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# Letter from the Athletic Director

Dear Georgia Football Lettermen,

While I have not had the pleasure of meeting many of you, I first wanted to let you know how honored and humbled I am to serve as the J. Reid Parker Director of Athletics at our beloved University of Georgia.

In my first four months as the leader of our athletics program, I have been blown away at the support we've received from donors, fans, friends and our former student-athletes as we navigated a playing season unlike any other in the history of college athletics.

Our teams have persevered and excelled in competition, in the classroom and in their community service. We are particularly proud of our Dawgs for Pups program, led by our football team. I encourage you to read about their four initiatives: WiFi Hotspots, Food2Kids Snack Drive, Coat Drive and G Day Proceeds. We also did a great spotlight on our 2021 graduates that have excelled in the few pillars of The Georgia Way. You can read those highlights here. We are so proud of our student-athletes for their work during this difficult year. They've showed the determination and toughness we expect from Georgia Bulldogs.

Finally, as we prepare for the 2021-22 academic year, we are anticipating a return to full operations. We plan to do so with the guidance of our medical professionals, University leadership, state and local guidelines. We can't wait to welcome all of you back to campus to cheer on our Dawgs.

You are an integral part of our program and I hope to see you often in the fall, as you are always welcome back to your athletics home in Athens.

Thanks so much and Go Dawgs!

Sincerely,

Josh Brooks

J Reid Parker Director of Athletics







# Letter from the President

Things are getting back to normal and everyone is excited about the UGA vs. UAB game on September 11, 2021. Baker's chefs, bartenders, and servers are back on duty for the Reunion of the 1951, 1961, 1971, 1981, 1991, 1996, 2001, and 2011 teams as well as the 1980 National Championship team. Y'all enjoy your summer and see you on August 20, 2021 for the 32nd Annual Hartman-Dukes Classic. All are welcome to attend the board meeting on Saturday, August 21, 2021 at 10:00 AM and then the luncheon with Coach Smart and staff. See y'all soon.



Sincerely,

President

# UGA legend Vince Dooley inducted into Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame

By FOX 5 Atlanta Digital Team Published April 6, 2021 FOX 5 Atlanta

JOHNS CREEK, Ga. - Georgia Bulldogs legend Vince Dooley has been inducted into the Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2020.



The former University of Georgia head football coach and director of athletics was inducted this past Saturday for his military service and "his lifetime of selfless service to others." Dooley served in the Marine Corps for two years following his 1954 graduation from Auburn, where he played football. After receiving an honorable discharge with the rank of captain in 1957, he headed back to Auburn to complete his master's degree before beginning his long and successful coaching career in 1963.

Several of Dooley's former football players, including some from the 1980 national championship team, were in attendance at the induction ceremony held at the Mark Burkhalter Amphitheater in Johns Creek.

Dooley's service did not just stop on the field, but also carried over into the community. His community service has extended to such organizations as the Heart Fund, Multiple Sclerosis, Juvenile Diabetes, Boy Scouts, the homeless, Salvation Army, and Georgia Easter Seals society. He also served on the Advisory Committee to the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games.

He has also traveled abroad to share the ministering of his faith to the sick and needy, providing spiritual and physical healing to those who need it. He has led missions to remote areas of Honduras tending to underserved and impoverished villages and tried to raise both funds and awareness for those in developing countries.

"Coach Dooley is among the 16 Hall of Famers inducted into the Class of 2020. Their framed photos, together with those of the previous 115 inductees, will be prominently displayed on the Heroes Wall of the Floyd Building in the State Capital

complex in Atlanta," said Retired U.S. Army Col. Paul Longgear, found the GMVHOF.

The induction ceremony and banquet is usually held in Columbus on the first Saturday in November, but because was delayed due to the ongoing pandemic.

This is not Dooley's first hall of fame. He has been inducted into both the Georgia

Georgia Military Veterans' Hall of Fame Class of 202 3 April 2021 and Alabama Sports Hall of





Fames as well as the National College Football Hall of Fame and Sugar Bowl Hall of Fame. He also was inducted into the UGA Circle of Honor in 2004.

Dooley's 25 years as head coach earned the Dawgs the 1980 National Championship, six SEC Championships, 20 bowl games, and a career record of 201-77-10, becoming only the ninth coach in NCAA Division I history to win over 200 games.

Among the many young men Dooley has impacted are 1982 Heisman Trophy winner Herschel Walker, 1968 Outland Award winner Bill Stanfill, 40 First Team All-Americans, and 10 Academic All-Americans.

He was a seven-time winner of the SEC Coach of the Year, six-time winner of the NCAA District Coach of the Year, the 1980 NCAA National Coach of the Year in nearly every poll, and was named Coach of the Year in 1982 by Chevrolet-WTBS in 1982.

During his tenure as athletic director, the Bulldogs was 24 national champions and 78 SEC team championships in both men and women sports.



# Important Dates to Remember

### August 20, 2021

32nd Annual Hartman-Dukes Classic 8:00 AM Shot—Gun Start Athens Country Club

### August 21, 2021

Board Meeting 10:00 AM UGA Lettermen's Club

Lettermen's Luncheon & Scrimmage 11:30 AM Sanford Stadium

#### **September 11, 2021**

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

## Thursday, April 14, 2022

Board Meeting UGA Lettermen's Club

### **Friday, April 15, 2022**

33rd Annual Vince Dooley Open
Athens Country Club

### Saturday, April 16, 2022-Tentative

Alumni Flag Football Game G-Day Game Sanford Stadium

## **Friday, August 19, 2022**

33rd Annual Hartman-Dukes Classic Athens Country Club

### Saturday, August 20, 2022

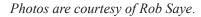
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# Wally's Boys

It was so wonderful to be able to celebrate the Wally's Boys at their annual breakfast that was held on April 17, 2021 at the Athens Country Club. It was fantastic to see everyone gather and enjoy a delicious breakfast while fellowshipping with one another. Governor Kemp was the Keynote Speaker for the event. This year's Rauch Awards Recipients were Ace Adams, Hinton Davis, Don Leebern, Jr. and Jimmy Vickers. Congratulations!

























## **Lettermen Reunion**

All lettermen will be honored during the UGA vs. UAB football game on September 11, 2021. 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 and 60 years.

#### 10 years ago 2011

SEC East Champions (10-4) Coach: Mark Richt Captains: Ben Jones, Brandon Boykin, Jarvis Jones, Orson Charles, Cordy Glenn, Drew Butler

### **20 years ago 2001**

Music City Bowl Participants (8-4) Coach: Mark Richt Captains: Tim Wansley, Jermaine Phillips, Verron Haynes, Curt McGill

### 25 years ago 1996

(5-6) Coach: Jim Donnan Captains: Mike Bobo, Robert Edwards, Jason Ferguson, Corey Johnson, Adam Meadows, Gene Toodle

### 30 years ago 1991

Independence Bowl Champions (9-3) Coach: Ray Goff Captains: Greg Talley, Larry Ware, Dwayne Simmons, Chuck Carswell

### 40 years ago 1981

SEC Champions
Sugar Bowl Participants
(10-2) Coach: Vince Dooley
Captains: Buck Belue, Lindsay Scott, Steve Kelly

### 50 years ago 1971

Gator Bowl Champions (11-1) Coach: Vince Dooley Captains: Royce Smith, Kendall Keith, Mixon Robinson

#### 60 years ago 1961

(3-7) Coach: Johnny Griffith Captain: Pete Case

#### 70 years ago 1951

(5-5) Coach: Wallace Butts Captain: Claude Hipps





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

Doc AyersGene LittletonRoy BetsillBill McKennyDave BrownJim McCulloughJohn CoramDanny MitchellBobby GreenLouis RobertsGeorge GuislerJake ScottHarry Hudson



# Drew Butler helps student-athletes cash in

Drew Butler was recently featured in the Atlanta Business Chronicle for their "Executive Profile" - as he is now leading the collegiate division for Icon Source, an on-demand digital marketplace that connects brands with athletes. As student-athletes are soon to be able to be compensated for their name, image, and likeness, Icon Source will provide the premier platform for brands to engage with student-athletes in a secure and transparent manner. If you own a local or regional business and want to connect with a UGA studentathlete for an endorsement opportunity, sign up on Icon Source today! www.iconsource.com



By Eric Jackson

From Atlanta Business Chronicle

Drew Butler didn't earn a dollar during his standout college football career, but he wants to help the next generation of student-athletes take advantage of opportunities he didn't have.

The world of college sports is in the midst of historic change, with studentathletes being allowed to profit from their name, image and likeness (NIL). The former University of Georgia punter wasn't sure how he would fit into today's environment, but knew he wanted to be part of the evolution.

A friend referred him to Icon Source, a digital platform where brands and athletes can meet and make business deals in a secure marketplace. Butler later connected with Chase Garrett, Icon Source founder and fellow Atlanta native, who immediately realized his passion for NIL. The Denver-based startup announced last month that Butler will head its collegiate division.

### What led you to your career?

I stayed involved in sports after I got done playing, and being in the media and digital space is something I'm really passionate about. I love college football and all sports. I've been interested in the NIL space for the past two years. I've thought about ideas on my own behalf, and when I was doing research, I came across Icon Source.

# Who is the biggest influence in your career?

I'm big in the podcast world. A guy who I always look up to and listen to often is Tim Ferriss. He has been an advisor to a lot of great start-up companies. He sees things in a way that I find very pragmatic and optimistic. But the people who really inspire me are the student-athletes. I was one. When you're on a full scholarship or play a sport in college, it's extreme privilege. But in exchange, you don't have a life of a regular student.

# What's the biggest challenge in your role?

A lot of the proposed bills that I've read say that education has to be involved at the university level and we 100% totally agree with that. Student-athletes are going to be offered a lot of opportunities for compensation. The universities and administrations should be responsible

for educating them on financial literacy and rule changes. The biggest question right now is how wide is the web going to spread (outside of NIL compensation)?

# What do you hope will be the most rewarding part of this role?

I heard an interview with SEC commissioner Greg Sankey and NIL compensation was a big topic. He said he hoped the government on a federal level provided a common platform for competition, because that's what college athletics is all about. When I heard that, a lightbulb went off because that's what Icon Source is. We're a digital marketplace where all student-athletes of any school or sport can have a living profile and all brands can engage with them. We're the platform that Sankey is looking for.

# What's the hardest business lesson you've learned?

You have to be agile, especially in this industry, where things are seemingly changing every single day. The biggest advantage from the Icon Source standpoint is that it is software. When you're (a) software (company), you can make those moves quickly and create changes that people want to see to be most effective. If they want to see X, Y, or Z, then we can just change it and allow the adaptation to enhance what they need. We'll be fluid with the industry.

# How would you describe your NCAA experience?

Mine was fantastic. I think that says a lot about the University of Georgia. I played for coach (Mark) Richt. He was an absolutely unbelievable head coach. His integrity is unmatched. You look at what some of these coaches dealt with over the last five years, that never happened with Coach Richt. The University of Georgia, in general, the support they have for their student athletes, everything is at your fingertips. They empower them and provide the road map.



# Do you ever think about the money you could've made as a student-athlete?

I was a punter. I did have success and won some accolades. Surely I could've capitalized but I think more about teammates of mine. (Former UGA quarterback) Aaron Murray, who is my co-host on (the podcast) "Punt & Pass," is the SEC's all-time leader in touchdowns and passing yardage. He would've made a boatload of money. There's no question that somebody like him, who set every record in the book, would've made a lot of money.

# Are you concerned that the NCAA will manage to keep most of its amateurism rules intact?

(NCAA) wants to uphold amateurism

while allowing student-athletes to profit from their names, image and likeness. I don't think anybody wants to do away with amateurism and create employee/employer relationships. I don't think student-athletes want that if they truly knew everything that would come after that. The NCAA punted the issue in January but the time is now to make it happen.

# How do you plan to balance this leadership role with consulting and podcasting?

Icon Source is No. 1 and there's no doubt about it. Fortunately, what I did in my consulting business is a lot of what I'm doing now. That's reaching out to people and talking to them and providing education on what Icon

Source is. It's just understanding what you have available at your fingertips when this rule changes.

# Have you have conversations with UGA yet?

I've talked to UGA and multiple colleges. Again, those conversations are basically, "Here's what Icon Source does." The advantage for Icon Source is that we tell them, "We're going to work independently from you and aren't asking for a five-year, \$5 million contract," especially after colleges lost \$30 (million) to \$50 million in 2020. It's not what we are doing. If they trust Icon Source and see we're a safe and transparent marketplace, they can guide their student-athletes to (us).





## **FEATURED LETTERMAN**

Travis M Stroud (1994-95-96-97)

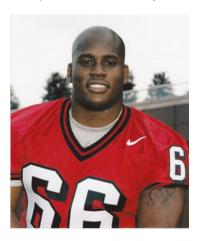
Even though it has been almost 25 years since Travis Stroud last suited up for the Dawgs, he still has great memories and lifelong friendships with his teammates. Travis has built a special life for himself outside of football. He is married to Nikki Stroud and they have two children, Travis Stroud II (15) and Peyton Stroud (12). He is the Human Capital & Management Consultant for Quest Development and has just embarked on a new career as a Licensed Realtor for Virtual Property Realty. Travis keeps busy with his community serving as a Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl Student Academic Advisor

and a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated and NMAFI: New World Martial Arts Fitness Institute. Travis is also a former Sports Leadership Arts & Management Academy (SLAM) Inaugural Charter School Board Member and an In-Active Member National Sales Network – Atlanta Chapter. In his spare time, Travis enjoys cooking, playing Texas Hold-Em, trading crypto currencies, and traveling. Travis graciously took time to answer some questions for us.



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

I have a lot of fond memories while attending UGA. I can name one on the field and one off. I would have to say my fondest



off the field memory was meeting my wife on the North/South bus on the ride from Tate Center to the Coliseum. She claimed to have missed her stop at O-House and the rest is history. My fondest on the field was my true freshman year and first time entering Sanford Stadium to an enormous crowd of 90,000+fans screaming and hollering my name. I was so excited and psyched that I exhausted myself in warm ups. The game was against Tennessee and their All-American Offensive Line. I was not supposed to play this game but ended up going in mid game. I tell you one thing, playing against All-American

men as a True Freshman made me grow up fast. (LOL)...... It definitely helped me become the player I was before being plagued by injuries. Fun times!!

# Do you keep in touch with any teammates? If so, who? Do you get back to Athens much?

To name a few: Richard Seymour, Hines Ward, Robert Edwards, Marcus Stroud, Larry Brown, Juan Daniels, Matt Stinchomb, Eric Zeier, Greg Bright, Demetric Evans, Orantes Grant, Josh Mallard, Champ Bailey, Jonas Jennings, Johnny Brown, Corey Allen, Preston Hughes, Omari Hardwick, James Cornelius, Jason Ferguson, Eric Robinson, Pat Pass, Rod Perrymond, Earl Chambers, Corey Robinson, Travis Jones, Coach Kirby Smart, Gene Tootle, Glen Ford, Coach Will Muschamp, Coach Goff.... I try to be the bridge builder from guys that played in the 60's to the 2000's. Anytime I meet a letterman, I try to make a point to follow up and stay connected. I get back once or twice a year (Letterman Tailgate and Homecoming). I would love to attend more opportunities to not only come to Athens but go to all home games in a section designated for letterman. This will give us a chance to high five and cheer on our bulldogs together versus being all over the stadium. The designated section could be good for recruiting as well. This will give the recruits a first-hand look at how players leverage their relationships in life and in business. More players turn pro in fields other than NFL/MLB etc.

# What does the Football Lettermen's Club and being a 4-year letterman mean to you?

Comradeship and fellowship are necessities to life. We could not score those touchdowns or make those defensive stops as individual players. Every man was responsible for doing their part. The success we earned on the field came from blood, sweat, and tears. Good old fashion hard work. "Delayed gratification" is the phrase. We have to do more to help one another for life



after football the same way we did while running stadium steps, weight lifting, or a 10 down play. We have to help each other find our way and push through. We have to figure out the riddle of how to get our relationships to transcend the football field into the real life? The Lettermen's Club provides us the opportunity to stay connected. We are imperfect men striving for perfection even after we stop playing. The burning desire remains in all of us to be great; whether, as fathers, husbands, friends, business owners, employees, community leaders, and etc... Because of our experiences, we share a special bond. Bulldogs for life!

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

I need help, as I embark upon my new endeavor as a Licensed Realtor, please don't hesitate to spread the word on my new accomplishment as a realtor. I offer honesty, hard work, A1 customer service, knowledge, and an uncanny ability to get the job done. I take pride in nurturing relationships and creating value to any situation. I would love for all lettermen to reach out and try to meet one another to visit or do business if there is synergy to do so. We have a lot of talent amongst us. We have to realize that we are only one person away from making a major breakthrough. Let's turn OUR Lettermen's Club into an extended family.

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## 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.

Jim & Becky Baker in memory of Posey Lewis
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Jim & Becky Baker in memory of Ann McKnight
Bobby Poss, III in memory of Jake Scott
Jim Baker in memory of Doc Ayers

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Jim Massey in memory of Ken Cooper
Jim Massey in memory of Sam Mirvos
Jim Massey in memory of Frank Richter

James Roberts in memory of Jimmy Orr

Bobby Poss, III in memory of Doc Ayers

Mack & Camilla Guest in memory of Dan Blitch

Mack & Camilla Guest in memory of Kenneth Mann

Mack & Camilla Guest in memory of John Coram

Jim Baker in memory of John Coram

Jim Baker in memory of Jake Scott

Jud Guest in memory of John Coram

Jim Massey in memory of Jim McCullough

Jim Massey in memory of Bill McKenny



# **Lettermen News**

2018: Sage Hardin is moving to New York in the next few weeks and will be a Real Estate Investment Banking Analyst with Bank of America. If any other lettermen are in the area, be sure to look him up.

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2012: **John Bodin** and his wife, Allison, wanted to announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Hannah Reagan Bodin. She was born on December 11, 2020 weighing 8 lbs 11 oz and 21" long.

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1999: Hap Hines is proud to announce that his wife, Kelly Maddux Hines (ABJ 2002) was named Executive Director of the Coweta Samaritan Clinic in Newnan, GA in March 2020. The Coweta Samaritan Clinic is a non-profit, community based organization dedicated to meeting the primary healthcare needs of Coweta County adults who are uninsured and lack the financial resources to receive care elsewhere. In her role as Executive Director, Hines is responsible for the organization's strategic planning and development, business and financial management, personnel and volunteer management, fundraising, communications and public relations, and medical oversight.

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1995: **Kanon Parkman** is proud to announce that his son, Blake Parkman, signed with the University of Georgia Golf team for 2021.

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1992: **Christopher Wilson, Sr.** would like to say congratulations to his wife, Tina M. Wilson, for completing her doctoral studies. He would like to formally introduce Dr. Tina M. Wilson!

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**1980**: **Jeff Harper** is pleased to announce the arrival of his new grandson, Colson McCafferty, grandchild number 5 who was born on December 15, 2020. The parents are Ryan & Chelsea (Harper) McCafferty.

Also, his youngest daughter graduated from UGA last August and now is working in the family business as an estimator. His son, Cullen Harper, started his residency at UT Medical Center in Knoxville, TN and he and his wife, Jordan, had a baby girl in May, Josey Harper!

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1980: **Phil Kelly** and his wife, Ellen, welcomed their 2<sup>nd</sup> grandchild, Amelia Ann Bauer, to the family on March 7, 2021. She joins her big sister, Kate Elizabeth Bauer, who is now 2.

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1976: **Bucky Dilts** was recently elected to the Board of Directors for Colorado Crisis Services, (Rocky Mountain Crisis Partners) a statewide 24/7 telephonic crisis intervention service. They assist people experiencing mental health and/or substance abuse crises and provide assessments, stabilization, and link clients to appropriate resources. Mr. Dilts is a big supporter of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention.

Bucky is also involved with setting up a Prostate Cancer Awareness Event along with The University of Colorado Cancer Center in Denver. The event will be in September supporting National Prostate Cancer Awareness month. Bucky recently became a 10 (Ten) year Prostate Cancer Survivor earlier this year.

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1974: **Vernon Smith** earned the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Commercial Commission Award for an individual in Georgia in 2020 for Re/Max.

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1970: **Jim Massey** says, "Life has its ups and downs." He had three water disasters in the last year at the house, "Oh Well, You can't cry over spilt sewage." The street got blocked and he was the one to get the backup. It is time to smell the Roses and get out in the country side. He enjoyed seeing the 30K snow Geese that had a layover at a nearby lake in February. What a sight when they all take to the air squawking.

Jim came South after his COVID shots and enjoyed being around Athens. He had won some free nights at the Sea Farer Inn at Jekyll Island. He took George White along and they enjoyed the deserted beaches, the wildlife, and some great seafood at the Wharf Restaurant. He said that it was great to spend time with George and talk about the Good Ole Days. He is now in Hawaii with his son, Brian. They are planning to visit the four main islands and do a lot of hiking. He is planning to go to the place where Jake used to hang out. In late July, they will be going to Florida and visiting Universal Studios (Retired and Active military get a \$200 season pass. You can take others so go and enjoy. They have some new coasters.) It is then off to the Family Reunion at Mountain Lake above Greenville S.C. He is looking forward to seeing YOU ALL at the Lettermen Barbeque. Please spread the word and encourage everyone to come. Remember "Life is not a dress Rehearsal except for getting to Heaven." Please get out there, call some teammates and enjoy LIFE!

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1969: **Harrold Tarrer** is recovering from a successful heart transplant at age 73!! He received his new heart on December 15, 2020 at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, FL. He is so thankful to all for the prayers that helped him and his family get through this journey! GOD IS SO GOOD!!!! Go Dawgs!!!

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1964: Wayne Swinford and his wife, Susan, are proud to announce that they son, Aubrey James (Jay) Swinford graduated Tulane Medical School on May 22, 2021 in New Orleans, LA. He will do his residency as a general surgeon in Los Angeles, California. Wayne said, even though he is smart, he is still a Swino.

1958: **Jimmy Sealy** is proud to announce that his granddaughter, Charley Jace Sealy, graduated from the University of Georgia on May 13, 2021. His other granddaughter, Liza Sealy, will enter the University of Georgia this fall as one of the UGA Dancing Dawgs. He is a very proud POP!



# Flashback: Who Remembers the Whole Story?

DATE: JUNE 2, 1980 SUBJECT: Pig Incident Freshmen involved and interviewed: Do Dawy Pussell Tim Case Scott Campbell Mitch Mullis John Lastinger Kevin Jackson Chris McCarthy Richard Singleton Jody Tanner - Manager Judson Guest - Manager Andy Chapman - Manager Brian Welsh - Walk-on The story - generally confirmed by all: Eleven in Mullis truck - front seat - Mullis, Campbell, Jac ann. All others in back. Truck is leaving Poss' Pig is hanging from tree Somebody (most don't know - some suggest Tanner or Guest) says, "Lets get the pig". All seem to agree - good idea. Truck backs up. Campbell cuts pig down from tree. Pig consists of head and body skin. (Evidently all had to "kiss the pig" earlier). One says Guest, Tanner and Campbell load the pig in truck, (others are not sure who put pig in truck) Truck leaves Poss' w/ pig and eleven. Drive down Atlanta Highway and down Milledge Avenue, then to Brumby and into Brumby parking lot. Pig is hanging over tailgate. Nobody knows who let the tailgate down. Somebody opened tailgate latch. Pig falls into parking lot in front of Brumby. Only spectators were a boy and girl. Nobody threw pig



## IDENTIFY. ENGAGE. RECRUIT.

Letterman Al Story (1991) served in The Secret Service for 23 years. He said, "Aside from my time at The University of Georgia, my time spent as a Secret Service Agent allowed me to experience people, places and events which I could have only imagined. I truly loved pretty much every minute of it." If you are age 21-37, there is a job opportunity for you with The Secret Service. For more information on applying, visit:

Special Agent Link: https://go.usa.gov/xAtrh

Uniformed Division Link: https://go.usa.gov/xGvEC

If you interested and would like more information, Al would be happy to meet with you. His email address is altonstory17@gmail.com.



Lettermen John Smith (1972) and Philip Kelly (1980) along with Kevin Teston and Thomas Kilpatrick represented the Augusta Bulldog Club and presented a Georgia plaque to Linda McCall and her family in honor of Rev. Dan McCall. Dan was a Davidson graduate and football lettermen and was an avid Georgia Football Fan and good friend of Coach Dooley.

John Smith along with Coach Dooley and Loran Smith created the Georgia plaque and it was signed by Coach Dooley as well as Augusta Bulldog Club President Thomas Kilpatrick. Dan was an Augusta Bulldog Board of Directors member for many years.



# **Cris Carpenter - The Greatest Specialist**

By Loran Smith

**GAINESVILLE** — A goodly number of Georgians know this seat of Hall County as the "Poultry Capital of the World," but likely don't know, as well as many residents, that the city's original name was, "Mule Camp Springs."

That could well be the most appreciated name change in our state's history. Gainesville prides itself on its versatility and progressive lifestyle along with its sports heritage, among other points of pride. A number of accomplished athletes has sprung from these parts. Tommy Aaron won the Masters in 1973. Football is king around here in the fall, and many celebrated players have made a name for themselves with their gridiron feats: Preston Ridlehuber at Georgia, Deshaun Watson at Clemson and Billy Lothridge and Billy Martin at Georgia Tech are among the many from here with bulging scrapbooks.

Then there is Cris Carpenter, who was a record setting punter with the Bulldogs. His pitching acumen kept him in the Big Leagues for over eight years, principally with the St. Louis Cardinals. He may be the ultimate specialist to wear the Red and Black. In the mind's eye of many of us, we can see his punts soaring up, up and away at Sanford Stadium and then in the spring, his relief pitching was wrist snapping musical. He ranks 4th in career punting average as a Georgia punter (44.1) and could have punted in the National Football League. (He lost in the finals of the NFL's punt, pass and kick contest, twice. "I was okay passing and punting but kicking off a tee caused me problems," he remembers.)

"I miss football every day of my life," he continues, "but I thought baseball offered me the best opportunity and am confident I made the best decision." He played eight years, mostly with the Cardinals and Rangers but also spent brief time with the Marlins and the Brewers.

A couple of managers along the way tried to turn him into a starting pitcher, but he settled in as a relief pitcher and finished his big league career with an earned run average of 3.91, winning 27 games in relief and posting 252 career strikeouts. He often returns to St. Louis where he was warmly received as a Cardinal alumnus.

"I happened to have been drafted (first round) by one of the best franchises in baseball. Everything about the organization is first class. St. Louis is known for having the greatest fans. The Cardinals have won more World Series championships than anybody but the Yankees. There is great pride in being a Cardinal. They really treat their former players with great

respect. It is a good feeling to return to St. Louis for a weekend series."

Good feelings also ensue when he enjoys a football game between the hedges. "I can remember taking the field that first time. It was overwhelming. Playing before 82,000 fans prepared me for big crowds in major league baseball. I was so fortunate to be able to play two sports in college and the excitement of Saturday afternoon between the hedges is something I never felt in any other sport," Chris recalls.

He married his high school sweetheart Jane Livingston and knew that when his baseball career ended, he would return to Gainesville where he embarked on a second career, coaching and teaching. When he retires from teaching, he will benefit from the state teacher retirement system. With his MLB retirement package, the best in professional sports, he can enjoy the laid back living of Gainesville with fall Saturday opportunities in Athens along with an occasional trip to St. Louis for a Budweiser, a Cardinal game and recall of his days in the sun as a big leaguer.

Travel has always ranked high with Carpenter family planning. Instead of the familiar Christmas gifts, he and Jane gave their offspring trips which has included international stops, which they believe enhances learning and the educational experience. Their kids bought in, early on, and couldn't wait to learn about the next destination.

While he was a great admirer of the Atlanta pitching superstars of his era—Smoltz, Glavine and Maddux, taking notes when they were pitching—he never had a secret desire to play in Atlanta. "I couldn't have afforded all the tickets I would have needed. As it was when the Cardinals played the Braves in Atlanta, I had to request about 40 tickets from our traveling secretary, C. J. Cherre, who now lives in Athens." Then he smiled and said, "You know I think I only gave up one run in Atlanta in my entire career. So I did okay."

Among his Georgia memories is the influence of his Bulldog baseball coach, Steve Webber. "He was a ground breaker, maybe the first coach in the SEC to have a closer and that turned out to be me. He remains one of the best friends I have ever had."

When recalling his past, he often reflects on the view of the late Bulldog coach Erk Russell with an insightful twist. "There's nothing like being a Bulldog on Saturday night and there's nothing like playing baseball with the St. Louis Cardinals."



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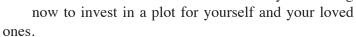
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