He will be responsible in promoting and retaining Older Adults for Clinical Trials within UC Health/Anschutz organization. Mr. Dilts is motivated to change the way Older Adults view aging and promote Positive Age beliefs that lead to Longevity. He recommends as an informative read for DAWGS 60 +, Breaking the Age Code by Becca Levy, Ph D

Email Address: bucky.dilts@sperrycga.com

1967: Nelson Bowers, dealer principal at Toyota of Cleveland in McDonald, Tennessee, was nominated for the 2023 TIME Dealer of the Year award. From the Time press release, “Bowers is one of a select group of 48 dealer nominees from across the country who will be honored at the 106th annual National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) Show in Dallas, Texas, on January 27, 2023. The TIME Dealer of the Year award is one of the automobile industry's most prestigious and highly coveted honors. The award recognizes the nation's most successful auto dealers who also demonstrate a long-standing commitment to community service. Bowers was chosen to represent the Tennessee Automotive Association in the national competition – one of only 48 auto dealers nominated for the 54th annual award from more than 16,000 nationwide. “There is no doubt in my mind that the most rewarding aspect of my automotive career is helping people better themselves and their families,” nominee Bowers said. “I can think of at least 850 men and women – some who came into our dealerships as hourly employees – who rose to managers, controllers, general managers, even an executive who runs a dealership group.” He added, “I relish the thought that I played a small part in their growth and that I was able to recognize their potential early on.”

Email Address: Pam.tarver1103@gmail.com

1967: Wayne Ingle, Tight End from 1965-67 has two books in print. The first is entitled “The Integrity of the Journey – A Smooth Stone” that covers his family's dramatic recount of his daughter, Caroline's, successful battle with Leukemia in 2010. The other most recent book is entitled “Memoir of a Thankful Guy.” It is a recollection of true-life events of the old Tight End. Birth to teenage parents after World War II, having an advocate in Coach Erskine Russell, and becoming a “Preferred Walk On” in 1964, and Letterman years of 1965, 66, 67. In 1967 being recognized for outstanding performance versus Auburn. It covers his journey to Christian Discipleship and how THANKFUL he is for that!! For more information visit: www.wayneingle.com, or email him at: ugate81@gmail.com. BTW Wayne is the author of the very first UGA Football Letterman's Directory; it was entitled “University of Georgia Athlete's Directory” published in 1984.

Email Address: ugate81@gmail.com

1962: John Paul Holmes reports that his wife of 60 years, Susan Dykes Holmes, a 1963 UGA graduate is retiring from public service after 12 years as Mayor of the City of Monticello; two years as State Executive Director FSA/ USDA and the last 12 years (six terms) as a member of the Georgia House of Representatives.

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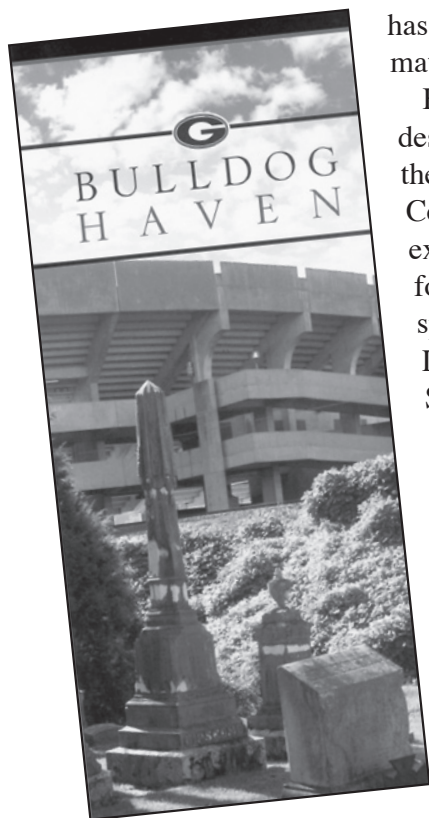


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Former Georgia football QB Kirby Moore played the game like current Bulldog QB Stetson Bennett

By Loran Smith
Special to the Banner-Herald



Kirby Moore, as a Bulldog quarterback, had a career somewhat akin to that of Stetson Bennett. Kirby came along when prospects were not rated. He had talent, but most of all his mental acuity was his hallmark. He was athletic with remarkable quickness, which meant that his feet took him where his arm wouldn't.

Having said that, however, a statistical review of his career in Athens confirms that he produced a plethora of big plays in the passing game that is head turning. Most of all, he was the initiator of the famous flea flicker play of 1965 when his pass to Pat Hodgson was subsequently lateraled to Bob Taylor for a 73-yard pass completion that upset Alabama, the defending national champion, 18-17.

Three pieces of lore regarding that consequential high moment in Georgia football history: It would not have been such a high moment if Kirby Moore had not completed a two-point conversion pass, another of his praiseworthy pass completions, to Hodgson on the very next play to win the game.

NBC covered the game, the first live broadcast of a football game in Athens. Former Oklahoma Bud Wilkinson was the color analyst and had moved down to the field to interview the winning coach. Vince Dooley called time out, huddled with his brother, Bill, his offensive coordinator, to decide on which pass play to call and then went over to Wilkinson and calmly said, as if it were a coffee club setting, "We are going for two." Caught up in the excitement of the game and the precociousness of the young Bulldog coaching staff, Wilkinson exclaimed, "We've got to."

With a little more than a minute left to play, Alabama had time to move into field goal position to win the game, but Erk Russell's defense would not be denied.

At one time, Kirby's 92-yard pass to Randy Wheeler versus Auburn for a touchdown in 1965 was the longest TD pass in history. Today, it ranks No. 5 all time.

As mentioned at the outset, Kirby made plays and won games with his feet. One of his most spectacular runs came between-the-hedges against South Carolina in 1967. He sprinted off left tackle for 87 yards for a touchdown, leading Georgia to a 21-0 victory over the Gamecocks.

A funny thing happened on that play and Kirby remembers well what took place. "The Carolina players had gotten help from their coaches in scouting us and started calling out our plays as we lined up. We don't know how they got tipped off, but they seemed to know what we were going to do.

"On the play I scored on, when I got under center with plans to hand off to our fullback Ronnie Jenkins, the defensive players started yelling, "Jenkins off tackle." Linebackers are always doing things like that, but that was the play I had called. I considered calling time out but figured Ronnie could bull his way for three or four yards even if they knew where he was going. When Ronnie heard them, I think he figured he would need to get up a head of steam. He was supposed to counter first, but he was so intent on adding extra effort, he forgot to counter.

"When I turned to hand off the ball to him, he wasn't there. What do you do in a case like that? You take off and start running. Fortunately, there was room to run. Suddenly, I was in the clear with nothing but green grass ahead." The rest of the story is that Kirby sprinted 87 yards to the Gamecock end zone.

There have only been two rushing plays for a touchdown longer than Kirby's in 1967: Tim Worley against Florida in 1985 and Johnny Griffith against Furman in 1946. Both Worley and Griffith ran for 89-yard scores.

A responsible and disciplined type, Kirby was a good student. Following graduation, he became a lawyer. He became a member of the University of Georgia Athletic Board and was active in alumni affairs, serving as President of the UGA Alumni Society.

"I have had a great life, playing football for the University of Georgia, and then enjoying a productive career in Macon where I have had the good fortune to get to know so many wonderful alumni of UGA. You just can't beat those warm and engaging friendships. If you travel this state and say, "Go Dawgs," you will get a generous response. That is something to appreciate."



Georgia-Florida Hall of Fame

The Georgia-Florida Hall of Fame induction ceremony was held in the East Club at TIAA Bank Field on Friday, October 28, 2022. Congratulations to UGA lettermen **Champ Bailey** (1996-97-98) and **John Little** (1983-84-85-86) on their induction this year.

CHAMP BAILEY

Champ Bailey earned a reputation as one of the best multiple threats in college football during his career at Georgia. He was considered the most versatile player at UGA since the era of two-platoon football. Bailey was a consensus All-American playing offense, defense, and special teams. He played more than 1,000 plays during his junior season in 1998 including more than 100 plays in seven different games. Bailey finished the season with 52 tackles, three interceptions, 744 receiving yards, five touchdowns, 261 kickoff returns and 49 punt return yards. The All-Southeastern Conference selection was named winner of the **1998 Bronko Nagurski Award** as the nation's top defensive player and was a consensus All-American selection.

Bailey was drafted by the Washington Redskins in the first round of the 1999 NFL draft and was a **12-time Pro Bowl** selection from 2000-2013 as a member of the Redskins and the Denver Broncos. He retired in 2014. In 2018 he was inducted into the **State of Georgia Sports Hall of Fame**. In 2019, he was elected to the **Pro Football Hall of Fame** in his first year on the ballot and in 2022 he was selected for induction into the **College Football Hall of Fame**.

JOHN LITTLE

John Little had the fortune/misfortune of following two-time All-American Terry Hoage as the Georgia Roverback in 1984. However, he made the most of his opportunity earning a starting role for three straight years (1984-86).

During his career he was named consensus All-SEC in 1985 and '86 and also named a first team All-America both years as well. His 381 career tackles is the best in school history for a defensive back and still ranks 7th best in school history for a player at any position.

He was one of 20 players throughout the country chosen by the College Football Association to participate in a television commercial promoting college football.

Little was also a two-time Academic All-SEC selection and was elected as the permanent team captain following the 1986 season. He was selected as Georgia's SEC "Legend" in 2014 and was inducted into the UGA Circle of Honor in 2016.

Information via Georgia Florida Hall of Fame website- <https://gafljax.com/hall-of-fame/>





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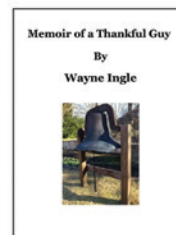
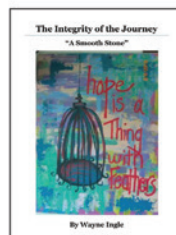
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