

# THE HUDDLE



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## Letter from the President

Dear Lettermen,

Congratulations to Coach Kirby Smart and the 2021 National Champions. Wow! What a year and accomplishment. Save the date for Friday, August 19, 2022 as we will be having our 33rd Annual Dooley-Hartman-Dukes Classic. It will be followed by our board meeting at 10:00 AM on Saturday, August 20, 2022 in the West End Zone and then lunch and the scrimmage of the 2022 UGA Bulldogs. Our reunion is scheduled for the UGA vs. Samford game on September 10, 2022. Please be sure to put these dates on your calendar and we look forward to seeing you this fall.

Sincerely,



Mack H. Guest, III

## Important Dates to Remember

### August 19, 2022

33rd Annual  
Dooley-Hartman-Dukes Classic  
8:00 AM Shot-Gun Start  
Athens Country Club

### August 20, 2022

Board Meeting  
10:00 AM  
Lettermen's Luncheon & Scrimmage  
11:30 AM  
West End Zone  
Sanford Stadium

### September 10, 2022

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

### April 13, 2023-Tentative

Board Meeting  
UGA Lettermen's Club

### April 15, 2023-Tentative

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

### August 18, 2023-Tentative

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

### August 19, 2023-Tentative

Board Meeting  
10:00 AM  
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West End Zone  
Sanford Stadium

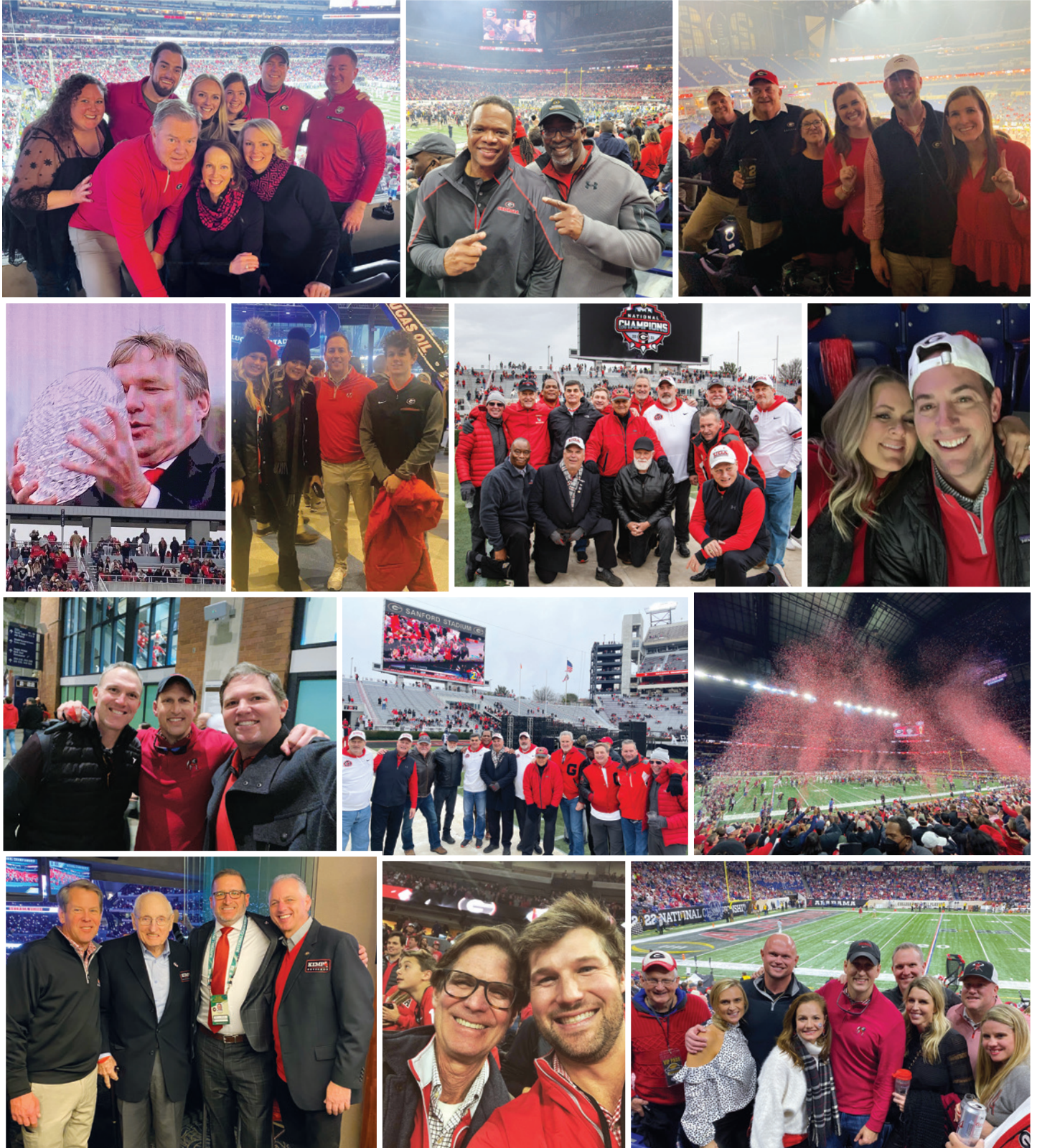






# UGA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

It still feels great to say that we are the 2021 National Champions! It was an incredible football season capped off by victories at the Orange Bowl, the National Champion game, and a huge celebration on Dooley Field at Sanford Stadium. Many of you were able to be a part of those unbelievable and unforgettable events. Thanks for sharing your pictures with us!







## Billy Payne's Thoughts on the National Championship

(1966-67-68)

"I am happy for the players. The sacrifices they make throughout the entire year, to be able to play at that level, it's very difficult. They have to be committed, stay committed. In the case of the University of Georgia, they all come together for the good of the whole, as opposed to themselves as individuals- and they do that because we have a great leader in Coach Smart, who is a wonderful motivator."

"I think athletics has a direct relationship with the ability of the school to raise a lot of money. All of us want to give to a winner. Our university shines so brightly and we are so proud of it, and being able to achieve at this level, it helps the entirety of the school."





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# UGA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

*(more photos)*



## LETTERMEN REUNION

All lettermen will be honored during the UGA vs. Samford football game on September 10, 2022. 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.

We do have a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn Express. There is a two-night minimum stay required and the cutoff date for making reservations is August 10, 2022. Please call (706) 546-8122 and be sure to give the group code "LET."

### ***10 years ago 2012***

SEC Eastern Champions

Capital One Bowl Champions

(12-2) Coach: Mark Richt

Captains: Jarvis Jones, Shawn Williams, Tavarres King,  
Aaron Murray, Ty Frix

### ***20 years ago 2002***

SEC Champions

Nokia Sugar Bowl Champions

(13-1) Coach: Mark Richt

Captains: Boss Bailey, Tony Gilbert, Jon Stinchcomb,  
Burt Jones

### ***25 years ago 1997***

Outback Bowl Champions

(10-2) Coach: Jim Donnan

Captains: Hines Ward, Brandon Tolbert, Mike Bobo,  
Greg Bright

### ***30 years ago 1992***

Citrus Bowl Champions

(10-2) Coach: Ray Goff

Captains: Alec Millen, Mack Strong, Jack Swan,  
Greg Jackson, Todd Peterson

### ***40 years ago 1982***

SEC Champions

Sugar Bowl Participants

(11-1) Coach: Vince Dooley

Captains: Wayne Radloff, Herschel Walker, Tim Crowe,  
Dale Carver

### ***50 years ago 1972***

(7-4) Coach: Vince Dooley

Captains: Robert Honeycutt, Lynn Hunnicutt, Steve Sleek

### ***60 years ago 1962***

(3-4-3) Coach: Johnny Griffith

Captain: Ray Clark

### ***70 years ago 1952***

(7-4) Coach: Wallace Butts

Captain: Robert West





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## Tommy Lawhorne Was an Athlete Who Excelled on the Field and in the Classroom at UGA

Loran Smith – November 4, 2021

SEA ISLAND — The Golden Isles have never been more golden than today with more and more people wanting to settle down into easy and laid-back living after years of keeping their nose to the grindstone in their chosen profession. The quality of life here is touted as being as good as you could want.

There is something for everyone from all walks of life — from shell searching, to fishing and hunting and especially golf. There's tennis, bird watching and photo-ops galore. Come here for a week, a month or for life and you can play golf to your heart's content — on courses that not only challenge the everyday player, but the best in the world.

Professionals like Davis Love, Harris English, Brian Harmon, Zach Johnson and Matt Kuchar among others have identified with the good living amenities of this area and have chosen to make their homes here. With Jacksonville's international airport only an hour away, these worldwide travelers, along with many well-to-do residents, can embark to any port in the world with uncomplicated connections.

The appealing environment of the Golden Isles makes passionate drumbeaters out of the locals who want prosperity to continue to flourish, angling for a repetitive and sustained cycle.

There is much ado about those with Bulldog allegiance who work, play and retire here. Like Tommy Lawhorne, for example. He arrived in Athens the same time as Vince Dooley with whom he developed a gentlemanly rapport and mutual admiration society while establishing himself as a competent linebacker with extraordinary intellect and a well-roundedness for the ages.

His credentials were essentially that he was an A+ student who also happened to play football. He had ingrained passion for the game, dating back to his grade-school days in Worth County — but would have been offended at the notion that he would ever become one dimensional.

Lawhorne was atypical to most college athletes of his era and with many who cast their lot with the Bulldogs. He considered football an upstanding game, but he signed a grant-in-aid as a means to earn a degree with someone else picking up the tab — as great of a tradeoff as there has ever been in our society.

He was a small-town boy who was raised where cotton, peanuts and corn were agricultural staples, along with pine trees and the bobwhite quail — a country boy who was blessed with an extraordinary drive and intellect which would bode well for his future. The Ivy League was well within his reach, but he aspired to play football and matriculate at his state university. After all, the brand of football was the best in the land, and he held UGA in high academic esteem. Later, when he hung out his shingle, he was, in part, a Georgia boy with a Georgia education and proud of it.

Lawhorne played on an SEC championship team, earned three letters in football and experienced national network television looking over his shoulder as he wore the red and black. That satiated his football objectives, but he would have appreciated it if the announcers had told the world that he arrived in Athens with his first priority being to earn a degree. Philosophically, today, he laments that there are all too many college football players giving the earning of a diploma the back of their hand. He bonded with his teammates, some with goals and ambitions, some not. He helped them with their homework. He offered sage advice and inspired them to take advantage of opportunity. He developed a special relationship with a Jewish teammate and befriended his family. When maladies and downturns came about when they became middle aged — cancer, heart disease and the like, he was a source of counsel and hope to their families.

His onetime roommate was Ronnie Jenkins, a woodsman who struggled with fulfilling degree requirements, but persevered and reached his objective. Nobody was prouder than Tommy Lawhorne, who has been known to take time off from work to reach out and visit with his former teammates and offer help and medical advice. Sometimes, unfortunately, it has been condolences. Altruism has always been a staple of his medical satchel.

When he completed degree requirements at Johns Hopkins — where he took pleasure in knowing that he was as equipped to excel in the advanced curriculum as the private school aficionados who were given to snobbery with respect to their academic background — he settled down in Columbus to practice medicine.

He and his sagacious wife, Susan, a native of Atlanta, raised their children, Tom and Gervaise, who followed in their sire's medical footsteps. Tom is a local orthopedic and Gervaise a dermatologist living in New York City.

By the time he retired from medical practice in 2020, Tommy and Susan had chosen a high-rise residence in downtown Columbus, overlooking the Chattahoochee — picturesque, becoming and gripping, but the allure of grandchildren made them uproot and make the cross-state move to the Golden Isles. As soon as he settled in, Lawhorne, after a cursory inquiry, discovered that there is an amendment on the books that allows any Georgia resident 65 years of age or older to audit any course taught in the university system for free. So long as there is space for the regular students.

It was like throwing a rabbit in a briar patch. There is no place like home for Thomas W. Lawhorne than a classroom. His intellectual capacity and motivation are a reminder that a person never grows too old to accumulate knowledge and that there is no limit to learning if you have an inquiring mind. This old Dawg is a good and great American.





## *Alumni Flag Football Game*

We were thrilled to have the Annual Alumni Flag Football Game once again. It was held on Saturday, April 16, 2022 before the G-Day game at Sanford Stadium. Thankfully, the rainy weather came early and the teams were able to play between the hedges. A huge thank you to our two coaches- **Demetrius Douglas** and **Jeffrey Thomas!!** Be sure to make plans to play with us next year!

*Photos courtesy of UGA Sports Communications)*





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# *Alumni Flag Football Game*







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## *Lettermen's Cookout*

A big thank you to the University of Georgia Athletic Association for hosting the Lettermen's Cookout that took place at Reed Quad before the G-Day game on April 16, 2022. Stripling's catered a delicious meal and many lettermen and families enjoyed a great day of fellowship.







## *Lettermen's Cookout*



### **Class Reunion 1991-1994**

Jeffrey Thomas (1991-94) hosted a reunion at his home on May 14, 2022. He said, "What an amazing turnout with several classes from the 90's. Through the day and evening there were at least 80 guys that had not seen each other since playing between the hedges. Please be on the lookout for the next gathering hosted in Athens gameday at Wesley Middlebrooks home. Date to be announced."







## Georgia Chapter of National Football Foundation Honorees Include Verne Lundquist

Loran Smith  
April 22, 2022

The Georgia Chapter of the National Football Foundation, the nation's largest chapter for many years, staged its annual awards banquet earlier this week at the Athens Country Club with Lenn Chandler, chapter President, getting the program underway.

There was emphasis reserved for scholar-athletes as the chapter also recognized a number of luminaries, highlighted by honoring Verne Lundquist, longtime CBS broadcaster, and Steve Hatchell, President and CEO of the National Football Foundation.

With the popular Lundquist, fresh from calling the action at the 16th hole at the Masters, spending the weekend in Athens (he was also recognized by the UGA Athletic Association at the halftime of the G-Day game on Saturday), there was considerable socializing which allowed for back porch conversation with two seasoned raconteurs — Lundquist and Hatchell.

Lundquist, along with Michael Burnett, CEO of the Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center, were honored with the chapter's Distinguished American Awards. Hatchell was recognized for his Contribution to Amateur Football Award.

One of the most admired young men on the Athletic Association premises, Mark Christensen, a member of Ron Courson's sports medicine staff, was also recognized for his "contributions to amateur football."

It was a high moment as Christensen was the recipient of a standing ovation following Courson's introduction.

The banquet began with a video produced by the NFF on the values of the game of football.

The video was followed by a live auction, ably stewarded by Louis Tonsmeire of Cartersville, which got the event moving forward in a festive mood.

A near full house of honorees, sponsors and loyal supporters at the Athens Country Club was a reminder that the Georgia chapter of the NFF, has come a long way since its inception in 1986. This was the 36th annual dinner and was one of the best attended.

The event attracted UGA Athletic Director, Josh Brooks and former AD, Vince Dooley who was on hand to recognize the Frances Wood Wilson Foundation scholar athletes.

John Parker, one of the Super Gold Sponsors, presented the J. Reid Parker Post Graduate awards to six former Bulldog athletes, recognized for post graduate achievement, an impressive group including Howard Hudson of Augusta, Knox Culpepper of Atlanta, Robert Edwards, Sandersville, Larry Brown, Oglethorpe County and Virgil Cole, Madison.

Jesse Hickey of the Turner Family Foundation, presented the Jack Turner Award which honors the UGA outstanding senior football player at UGA who is defined by his exceptional accomplishments and varied interests — a well-rounded Georgia man; Stetson Bennett, given an extra year of eligibility owing to COVID, was the winner of the Jack Turner Award this year.

Jeff Petrea of Georgia Power, recognized the two local public high schools Cedar Shoals (Dreco Thomas, athletic director) and Clarke Central (Jon Ward, athletic director) for their Play it Smart honorees, Juan'Darion Silas and Will Richardson for their fine record as student athletes. Each player receives a scholarship grant provided by Barb and Carl Parks.

Fred Butler of Coca-Cola presented the Coca-Cola Helping Hand award to Madison Sanders, executive director, of Family Promise of Athens and Robert Miles, of the UGA Football Administrated Staff, presented the Billy Payne Award to John Fitzpatrick.

Matt Brinkley of CPC advisors, presented Steve Hatchell, with the Chapter's Contribution to Amateur Football. Hatchell complimented the chapter on its growth and development and pointed out how the game of football had provided outstanding leaders who benefitted from leadership skills they learned from college football, the greatest of games.



### Pro Football Hall of Fame

Congratulations to **Richard Seymour** (1997-98-99-2000) who will be enshrined into the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Saturday, August 6, 2022.

## HISTORY OF THE LETTERMEN GEORGIA BAR

by Jim Baker

The bar that we now use at our Lettermen Tailgates was originally constructed around 1965 by Jim Baker's father-in-law, Robert Hendrix, a 1946 UGA graduate. Many drinks and toasts were made to the Dawgs at this bar, including the 1980 National Championship Sugar Bowl Champions.

In 2001, the bar was moved to Athens and used at the SAE house for 4-5 years. After that, it arrived at Oconee Cemetery and was remodeled by Neal Franklin for use at our Lettermen tailgates.

Coach John Kasay took on the task of a complete rebuild in 2021 and we now have the best-looking Dawg bar ever! Numerous Lettermen have served as bartenders over the years and multitudes of Lettermen have enjoyed the ambiance of a special piece of history!

Cheers to the Dawgs!!!



### 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](mailto:sallyhaugabook@ugalettermensclub.com). Thank you to those people who have taken part in this opportunity.

*Jim Massey in memory of Steve Greer*  
*Clark Williams in memory of Steve Greer*  
*Don Leebern in memory of Steve Greer*  
*Don Leebern in memory of George Mitchell*  
*Jim Baker in memory of George Mitchell*  
*Jim Baker in memory of Steve Greer*  
*Jim Massey in memory of Bruce Yawn*  
*Mack H. Guest, III in memory of Steve Greer*  
*Mack H. Guest, III in memory of Bruce Yawn*  
*Mack H. Guest, III in memory of Kurt Knisely*  
*Larry Kohn in memory of Steve Greer*  
*Larry Kohn in memory of Frank Richter*

*Larry Kohn in memory of Jake Scott*  
*Hugh Nall in memory of Bruce Yawn*  
*Buck, Tricia, & Dr. Natalee Wilson*  
*in memory of Jim Sealy*  
*Dave Sam in memory of Steve Greer*  
*Philip Kelly in memory of Bruce Yawn*  
*Jim Massey in memory of Keith Harris*  
*Jim Baker in memory of Keith Harris*  
*Jim Baker in memory of Ray Rissmiller*  
*Jim Baker in memory of Johnny Henderson*  
*Jim and Becky Baker in memory of Martin Wolfe*





## Lettermen News

**2000: Ben Dukes** marks his 20<sup>th</sup> year in the Screen Actors Guild (Now SAG-AFTRA) having recently appeared as a Guest Star on Nickelodeon's *Danger Force* and currently in post-production on his first Feature Film as Co-Producer, *Legend of the White Dragon*. He would love to catch up with anyone on Facebook/Twitter (@bendukes).

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**1995: Joe Teasley's** oldest daughter, Hailey Savannah Teasley, has been accepted to the University of Georgia in the Computer Science program as a freshman beginning in Fall 2022 semester.

Email Address: joe.teasley@gmail.com

**1988: Todd Wheeler** is retiring from teaching and coaching after 31 years.

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**1986: Jim Lewis** and his wife, Rita, are blessed to announce the birth of their granddaughter, Emalyn Sylva Lewis, who was born on April 2, 2022 in Athens, GA to Will & Krysten Lewis.

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**1983: Jud Guest** and his wife, Paula, are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter, Caroline Guest, to Stewart Bragg on June 4, 2022 in Athens, GA.

Email Address: jguest@ladtrucklines.com

**1982: Tommy Spangler** has been coaching college football for 35 years. He was hired in February of 2022 to coach football at Furman University. His job title is Assistant Defensive Backs Coach and Special Teams Coordinator.

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**1980: Tim Morrison** and his wife, Leigh, are proud to announce that their oldest son Zach and his wife Leigh Ann are new parents of beautiful Blakely Ann Morrison who weighed 9lb 2oz and was 21" long. She was born on February 26, 2022. They are proud to be LELE and Big Daddy! Zach is starting his 5<sup>th</sup> season as Head Football Coach at Shorter University.

Email Address: timmorrison76@gmail.com

**1979: Dave Allison** has taken a job at Allegiant Air as a Maintenance Quality Assurance Auditor. After being retired for over a year it was time to go back to work!

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**1979: Chuck Orrick** is happy to announce his retirement. His press release follows. The board of directors of Donalsonville Hospital would like

to announce the retirement of Hospital Administrator, Chuck Orrick, after 30 plus years of loyal service and leadership. Mr. Orrick plans to retire at the end of 2022 and over the next month will transfer the administration of the hospital to current CFO, James Moody, effective May 1, 2022.

President & Chairman of the Board, Herman Brookins said of Orrick's retirement, "On behalf of the board of directors and the nearly 400 employees of Donalsonville Hospital, we thank Chuck Orrick for the more than three decades he has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to lead and grow this great hospital. He will be greatly missed."

A UGA graduate, Mr. Orrick has seen this 65-bed rural hospital through expansion, construction, changing economies, a Category 4 Hurricane and most recently a global pandemic and international healthcare crisis.

Under Mr. Orrick's methodical and inspired leadership, the Donalsonville Hospital's team has come through these trials and tribulations with strong staff, fiscally sound and a bright future in healthcare.

When announcing his retirement to staff, Mr. Orrick said, "I will never be able to put into words the appreciation for the opportunities this hospital has given me and for the incredible employees that I have worked with over the years. Donalsonville Hospital and Seminole Manor Nursing Home will always be very special to me and my family."

Mr. Orrick will remain on the board of directors and help guide the new administration towards maintaining Donalsonville Hospital's status of the number one medium sized primary care hospital in rural Georgia.

He plans to spend his retirement with his lovely wife Kim, his son Kerry and daughter-in-law Betsy and his grandson Charlie.

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**1964: Barry Wilson** is proud to announce that his granddaughter, Greer Golden, will play college volleyball at Samford University in Birmingham, AL this fall. She is a graduate of Mountain Brook High School in Birmingham, AL and was a 4-year starter for the volleyball team. They earned 3 straight Volleyball State Championships in the highest classifications her Sophomore, Junior & Senior years. Greer was selected to the All City and All State Teams and was the Most Valuable Player in her classification of the Alabama State Championship Tournament.

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**1962: Paul Holmes** and his wife, Susan, are pleased to announce the birth of their first great grandchild, Evelyn Louise (Eve) Holmes. Parents are Paul IV and Katie McShan Holmes both UGA graduates.

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

Thomas Ashe	Brandon Coutu	Thomas McKinnon	Nathaniel Taylor
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Herman Bell	Reuben Faloughi	Jesse Murray	Odell Thurman
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Larry Bowie	David Hargett	Suquorey Pitts	Damon Ward
Larry Lovett Brown	Gerald Wayne Hearin	Kojara Ranson	James Edward Warner
Ramarcus Brown	Terry Henderson	Keyon Richardson	Evan J. Wells
Robert Burns	Albert H. Hollis	Riley Ridley	Gregory Steven Williams
Brandon Carley	Robert Allen Hope	Michael Robinson	Henry Williams
Charles Carswell	Bertrand Jackson	Bradly Rowland	Michael W. Willis
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## Frostbite Tournament

The 34th Frostbite Golf Tournament was held on March 17-19, 2022 at Hickory Hills Golf Course in Jackson, GA. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate for the tournament but for those that attended, a little golf and a lot of fellowship was enjoyed.



*George Patton, David McKnight, Ralph Clark, Lon Chatfield*





## As Vince Dooley Approaches 90, He's Still Learning History, Gardening, Football and Life

Loran Smith

May 26, 2022

You may be familiar with Great Southern Wood Preserving, the lumber processor in Abbeville, Alabama. The producers of a popular building product, “Yellawood,” Great Southern is owned by Jimmy Rane, a college football aficionado who arranged for his company to sponsor football coaches shows for many years.

He holds an annual golf outing and banquet for coaches and athletes each spring. The late Pat Dye of Auburn and Alabama’s Gene Stallings became members of his corporate board. Rane has a Foundation whose purpose is to provide scholarships to kids across 28 states. Its corpus now exceeds \$6 million.

With friends in the coaching ranks, his annual golf outing is a popular event. On occasion he will honor one of the profession’s iconic coaches. He began with Stallings who lives on an 800-acre ranch, near Powderly, Texas, which is five miles south of the Red River, the boundary between Texas and Oklahoma.

A few years later, he came with a similar evening of recognition for his friend and ally, Pat Dye, who passed away in June 2020. Last week, Great Southern honored Vince Dooley.

The Great Southern tribute brought about reflections from one speaker who finds the former Bulldog coaching icon to be more than a football coach. He is a historian, author, master gardener, fisherman, researcher and lecturer. Being a historian, he allowed recently how cheerleading began.

If you are up on your history, you are aware that when Lady Godiva made her protest against what she considered an unfair tax in the eleventh century, she rode her horse nude through the streets of Coventry, England.

Vince, known for his passion for research, following an exhaustive search, discovered that she happened to have ridden her horse side-saddle. This caused the people of the side of the street who faced her to begin yelling, “Hooray for our side.”

Vincent Joseph Dooley grew up on the waterfront in Mobile, a depression-born kid of Irish and Italian descent. He learned how to fend for himself as a kid and took to sports naturally.



He was particularly good at basketball and football. He had the good fortune to have gotten direction in his life from the sisters and brothers at the McGill Institute in Mobile, teachers who gave of themselves for the kids who came their way.

Vince went to Auburn on scholarship to play both basketball and football, but he preferred basketball in his early years. It was his best friend Bobby Duke who refused to let Vince sleep in on the first day of August football practice his junior year in high school. Duke roused him out of bed and thereby “saved” Vince’s football career.

Vince was a good student because he enjoyed learning and was particularly attracted to history. That is why it was nothing of a surprise when, with enterprise and due diligence, he earned a Masters Degree in history at Auburn while a member of Coach Shug Jordan’s coaching staff.

When Joel Eaves hired him in Athens, once Vince got settled, he went over to the Main Library to become familiar with its surroundings. It bowled over the gentleman director of the Library, Porter Kellam, who was flabbergasted that the head football coach had come the library’s way.

I wrote a story about the commotion Vince had caused on North Campus among the learned professors and administrators. It was picked up by the Associated Press and distributed on their Southeastern wire.

Frank Howard, the colorful Clemson coach later told me to give Vince a message. “Tell Doooley,” Coach Howard drawled, “that the library will be a nice cool place for him to hide when the alumni get after his...’anatomy.’”

When Vince arrived in Athens, things were not good. Georgia had fallen on hard times. Facilities had become nondescript, there was no money in the bank, losing big games became the norm. There had been one bowl invitation in 14 seasons. There was disharmony among the alumni and doom saying was an everyday topic around town.

Vince and Joel Eaves, who hired him, kept to themselves, rolled up their sleeves and went to work. Applying energy, good sense





and the underscoring of the work ethic and fundamentals, they reversed the trend in Athens.

Vince was as fundamentally sound as any coach in America. Right away, he and his coaching staff played an exciting brand of football, underscoring defense, running the football and emphasizing the kicking game.

Within five years there were four bowl invitations and two SEC titles. Season ticket sales zoomed upwards with alacrity. After three seasons of Dooley ball, the stadium was decked. Sanford stadium was the place to be on Saturday afternoons in the fall.

Vince elevated Georgia football to a new level, winning games, competing for championships and seeing the Bulldogs enjoy national rankings. He restored the prestige of Georgia football.

After a quarter century, Vince had won 200 games, 6 SEC titles and the 1980 national championship. He won practically every

coaching award that existed. A great portion of that time, he also served as Georgia's athletic director, upgrading facilities across the board and developing a strong overall athletic program that ranked Georgia among the best in the country.

This parting shot. Vince is the only football coach in history to be invited to speak at both touchdown clubs and garden clubs. If he were coaching today, he wouldn't have time to garden and spend time at the library, which is a little sad. But Barbara would be excited to make the monthly deposits from the salaries they pay coaches today.

Vince, a nonagenarian to be, in recent years kept a quote at his desk at home from the great Michelangelo, who said on his 87th birthday, "I'm still learning." When Vince becomes a nonagenarian in September, he can quote the famous Renaissance artist/sculptor. He will still be learning.





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# BULLDOG HAVEN

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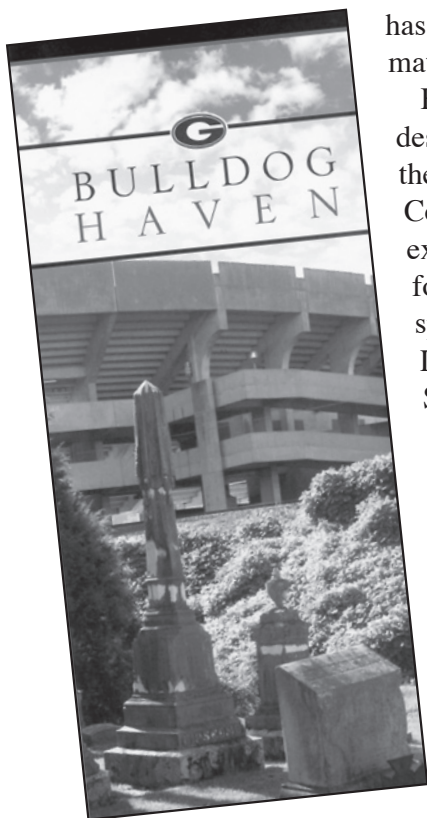
As UGA football lettermen, we take immense pride in the University of Georgia and its traditions. To continue the University's exceptional heritage, the UGA Football Lettermen's Club has started a new tradition among those for who UGA has been more than an alma mater, but a way of life.

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

now to invest in a plot for yourself and your loved ones.

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

Private tours of Bulldog Haven are available by calling **General Manager Don Smith** at (706) 543-6262.



## BULLDOG HAVEN

### LETTERMAN INFORMATION

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## 33rd Annual Dooley-Hartman-Dukes Classic

The 33rd Annual Dooley-Hartman-Dukes Classic will be held on **Friday, August 19, 2022** at the Athens Country Club. We will have a shot-gun start at 8:00 AM. The entry fee for this tournament is \$150.00. Registrations forms were mailed, but if you did not receive yours, please contact Sally at [sallyhaugabook@ugalettermensclub.com](mailto:sallyhaugabook@ugalettermensclub.com) and she will send you one.

The Holiday Inn Express will be our host hotel and you can secure reservations by calling the front desk at (706) 546-8122. Be sure to ask for the GFL group code to obtain the special rates and to be sure your reservation gets in the assigned block of rooms.



## *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.*

*Fred Brown  
Steve Greer  
Bill Godfrey  
Keith Harris  
Len Hauss  
Johnny Henderson  
Dwight Horton  
Marvin Hurst  
Charles Krauth  
George Mitchell  
Kanon Parkman  
Tim Reynolds  
Ray Rissmiller  
Terry Scott  
Denny Shimkus  
Jimmy Sealy  
Michael L. Thornton  
Bruce Yawn*

## **Macon Sports Hall of Fame**

Congratulations to **Kevin Brown** (1986-87-88-89) who was inducted into the Macon Sports Hall of Fame on May 10, 2022 in Macon, GA.



## **2022 Annual Campaign**

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## Johnny Cobb

Johnny Cobb was the auctioneer for a FCA event at the House of Payne Practice Facility in April. The highlight of the night was the live finger-painting portrait that was painted in 14 minutes- upside down on a black canvas. The portrait sold for \$9,000.



# 2022 GEORGIA Football Schedule

September 3	Oregon	Atlanta, GA
September 10	Samford	Athens, GA
September 17	South Carolina	Columbia, SC
September 24	Kent State	Athens, GA
October 1	Missouri	Columbia, MO
October 8	Auburn	Athens, GA
October 15	Vanderbilt	Athens, GA
October 29	Florida	Jacksonville, FL
November 5	Tennessee	Athens, GA
November 12	Mississippi State	Starkville, MS
November 19	Kentucky	Lexington, KY
November 26	Georgia Tech	Athens, GA





## ***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

### **Between the Hedges: \$250**

1/2 page ad in the Huddle newsletter

### **Silver Britches: \$125**

1/4 page ad in the Huddle newsletter

### **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, 1/2 and 1/4 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.

## **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 Resty Beadles. For an application, please visit our website- [www.ugalettermensclub.com](http://www.ugalettermensclub.com).

## **Georgia Sports Hall of Fame**

Congratulations to **Eric Zeier** (1991-92-93) who was inducted into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame on Friday, February 18, 2022 in Macon, GA.



## ***The Dawg Pound***

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Change in address? Promotion? Transfer? Family News? We want to publish your news in THE HUDDLE. Just fill out the following form and submit to **Sally Haugabook**, 1070 Lake Wellbrook Drive, Athens, GA 30606 or email her at **sallyhaugabook@ugalettermensclub.com**. Letters and suggestions for THE HUDDLE are also welcome. **CALLING ALL LETTERMEN!** Send THE HUDDLE your current e-mail address. You and all of your teammates will be able to keep in touch!

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