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Letter from the President

Dear Lettermen,

First of all, a big thank you to Coach John Kasay and Ronnie Swoopes for stepping up and running the Lettermen's Club on gamedays at the stadium as Terry Osbolt recovers from his surgery. We absolutely had one of the best Lettermen's tailgates and reunion this year led by Jim Baker, chefs, servers, and bartenders.

The 2023 Bulldogs continue their winning ways, heading to the SEC Championship and on to the possible 3rd National Championship. Happy Holidays to all.



Sincerely,

Mack H. Guest, III

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Important Dates to Remember

April 11, 2024 - Tentative

Board Meeting

UGA Lettermen's Club

April 2024

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

August 17, 2024 - Tentative

Lettermen's Luncheon & Scrimmage

West End Zone

Sanford Stadium

September 2024

Lettermen's Tailgate and Reunion
Oconee Hill Cemetery





2023 Lettermen's Tailgate Party

What a fantastic day we had on September 23, 2023 for our Annual Lettermen's Tailgate and Reunion. So many lettermen and their families were able to come by that afternoon for a delicious meal and wonderful fellowship. This is always a highlight of the fall season and we were thrilled to see so many of you. As always, we must thank Jim Baker and his entire crew for all that they do for us. The countless hours spent preparing for this event then the cooking, serving, bartending, etc. are truly appreciated. So many of you helped to make this another unbelievable experience. We can't wait to do it again next year!





Tailgate Party





Ole Faithful Dawgs



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. On September 23, 2023, we had the pleasure of bringing back our 2022 Ole Faithful Dawg- Bill Kennedy along with recognizing Governor Joe Frank Harris as our 2023 Ole Faithful Dawg. We loved being able to celebrate with Bill Kennedy & his family and the family of Joe Frank Harris. Gov. Harris was unable to attend but his son, Joe Harris, Jr. accepted the award on his behalf.





BILL KENNEDY













2023 Ole Faithful Dawg

GOVERNOR JOE FRANK HARRIS

By Joe Harris, Junior and family

Governor Joe Frank and Elizabeth Harris have been Dawg fans for almost 80 years. Joe Frank wanted to apologize that his age prevented him from making the trip from Cartersville today. But, he said that he feels overjoyed and blessed to be recognized by UGA Legends.

Elizabeth sat as a child on the railroad tracks on this very bank with her dad to watch Charley Trippi run up and down the field. At Georgia, Joe Frank vividly remembers Wally Butts and everyone hollering "Go you Silver Britches." He remembers driving all the way to Miami to watch the Dawgs win the 1960 Orange Bowl. Joe Frank graduated with a BBA in 1958. Thankfully, Dean Tate did NOT know about him sneaking a horse into a dorm room in Clark Howell Hall, setting a pool on fire or rolling a fireball (a tire stuffed with paper) down Baxter Hill. Since then, few, if any, Saturdays have passed without Joe Frank and Elizabeth attending a game, watching the Dawgs on TV or listening to greats like Larry Munson call the game. As you can imagine, his son, Joe, and two (2) grandchildren, Catherine and Kimsey have "bled red and black," since diapers and all proudly graduated from UGA.

The 1981 Sugar Bowl is Joe Frank's favorite game. As a State Representative (1965-1982) and as Governor (1983-1991), he has met all of Georgia's Greatest heroes. But, "UGA" was his favorite. Governor Harris had just got a fancy new desk in his office at the State Capitol. "UGA" came to see him. Sonny Sieler set "UGA" on the Governor's shiny new desk, and "UGA" got all excited and clawed a big ole gash on the top. After that, Joe Frank was thrilled to show everyone that came by "UGA's" "autograph."

Joe Frank wanted to make sure to say that: "Each of the Georgia Lettermen deserve the "Faithful Old Dog" award more than me. Thank you for your dedication and perseverance through pain. Your sacrifice has given all of us a great cause to rally around and to unify the whole State of Georgia. Most importantly, you give us so many examples of being faithful to God, being faithful to your family and being faithful to the University of Georgia. May God bless each one of you and may God bless the Dawgs!"

GO DAWGS!!!









Dear Lettermen:

On behalf of our whole family, thank you for awarding Joe Frank the "Ole Faithful Dawg Award." Joe Frank and I have never missed a game, whether in person, on the radio or on TV. We have lived and died with the DAWGS. I guess that is why the last few years have meant so much to us. Of course, being at the 1980 National Championship Game was something I will cherish for the rest of my life.

I so wish you could have seen the look on Joe Frank's face when Joe brought the beautiful award home. We have never received an award that has meant more. Receiving an award at this stage of our lives is so very special. It meant even more coming from a group of men that truly "Bled Red and Black" on the gridiron for the whole State of Georgia.

Joe Frank and I sure wish that we could have stood on the field with everyone, but we were there in our hearts. We did get to see a recorded phone video. Seeing our picture on the Jumbotron was something special.

Thanks again for your kindness. May God always bless and keep you and your whole families. GO DAWGS!!!

Gratefully yours, Elizabeth Harris



FEATURED LETTERMAN LEE CLARKE

(1995)



David, Treva, Lee, & Ryleigh Clarke



Senior Day - Brantley Mathis, Loriana P. Mathis, Joi Mathis, Lee

Tell us about your background- where you grew up, went to high school. What brought you to the University of Georgia?

As a young child and pre-teen, I grew up in Millen, GA, and I was one of 5 children. My family's disposition was near poverty, but we had each other. After my parents divorced, I went to live with my mother (in Augusta, GA), where I attended Hephzibah High School. During my senior year, the urgent question was "what was I going to do with my life?" I had a few options but the challenge was choosing the best option. I hadn't given much thought to the University of Georgia, until my guidance counselor spoke on my grades and SAT score and suggested I apply. I did and was accepted! I was very impressed with process because it was quite seamless. Also, having my older brother enrolled at that time was a plus!

Family Information- Please share a little bit of information about your family and be sure to brag on them.

I have a wonderful wife, Treva, that has help to provide added value and balance to my life. She is a licensed school psychologist with 20+ years of experience, and she has worked in the State of Arizona and Athens-Clarke County School Districts. Currently, she works for Rockdale County, GA Schools. We have 1 son, David, and 1 daughter, Ryleigh. David is a sophomore at Georgia State University, and Ryleigh is a High School sophomore enrolled at Georgia Connections Online Academy.

Hobbies, organizations, community involvement, etc. I love spending time with my wife, close friends, and family. When it is not College Football season, I enjoy canvas painting,

dancing, studying my Bible, traveling, and dining in the finest restaurants.

How did playing football at UGA help shape you and lead you into your career? Please let us know about your career and any professional accomplishments.

My years as a member of the UGA football team were paramount! The life lessons and skills gained are too many to recount! Primarily, I matured into a man and I learned the most about myself, such as developing a positive winning attitude, and the tenacity and the perseverance needed to acquire success, whether it is academics or sports. This attitude granted the opportunity to work for BellSouth/AT&T for over 26 years, where I have had the privilege of learning about electricity, electronics, digital electronics, fiber optics. These transferrable technical skills I mastered to manage high-speed, high-capacity digital-data networks, such as a DS1, DS3, SONET networks, optical carriers, wireless frequencies (GSM, UMTS), and international signaling links! Yes, I discovered how "Physical is a state of mind" and to "strain my potential."

You are active with the University of Georgia. What are your involvements? Why is it important to stay connected?

I am active member of the UGA Heritage Society, Professionals 50 & Forward, The Georgia Bulldog and Lettermen's Clubs. I also have had the privilege of lecturing for the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. The opportunities and positive life lessons afforded me from my time at UGA contributed to the compelling reasons I have stayed engaged and connected. These positives have impressed a moral obligation for me to give back and to inspire others, mainly our young people.



What are some of your fondest memories or special moments from your days at UGA?

My fondest memory and most special moment are having graduated from the University of Georgia, and earning my Football Letter, along with earning the respect of all my teammates and coaches.

As a supportive member of the Georgia Football Lettermen's Club, what does it mean to you?

My personal sentiment on being an active member of the Lettermen's Club needs no explanation. It is the right thing to do. What is more, I earned the right to do so. Thus, forgoing this privilege would suggest all my time invested in practicing, strength and conditioning, meetings, and GameDay preparations, and the like, was all in-vain.

Please feel free to add any additional information that you would like to share with your fellow lettermen.

My appeal is simply to get involved and support the Lettermen's Club. When we bring our efforts together collectively, then our experiences will feature new horizons. Truly we are better together, and despite any disconnects, when we work to bring satisfying results to us all!



1993 Reunion team - 2023 UAB game



UGA Night at the High Museum – Reading with Mary Francis Early



Coach Goff & Lee

Yes, I discovered how "Physical is a state of mind" and to "strain my potential."



Lee & Treva



Senior Game Program – Sitting on the 1st row with Lee, Derrick Smith and Larry Bowie 2nd row: Phillip Benton, Frank Watts, David Weeks,

Troy Starks, Paul Taylor (standing)
3rd row: Randall Godfrey, Brice Hunter, Coach Goff,

Phillip Daniels, Whit Marshall

4th row: Buster Owens, Kannon Parkman, Chad Chosewood, DeShay McKever



FEATURED LETTERMAN

Pat Hodgson

(1963-64-65)

Late in 2009, having moved over 35 times in my life, it came time to settle down and retire. Mary Ann and I looked at various cities and states and decided to move to the Georgia Club in Statham. It was the end of a long career of travel, training camps, long football hours and separation which was very hard on my family. I wanted to slow life down and spend some time catching up with Mary Ann and my sons, enjoying things we had missed because of my work. I am proud of my sons and tell them they both overcame their coaching. Both boys are respectful and kind with people, hard workers and well established in their lives and careers. My oldest son Pat Jr. was living in Athens with his wife Lori and our two granddaughters. My youngest son Chris had moved from Athens to Poolesville, Maryland.



Mary Ann and Pat with their great grandson, Cayden

I cherished my education and having the honor of playing and coaching at Georgia. I have a special place in my heart for my teammates and the players I coached. The Lettermen's Club is one of the few social activities I participate in. Seeing my old teammates and the players I coached is like walking back into the locker room. We reminisce and embellish the stories of our playing days and sadly miss those players and coaches who are no longer with us.

My football days at Georgia started in 1962 under head coach Johnny Griffith. Freshmen were ineligible for the varsity and we played platoon football, so you played both ways. Freshmen lived in Reed Hall and could not have cars so we walked everywhere. There also was no bridge to get from North to South campus, so getting to some classes and practice was challenging. We only

played three games and the rest of the time we were fodder for the varsity. It was still great to be part of the program.

As a sophomore I was fortunate to get to play a lot and become a starter. We had a losing season continuing the lean years for the Bulldogs. The new athletic director, Joel Eaves, replaced Coach Griffith at the end of the season and hired an unknown coach from Auburn named Vince Dooley.

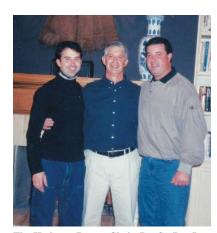
In the spring we had to earn our jobs all over again under this new staff. Coach Dooley became one of the most influential people in my life. His method of organization, Marine-type tough love and discipline were demanding. It was not for everybody but it was fair. I appreciated it even more as I matured. Coach also brought in some great

assistant coaches including Erk Russell, Bill Dooley, Hootie Ingram and Jim Pyburn. We slowly became competitive again in the SEC.

The best memory I have of Coach's first season was going to The Sun Bowl and upsetting Texas Tech. There were fewer bowl games then and getting into one meant a lot more than they do today.

We had a winning season in my senior year that included two big wins. We upset Alabama on national TV in our season opener and then two weeks later upset Michigan in Ann Arbor. Georgia would defeat those two teams in the playoffs to win The National Championship in 2021.

My professional playing career was not a long one, but I made



 $The\ Hodgson\ Boys-Chris,\ Pat\ Sr,\ Pat\ Jr$



NY Giants Super Bowl – New York Giants 25th Year Super Bowl XXI Reunion – The Coaches Romeo Crennel, Mike Sweatman. Bill Belichick, Pat, Mike Pope, Bill Parcells





the Redskins as a free agent my rookie year and then went to the Minnesota Vikings my second year and spent the season on the taxi squad. After the 1967 season, I broke my ankle badly playing rugby to stay in shape. Playing football was no longer an option, so I put my BBA degree in General Business into action taking a job with a marketing firm in Atlanta.

My life changed again one weekend in Athens when I ran into Coach Dooley. He asked me if I had ever thought about coaching. I told him no but I really missed football. He called me several days later and offered me a job as head offensive freshman coach. I took the job and began to find out how much I did not know about the total aspects of football. I knew I could play the game, but could I learn to coach it?

I spent 3 years as head offensive freshman coach at Georgia and was anxious to grow. I received an offer from FSU to coach the tight ends and wide receivers and took it. It was there where I would become close friends with a really good, young defensive coach named Bill Parcells. In the future, we would coach many years together in the NFL.

Georgia hired me back the next season to coach the passing game. Coach Dooley promised me he would start using some footballs with air in them. We had some great teams and players during those years. I spent 6 more seasons coaching here and felt like I needed to see if I was really a decent coach or just living off my playing days. I needed to coach some place that no one knew me and see if I could get the job done. I took an offer from Texas Tech to coach QBs and receivers and moved to Lubbock, but I never coached a game there.

During our summer break I received an opportunity to interview with the San Diego Chargers which was the beginning of 19 years in pro football. I coached with four NFL teams (Chargers, Giants, Steelers and Jets) all with new staffs. I was fortunate to be with teams that made the playoffs 10 out of 19 seasons. I also had the opportunity to get to the Super Bowl 4 times. We lost an AFC Championship at Pittsburgh and at the Jets. We were rewarded with a trip to Hawaii to coach the Pro Bowl twice in Hawaii. When I was with the Giants we won Super Bowl XXI and we lost Super Bowl XXX when I was with Pittsburgh.

I think winning Super Bowl XXI was the apex of my career. We built a team which had 16 losing or below-average seasons before we arrived. Winning a world champion is something that goes into the record books and is there long after I'm gone.

I decided to leave football in 2000. I became the Director of Quality Analysis for Viecore, Inc. We were a small tech company that did systems integration for voice recognition. We were eventually bought out by Nuance who was the leader in voice recognition software. I retired at the end of 2009. In December of 2021 Nuance was purchased by Microsoft for 19.7 "Billion Dollars". I guess I retired too early.

In retirement I spent several years as a volunteer coach at Athens Academy and also 5 years working with The Georgia Club Foundation. Mary Ann was able to get active with her tennis game which she loves, and I was able to get on the golf course and spend time laughing with my son and the close friends I've made here at the Georgia Club.

In closing, I went to the Kentucky game last week with my son Pat. As we walked around campus I thought about all the changes at UGA since I arrived as a lowly freshman in 1962. The campus has almost doubled in size, along with the stadium and student body. The new Georgia athletic facilities are second to none. The game day and pregame traditions have changed and many of the buildings I knew no longer exist. When we finally sat in our seats, I looked at the field and saw the things that have not changed. I listened to the Redcoat Band play our traditional marches and fight songs. I laughed at our great mascot UGA and his dog house. I cheered loudly with the student section and the thousands of Bulldog fans dressed in their red and black being pumped up by our acrobatic and energetic cheerleaders.

The site that really caught my eyes and still gets me emotional was the field inside the hedges. Every player that has ever played on that hallowed ground fought for the pride of the Georgia Bulldogs and the Bulldog Nation. It ties all Lettermen together as brothers forever.

Erk Russell summed it up best in one of his great quotes: "There ain't nothing like being a Bulldog on Saturday night." Go Dawgs!



NY Giants – Sideline meeting with the QBs Phil Simms QB, Jeff Rutledge backup QB, Pat, Bill Parcells



GA Tech Victory – A victory over Georgia Tech. This was the final day as a Bulldog for these three of them. His college roommate, Lynn Hughes, was red shirted and finished in 1966.

Doug McFalls, Pat, Lynn Hughes and Preston Ridlehuber



Coach Dooley's First Day – This group was brought in to meet Coach Dooley after introducing him to the press. Notice the coliseum is just being completed. Photo: L to R - Joel Darden, Ray Rissmiller, Preston Ridlehuber, Marvin Hurst, Coach Dooley, Pat, Coach Joel Eaves



34rd Annual Dooley-Hartman-Dukes Classic

The 34th Annual Dooley-Hartman-Dukes Classic was held on Friday, August 18, 2023 at the Athens Country Club. We had a great group of lettermen that played with us and even some first-timers.



34th Annual Hartman-Dukes Classic Athens Country Club

August 18, 2023

Special Winners

Closest to the Pin

#5 Regular Division Mike Striplin#8 Senior Division Wycliffe Lovelace

#12 Regular Division Brandon Tolbert/Taylor Teague

#17 Senior Division Dave Allison









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34th Annual Hartman-Dukes Classic Results Friday, August 18, 2023

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	Mack Guest	
	Neal Franklin	



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	Gary Willis	
	Derrick Bailey	







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	Tripp Chandler	
	Larry Brown	

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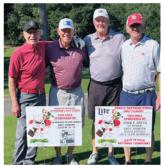
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UGA Football Scrimmage

What a way to cap off the summer and get ready for UGA Football by watching the 2023 Dawgs scrimmage while enjoying a great lunch!! We must give Coach Smart a big thank you for inviting all football lettermen to enjoy this day of fun. The event was held on Saturday, August 19th at the West End Zone of Sanford Stadium. Over 200 lettermen were in attendance and had a great time catching up with one another.



































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@
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com. Thank you to
those people who
have taken
part in this
opportunity.

Jim Massey in memory of Wayne Byrd Bobby Poss in memory of Jake Scott Bobby Poss in memory of Wayne Byrd Jim Massey in memory of Donald Hayes Jim Massey in memory of Lynn Hughes Jim Massey in memory of Ray Rissmiller John Griffin in memory of Don Tomberlin Mack H. Guest, III in memory of Don Tomberlin Mack H. Guest, III in memory of Toby Chapeau Peter Wilcox, Sr. & Peter Wilcox Jr. in memory of Don Tomberlin Jim & Becky Baker in memory of Adelaide Dye Jim & Becky Baker in memory of Sanford Hardaway John Smith in memory of Vince Dooley Mack H. Guest, III in memory of Sonny Seiler Mack H. Guest, III in memory of John Dellinger Bobby Poss in memory of Sonny Seiler Mack & Camilla Guest in memory of Alan Habegger Mack & Camilla Guest in memory of Robert Dave Bishop

IN HONOR OF...

Bill Spencer in honor of Jim Brannen Bill Spencer in honor of Lou Perno Bobby Poss in honor of Jim Baker & his crew

Jimmy Payne Hardship Fund

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



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Georgia Football Lettermen's Club logo is for approved Georgia Football Lettermen's Club events only. Thanks for your cooperation!

LETTERMEN CONTACT INFORMATION



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



Lettermen's Reunion

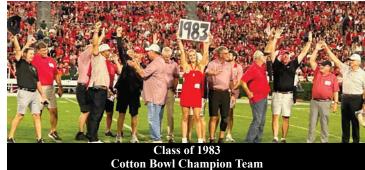
It was a memorable night under the lights of Sanford Stadium on Dooley Field as we were able to recognize our reunion teams of 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, and 60 years at halftime of the UGA vs. UAB game on September 23, 2023. To top it off, we had the privilege of recognizing Ed Greenway (1949-51) as one of our oldest living lettermen.







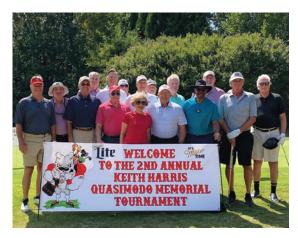












2nd Annual Keith Harris Memorial Golf Tournament

On September 22, 2023 a group of lettermen played a round of golf at the UGA Golf Course in memory of Keith Harris (1972-74) who passed away on March 25, 2022. Barbara Dooley served as Honorary Starter which was a treat & she has accepted a standing invite each year, her schedule permitting! This will be an annual event that will be held the Friday before the Lettermen's Tailgate & Reunion.

Pictured: L to R: Bill Cole, Johnny Cobb, Ed Milam, Dicky Clark, Jim Cagle, Mike Oakes, Tripp Simpson, Josh Watt, Tom Zimmerlink, Bucky Dilts, David McKnight, Horace King, Ric Reider, John Gurley, & David Wolfe



Huddle Sponsor / Advertising Packages

Advertising packages are available for the Lettermen Huddle Magazine. This is a great opportunity to promote your company to all of your fellow lettermen. Listed below are the packages that are available. Please contact **Sally** at **sallyhaugabook@ugalettermensclub.com** for questions. Send us your ad and make your check payable to the Georgia Football Lettermen's Club and mail to 1070 Lake Wellbrook Drive, Athens, GA 30606.

Top Dawg: \$500

Full page ad in the Huddle newsletter

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1/2 page ad in the Huddle newsletter

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Dawg Pound: \$35

Business Card in the Dawg Pound

- The Dawg Pound is a special section of the Huddle solely devoted to business cards. Everyone needs to take advantage of this.
- Discounts will be given on multiple Huddle editions for full, ½ and ¼ page. No discounts on the Dawg Pound.
- You are responsible for designing your own ad.
- You don't have to be a letterman to advertise.

2024 Georgia Football Lettermen's Club Directory

Advertising Packages will be available for the 2024 Georgia Football Lettermen's Club Directory. This will be a great opportunity to support our club as well as promote your company among our lettermen.

Please contact Skip James at barneyjames 92@yahoo. com or call (706) 988-3161 for questions.

Send us your ad and make checks payable to the Georgia Football Lettermen's Club, 1070 Lake Wellbrook Drive, Athens, GA 30606.



Packages:

\$500 - Full Page

\$250 - Half Page

\$125 - Quarter Page

\$75 – Business Card

WHITE HOUSE VISIT

UGA Letterman, Keith Marshall (2012-15), Co-founder and CEO of The Players' Lounge was invited to the White House in November along with other former players and advocates to meet with President Biden to discuss college athletes rights to NIL and safety standards of college athletes going forward.

Links to video below discussing the actions being taken.

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David & Lorrie McDonaldWhen you are in Iceland, but it's game day!



Lettermen News

2015: Marshall Morgan and his wife, Madison, of Watkinsville announce the birth of their son, Mark Allen Morgan. Born July 8, 2023 at Piedmont Athens Regional, he weighed 8lbs 15oz and was 21.25 inches long. He is the younger brother of Maddox and Mclain Morgan. Proud grandparents include Dana and Mark Murphy of Athens and Tabitha and Allen Giddens of Sylvester.

Email Address: marshallmorgan323@gmail.com

2014: Sawyer Dennis and his wife, Hailey, are excited to announce the birth of their first child. His name is Walker James Dennis and he was born on September 15th weighing 7lbs 12oz and 22 inches long.

Email Address: sawyer.dennis205@gmail.com

2003: Billy Bennett and his wife, Nell, married in September 2022 and are expecting their first child - a girl! - in November of this year. They live in Brooklyn, NY, and Billy is coming up on two years as an editor/producer and audio specialist at CNN.

Email Address: bennett.billy@gmail.com

1992: Donnie Maib recently received a promotion within Texas Athletics. He was named Director of Olympic Sports. His new position will give him oversight of everything related to performance except for football.

Email Address: donnie.maib@austin.utexas.edu

1985: Stacy Bridges (trainer) is excited to announce his retirement from the US Postal Service after 35 years of service. This will allow him, along with his wife Camille (McEwen), to spend more time with their four grandchildren: Annabel and Arthur Robinson (parents are daughter Brianna and Matthew) and Marina and Luciano Velasquez (parents are daughter Megan and David). He is also proud to announce that his youngest daughter Sydney has recently graduated from Emmanuel College, where she participated in basketball, lacrosse, and track.

Email Address: skbridges920@gmail.com

1982: Kevin Jackson was appointed to the DNR Board by Governor Brian Kemp on February 15, 2023, and on November 7, he was inducted into the Business Hall of Fame by the Junior Achievement of Savannah. He joined the Leadership Council for CURE which is an organization that provides financial and emotional support to local children and families during childhood cancer treatment. Kevin enriches Coastal Georgia's Community through his business leadership and exemplary civic and professional achievements. His family is very proud of his business accomplishments but more importantly his big heart.

Email Address: jackson@envirovac.us

1980: Jeff Hipp and his wife, Janice, are pleased to announce the birth of their first grandchild, Raylynn Faith Hipp. Their daughter Cristen gave birth on May 5th to sweet Raylynn weighing 7lbs and 20 inches long.

Email Address: jhipp49@gmail.com

1980: Phil Kelly and his wife, Ellen, are proud to announce their son Philip and wife Taylor had a baby boy (Philip Maxwell Kelly) on September 9, 2023. Max is their fourth grandchild and first grandson for Papa and Ellie!

Email Address: pmkuga@comcast.net

1976: Mike Raber is very proud to announce that his son, Grant, was promoted to the rank of Major in the U.S. Army on October 1st. He and his family are currently stationed at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, CO.

Email Address: spinedawg@optilink.us

1975: Randy Bramlett and his wife, Kim, are pleased to announce the birth of their fourth granddaughter, Olivia Jo Sims. She was born in Pensacola, FL on October 27, 2022, to Andy and Lindsey Sims, weighing 7 lbs 13.5 ounces and 20 inches long.

Email Address: 1954randye@gmail.com

1970: Paul Gilbert is pleased to announce that his son, Kyle, has retired from the U.S. Navy after a 24-year career. Kyle joined the Navy in January of 1999. After basic training and Nuclear Power School, he served 2 years as a nuclear machinist mate on the USS Oklahoma City submarine. Then after officer training and flight school, he was assigned to the USS Abraham Lincoln Aircraft Carrier as a navigator on the FA-18 fighter planes. Kyle left active duty after 12 years in 2011 and finished out his career in the Navy Reserves in March of 2023. Since 2011, Kyle has worked with FedEx in the Memphis Home Office and is now in operations technology for Latin American Countries out of the Miami office.

Email Address: pdgilbert@charter.net

1965: Barry Wilson is proud to announce that after starting every game of Samford University women's volleyball as a true freshman on partial scholarship - and the team winning the Southern Conference Championship last year, his granddaughter, Greer Golden, was placed on full scholarship this past Summer. Obviously, he is very proud of her.

Email Address: barryw51243@gmail.com

1964: Andrew Ghertner is pleased to announce that after 45 years at Cushman & Wakefield he has retired. It was the second-best job he ever had; the best being a manager for four years culminating with being a manager on Coach Dooley's first team.

Email Address: Andy.Ghertner@outlook.com

1962: Paul Holmes and his wife, Susan, are proud of their first great-grandson, Samuel Dykes Holmes III, born September 19, 2023 at 8:26 am weighing 7lbs 1oz and 20 inches long. Parents are Sam and Elizabeth Holmes both UGA graduates.

Email Address: jpholmes692@bellsouth.net





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

Aaron Box
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Georgia High School Football Hall of Fame

Congratulations to the 22 University of Georgia football players who were inducted into the inaugural Georgia High School Football Hall of Fame class. They are: Bill Hartman, Billy Henderson, Vernon Smith, Buzy Rosenberg, Ray Donaldson, Anthony Flanagan, Ray Goff, Guy McIntyre, Scott Woerner, Keith Henderson, Mike Bobo, Reggie Brown, Quincy Carter, Randall Godfrey, Charles Grant, Adam Meadows, Jon Stinchcomb, Marcus Stroud, Rennie Curran, Charles Johnson, Jarvis Jones, and D.J. Shockley. The event was held on October 21, 2023 at the College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta, GA.

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

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Georgia-Florida Football Hall of Fame



The Georgia-Florida Hall of Fame induction ceremony was held on Friday, October 27, 2023 at the East Club at EverBank Stadium. We want to congratulate both Terrence Edwards (1999-02) and Coach Mark Richt on their inductions.

TERRENCE EDWARDS

Terrence Edwards left an indelible mark during his four-year tenure with the Georgia Bulldogs. Starting under coaches Jim Donnan (1999-2000) and Mark Richt

(2001-02), Edwards dominated, leading the team in receiving for four consecutive seasons. His senior year showcased recordbreaking achievements, including most career receptions (204), single season receiving yards (1,004 in 2002), career receiving yards (3,093), and career touchdown receptions (30). Recognized as a consensus All-SEC first-teamer in 2002, Edwards continued his success in the NFL with the Atlanta Falcons before a nine-season stint in the CFL, ultimately retiring with 508 receptions, 7,637 yards, and 47 touchdowns. His football legacy culminated in his 2017 induction into the Winnipeg Football Club Hall of Fame.

MARK RICHT

Mark Richt, a revered figure in college football, is not only a dedicated husband and father but also a motivational speaker, philanthropist, and author. During his UGA tenure from 2001-2015, Richt achieved a remarkable record of 145-51 (.738). He was named SEC Coach of the Year in 2002 and 2005, led the team to two SEC championships, five SEC championship game appearances, and an impressive 15 consecutive bowl games (10-5). Richt's coaching prowess positioned him among the rare few in NCAA Division I-A history to secure 135 or more wins in his first 14 seasons. Twenty-four of his players went on to play in the Super Bowl. Currently serving as a studio analyst for the ACC Network, Richt boasts a storied coaching career with significant stints as head coach at the University of Miami and as an assistant for the Florida State Seminoles in addition to his time at the University of Georgia. As a testament to his coaching prowess, Richt received numerous accolades, including 2017 ACC Coach of the Year, and the prestigious 2017 Walter Camp Coach of the Year Award. Recently inducted into the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl Hall of Fame, the 2023 Georgia Sports Hall of Fame, and the 2023 College Football Hall of Fame, Richt's impact extends beyond the field.

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

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