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Letter from the President

Dear Lettermen,

As we enter into November for the final games of our own Coach Kirby Smart's first season, it is really a privilege to have a former letterman at the top and to see all the little things that are being done correctly as well as the big ones. As in the business world, this will pay huge dividends for the Bulldog nation in the future.

As usual, Jim Baker out did himself at our Lettermen's Tailgate. Thank you to Jim and his entire crew including cooks, food servers, bartenders, tea & lemonade servers and all others that helped. Congratulations to our Ole Faithful Dawg recipient this year-Norma Haynes. She is a most deserving and loyal bulldog and seemed to enjoy her day in Athens. Have a wonderful holiday season and Go Bulldogs!!

Sincerely,

Mack H. Guest, III



Important Dates to Remember

February 16-18, 2017

Frostbite Reunion
Jekyll Island Club Hotel

April 19, 2017

Board Meeting
UGA Lettermen's Club

April 20, 2017

28th Annual Vince Dooley Open
Athens Country Club

April 21, 2017

28th Annual Hartman-Dukes Classic
Athens Country Club

April 22, 2017

Wally's Boys Breakfast
Athens Country Club

Alumni Flag Football Game

G-Day Game
Sanford Stadium

August 12, 2017

Board Meeting
Lettermen's Club

September 16, 2017

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



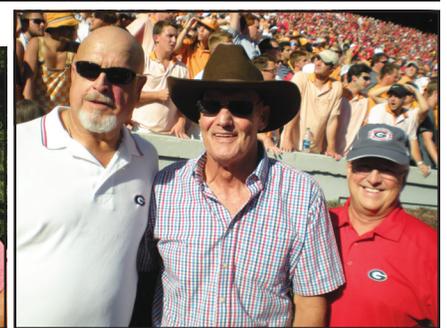
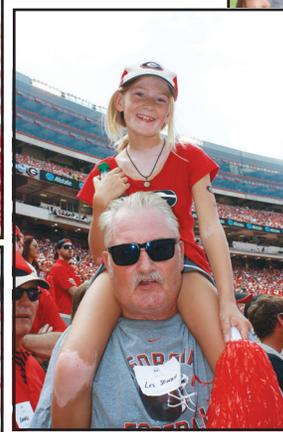


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Lettermen's Reunion

What a great time we had on September 10, 2016 at the Lettermen's Tailgate and Reunion! As always, we had a fantastic turn out of lettermen and their families who enjoyed delicious food and wonderful fellowship with each other. This event wouldn't be possible without all of the hard work of Jim Baker and his entire crew. Thank you to all of you for making this a huge success.

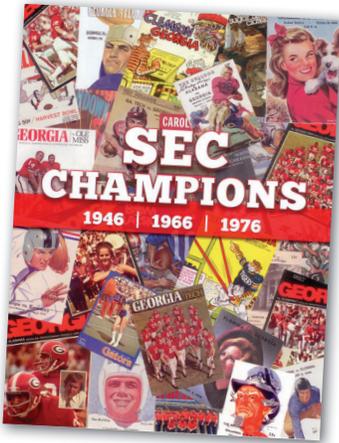






SEC Championship Reunion

Friday, September 30th and Saturday, October 1st were 2 great days for our 1946, 1966, 1976 SEC Champions. On Friday night, these teams were treated to a fabulous dinner and program at the Athens Country Club where they reminisced about the good ole days. Then on Saturday, they were honored at halftime of the UGA vs. Tennessee game. It was great to have these lettermen back on the field at Sanford Stadium.



Tailgating in Jacksonville

Several lettermen recently enjoyed Kevin "Catfish" Jackson's tailgate at the annual Georgia-Florida football game. In attendance but not pictured were Andy Loy, Paul Messer, Joe Creamons, and Philip Kelly.



Kevin Jackson and Donald Trump, Jr.



Mack Guest and Jack Davis



Mack Guest, Donald Trump, Jr., Kevin Jackson, Mike Cavan, Jack Davis



Peter Anderson and Donald Trump, Jr.

Tailgating Fun!



Pictured are: Letterman Chris Hammond '69-'73 along with Archie Honeycutt (l), grandson of Letterman Robert Honeycutt '69 - '72. Son of Jake Honeycutt, Letterman at Air Force Academy and Croix Shearer (rt), son of Brent Shearer, UGA player 2004-2005

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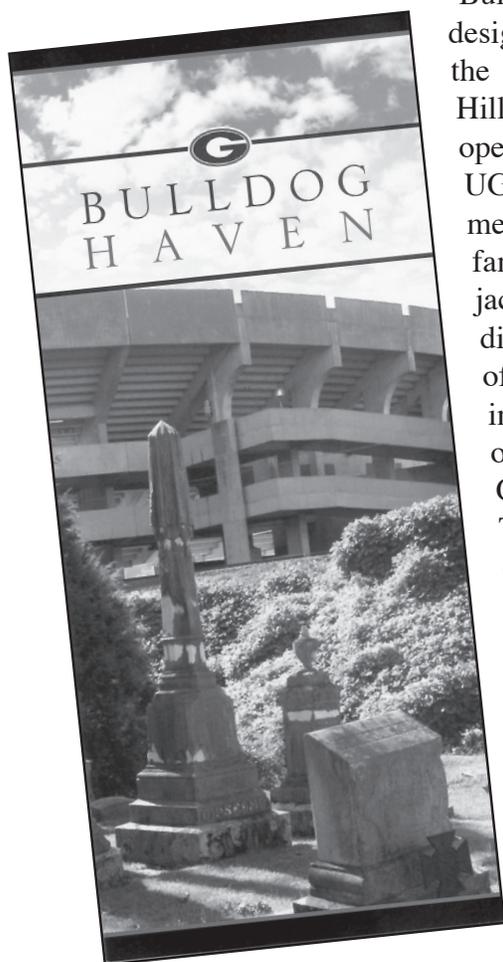
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As UGA football lettermen, we take immense pride in the University of Georgia and its traditions. To continue the University's exceptional heritage, the UGA Football Lettermen's Club has started a new tradition among those for who UGA has been more 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 Sexton Brian Adler at 706.543.6262.



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2016 “OLE FAITHFUL DAWG”

On September 10, 2016, the Georgia Football Lettermen’s Club was pleased to recognize **Norma Haynes** of Newnan, GA as our 2016 Ole Faithful Dawg. The presentation took place at halftime of the UGA vs. Nicholls State football game. 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 throughout their time.



Norma Haynes

Written by her daughter, Elizabeth Homer

Norma Chapman Haynes has been a rabid Bulldog fan and supporter since the 1950s. She held season tickets to the games until her husband, J.T. Haynes, Jr., became ill at which time she was unable to attend the games, but she continued watching every game, not missing a one. She was known in Newnan as Mrs. Bulldog and even received some mail addressed only to “Norma Bulldog Newnan, Georgia”. Her devotion to the Bulldogs led her to take over the hosting and arranging for the annual stops when the Bulldogs traveled from Athens to Auburn. She provided food and drinks for the players and coaches during their rest stops in Newnan. During those times, parents took their children out of school so that they could see a real Bulldog player. Crowds gathered and welcomed and cheered on their beloved Dogs, and this provided an opportunity for men, women, and children to be able to see their favorite players when some were never able to attend a game in person. She presided as President of the Newnan Coweta Bulldog Club for many years and worked diligently with the fans and the coaches who came to speak. While attending the home games, she and several of the Bulldog Faithful tailgated outside McWhorter Hall where the players were housed. They provided food and fellowship for the players who gathered to enjoy their good food and great support. She formed some lasting friendships with these young players and still corresponds with many of them today. Not only does she continue to love and support the football players, but she keeps close contact with the UGA Golf Team which is coached by Chris Haack. As a youngster of 12 years, Coach Haack played golf with his mother and Norma. Norma claims to have taught him the game! Her Bulldog room in her home is full of mementos of her great passion for the Georgia Bulldogs. She has always said that Athens is God’s Country.

We are so fortunate to have such a delightful and enthusiastic Ole Faithful Dawg!! Below is an email from Norma that we received after her recognition.

This memory is engraved on my heart. I still cannot believe that it happened to ME. I felt humbled and undeserving, but I can tell you one thing—I would not have given it up for the whole world! I still wake up in the middle of the night asking myself if it was a dream or not and reliving walking out on that hallowed field on which all of you actually played! God blessed me beyond anything I could ever have asked. Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you.



Norma Haynes, *con't.*

Hap Hines is here in Newnan, and I told him that we absolutely must start the stopover again next year when UGA travels to the Cow Pasture! He is going to try to convince Kirby. I have access to every security person I need to protect the coaches and the players, and they are at my disposal. The Mayor has asked me to try to get that great tradition going again, and if the Lord is willing, that is going to be my purpose. If any of you ever come to Newnan, please, please contact me and let me treat you to a Redneck Dog or a Sprayberry's Cue! LOVE YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

God Bless America
Norma

“OLE FAITHFUL DAWG” Award Recipients

2016	Norma Haynes	Newnan, GA
2015	Charles Seiler & Family	Savannah, GA
2014	Charlie Horton	Athens, GA
2013	Claude McBride	Athens, GA
2012	Tom Oglesby	Elberton, GA
2011	Claude Williams	Athens, GA
2010	Jack Davis	St. Simons Island, GA
2009	Lewis Gainey	Athens, GA
2008	Tom Murphy	Atlanta, GA
2007	Dick Copas	Athens, GA
2006	Aaron Cohn Richard Hecht	Columbus, GA Columbus, GA
2005	Judd Farr	Greenville, SC
2003	Dan Whitmire	Atlanta, GA
2002	Lamar T. Wansley	Athens, GA
2001	Candler Meadors	Athens, GA
1999	John Terrell	Athens, GA
1998	Bill Bruckner	Atlanta, GA
1997	Bogger Selley	Albany, GA
1996	Herschel Scott	Monroe, GA



Circle of Honor

John Little (1983-84-85-86) will be inducted into the University of Georgia Circle of Honor on February 11, 2017 at the Tate Center. Congratulations to John on this prestigious honor.



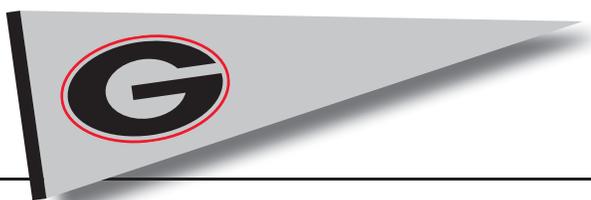
L to R: Todd Williams, John Little, JoJo Walker

UGA Alumni Association 40 Under 40 Class of 2016

Congratulations to **Thomas Davis** (2002-04), **Steven Herndon** (1996-1999), **Benjamin Watson** (2001-2003), and **Will Witherspoon** (1998-2001) who were named to the University of Georgia Alumni Association 40 under 40 Class of 2016.

Georgia – Florida Hall of Fame

On Friday, October 28, 2016, **Marcus Stroud** (1997-2000) and **Scott Woerner** (1977-1980) were inducted into the Georgia-Florida Hall of Fame in Jacksonville. Congratulations to these two outstanding lettermen!





Scott Woerner

Latest Bulldog To Enter College Football Hall of Fame

By Loran Smith

One day, a few generations from now, a Woerner family bard will relate to eager listeners the legend of a famous family athlete who not only won citations by the dozens, but was also an adventurer who smacked of Renaissance trimmings, especially when it came to the outdoors.

The warts will not be swept aside, but by the time the stolen pig episode in the Georgia Bulldogs' 1980 national championship season is recalled at family gatherings, it will be told with the greatest of humor and levity. The incident will be no more than a college prank. Come to think of it, that was all it was anyway, except for the fact that the stolen pig, the centerpiece of the story, happened to be a prized swine from the University agricultural research farm.

If you recall, Woerner and others stole the MVP pig for a spring barbecue for the football team. They lost their scholarships and had to paint the practice field wall, a disciplinary measure that, they later said, led to a bonding that led to the national title.

All historians who recall Scott Woerner's classic football career at the University of Georgia will have material galore to relate to their audience. Woerner was a big play man par excellence. His performances sometimes have been subordinated to that of his teammate Terry Hoage and Davey Pollack, but for making big plays that won or impacted the outcome of games that led to championships, it's hard to beat the resume of No. 19.

Woerner-the-Returner played for a Wallace Butts disciple, Weyman Sellers, at Jonesboro and was headed to Texas where the family tree had deep roots, but on the day of his official visit to the campus, the heralded coach, Darrell Royal, resigned. First for the bad news (for Texas), Woerner decided he didn't want to be a Longhorn after all. The good news, he soon would soon be singing "Glory to Ole' Georgia" and preparing to play between the hedges.

There never was a time when Woerner was a miscreant. When boys will be boys, Woerner sometimes enjoyed the fun, but he was never a troublemaker except for opposing team offenses. He was a serious student, he loved competing and when all-star rolls were posted, his name was usually included.

Today, there is a lot of then and now to his life. Back then, he was an avid hunter. He has more wildlife trophies than he can count. When he takes a shot involving a deer today, it is with his camera. There was a time when he could hit a coin dozens of yards away with his bow and arrow. As it was in football, he seldom missed. Naturally, no bucks are ever aware of who is after them while they are after a doe in heat. If they were aware of Scott's presence, they would have passed on the rut. He was that good. The buck population in North Georgia should be increasing with Scott having traded his bow for a camera.

The camera is his constant companion when he goes traipsing about the woods near Sautee where he lives. He's a schoolteacher with affection for many subjects. One of his loves is traveling. He and his wife, Marianne, often take off for France, a place that excites him as much as the North Georgia Mountains when fall color comes to his neighborhood. Bet you never realized this gifted athlete was a Francophile! A European aficionado!

Talk with him about any subject and you realize that he has an inquiring mind. All too many football players have a one-track mind—the National Football League. Woerner wanted to do that, too, and he would have flourished with a half step more of speed. Not having a Sunday resume to go with his other trophies was no reason, however, why he couldn't enjoy life and small town living, which is exactly what is going on with him today.

He played the game well enough to make All-America. He wears a national championship ring. In December, he will be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. He will have a *notoriety* plaque, which will be the focal point of his wall display at his home in Sautee.

What it represents is what means to most. Competitors appreciate singular standing with their peers. When he got the news a few months ago, you could tell he was overwhelmed. On the phone he was resigned rather than euphoric. You could sense that he was savoring the moment, but everything was trumped by recurring humility. "I'm really in disbelief," he said.

"When it sinks in, you realize how fortunate you are," said Woerner. "You just don't expect to be in that group. I really don't know what to say, except thanks."

Modesty not vanity is a Woerner tradition. It wasn't long before his teammates learned about the good news and began singing his praises. Woerner always enjoyed special relationships with those with whom he lined up at kickoff, those who huddled up with him. He was forever the team player, a selfless and modest star who never left anything on the field.

Isolate his big plays and it would make a stunning highlight film, video if you want to be in step with the times. I can see him snatching balls from an offensive player's grasp. I can see him in his slashing style, avoid a would-be tackler and with the greatest of alacrity, gallop to the end zone post haste.

Great athletes have a compactness that makes admirers take note. There is nothing gangly, disjointed or loose about them. They are fluid, resolute and blessed with the greatest of propitiousness. It is second nature for them to be in the right place at the right time.

When we replay his career, we swoon to the highlights. Any appraiser would contend that there were good days and great days, but this is one athlete whom you could give the appellation NEVER HAD A BAD DAY, and you would likely be correct.

Memory lane would include: In 1977, as a freshman, he had 190 yards in returns and a 100-yard kickoff return was called back;

Scott Woerner, *cont.*

In 1978, a key interception to set up a score versus Georgia Tech and a 72 yard punt return which was a critical score in the same game (on another punt return situation, he fielded the kick, was knocked unconscious but held on to the ball); In 1979, he returned an interception for a score in the Wake Forest game, but doesn't count that one as a big play, "because we lost the dadgum game." Against Clemson that year, he had one of his best days, as the Dawgs' defense held the Tigers to a single score.

Then came 1980 when the Bulldogs, even with Herschel Walker in the backfield, could not generate any offense, but Woerner saved the day: a 67-yard punt return for a TD; a 98-yard interception return to set up Buck Belue's one yard score which amounted to 14 of Georgia's 20 points in a sensational 20-16 victory. In the South Carolina game, with the Gamecocks driving to take the lead, Woerner jarred the ball loose from the Gamecocks' George Rogers with Dale Carver finishing Rogers off, causing a critical fumble, which was recovered by Tim Parks. In the Sugar Bowl victory over Notre Dame, 17-10, Woerner intercepted the Irish twice. Herschel was the MVP, but Coach Vince Dooley said there should have been two such awards, one for Herschel and one for Woerner.



Considered the cornerstone of Georgia's defense in its national championship year of 1980, Scott Woerner earned consensus All-America honors that year as a defensive back and return specialist. In the Sugar Bowl win over Notre Dame, he had two interceptions.

Jimmy Payne Hardship Fund

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

28th Annual Vince Dooley Open and Hartman-Dukes Classic

The 28th Annual Vince Dooley Open and Hartman-Dukes Classic will be held on **April 20, 2017 and April 21, 2017**. Hotel reservations can be made at the **Holiday Inn** in Athens. Please call (706) 354-4433 and ask for the "**FLC/UGA Football**" group code to obtain the special rates and to be sure your reservation gets in the assigned block of rooms. The room rate will range from \$102.00-\$122.00 per night. **Athens Country Club** will be our host for the tournaments.

2017 Frostbite Golf Tournament

The 2017 Frostbite Tournament will be held at the Jekyll Island Club Hotel from **February 16th- 18th**. The price is \$202.00 per person per day, which includes accommodations, room tax, gratuities, green fees, cart, breakfast, and dinner. For reservations, please call 1-800-535-9547. This is a member-guest, and all are welcome. It is a scramble format. If anyone has questions, call Chris Hammond at 229-392-4406.



Kirby Smart

Bulldog Back Directing the Program

By Loran Smith

Homecoming!

Churches have always scheduled homecomings and colleges annually host homecomings. I suppose that many organizations and clubs embrace some sort of function which welcomes back individuals or groups to something or other at some point during the year.

If you grew up in the South in the last century, more than likely you were exposed to a church which picked a summer day when the crops were laid by for a homecoming, welcoming back neighbors and old friends who grew up in the community and made good elsewhere—doing something substantial that moved them to a higher station in life. Their presence evoked curiosity, often accompanied by envy.

Homecoming games in college football date back. Researchers have noted that Harvard and Yale began inviting alumni to return to campus in the 1870s. Baylor, Illinois and Missouri have laid claim to being the first at making homecoming premeditated and official, annually. Whatever it was that took place for those three schools happened around 1910.

Georgia's first homecoming, according to UGA's Gilbert Head came about Nov. 18, 1922 versus Vanderbilt. The first homecoming parade was in 1934 against N.C. State. Coeds were allowed to join in the main parade in 1936.

Today, being Homecoming on the Georgia campus, is a special time for the Georgia aficionados who embrace the new football regime of Kirby Smart who is too busy today with coaching up his football team -- which has enjoyed the euphoria of victory and the sting of defeat--to concern himself with the ramifications of Homecoming.

To be emphatically correct, his official homecoming came about in December when he was hired by Greg McGarity to become Georgia's 28th head coach. He is one of six undergraduates who have enjoyed the honor of becoming the UGA football boss: Charles Herty, M.M. Dickinson, Kid Woodruff, Johnny Griffith and Ray Goff.

Already something singular has developed in his brief tenure. He is a first-name Bulldog personality. Dating back, head football coaches have traditionally been identified with title and surname: Coach Mehre, Coach Butts, Coach Dooley.

With the current director of football at UGA, it is simply Kirby. With his competency and promise, he could become another icon whose first name dominates as in Herschel rather than Herschel Walker. Heroes of the gridiron in the past, players and coaches, usually were known by their last names: Sinkwich and Trippi. Sapp and Tarkenton. The exceptions were those with overpowering nicknames as in "Catfish" Smith. Catfish was known far and wide including with one New York newspaper, which headlined his feat of scoring of all the points in Georgia's dedicatory game with Yale in 1929, "Catfish 15-0, Yale 0."

Kirby! It feels right. It connects. And resonates, given his successful coaching background.

To assess his budding career, you learn from looking into his past that there is a significant coaching pedigree. His father, Sonny Smart, coached Kirby at Bainbridge in Southwest Georgia. Sonny never yearned for his son to follow in his footsteps and now that Kirby has reached exalted status as a coach at a major university in the most dominant league in college football the last 20 years, he will not relive his life through his son. Sonny is happily ensconced in the background. There is no coaching from the sideline in this family, but if Kirby wants advice when it comes to serious football matters, he knows where to turn. Sonny's ambition for Kirby, however, is as keen as Kirby's when it comes to aspiring for championship success to become the focal point of the Kirby Smart legacy.

In addition to growing up in a coaching household, which allowed for a close up view of how football must become family—like family at home—Kirby, by absorption learned about the immaturity of youth and how it affects a team. He became familiar with the significance of discipline and learned that kids are motivated differently. There is one uncompromising staple: If there is success, you must pay the price, and everybody must buy in to the larger objectives of the team.



Most of all, no coach has ever prepared himself better to become a head coach. When he was waiting in the wings, Kirby learned the value of patience. He didn't jump at any job. While, he did not have a grand scheme to return to his alma mater, he knew what he wanted in becoming a head coach. Georgia fit all the criteria. He evaluated other schools, other programs, other coaches—but most of all, he was learning about how an elite program is managed while apprenticing under the most successful coach in the land in Nick Saban. Kirby lived success with Saban and formulated plan and philosophy, which is, understandably, devoutly Sabanese. However, he will tell you that he has approached his life as the head Bulldog by "being his own man." He is aware that iconic coaches, more often than not, spawn failed coaching careers.

Kirby's respect for Saban is lofty and abiding. "The most valuable thing I learned is how to run an organization from top to bottom; being demanding of people in the organization and expecting that they all perform at a certain level and a certain standard, making them realize that standard does not change based on whether you win or lose. He is head and shoulders above



Kirby Smart, *cont.*

the others because of his management style and passion. The guy is relentless. He works his tail off.” Kirby is compatible with the suggestion that Saban, not taking anything away from his splendid coaching ability, may be a better recruiter than he is a coach. “I would probably agree with that,” Kirby says.

This is why you find Kirby forever in overdrive when it comes to recruiting effort. He agrees to speak to the Touchdown Club of Athens in late summer. He has no interest in social hour—just tell him what time he needs to be there for his assignment. If it is 6:30, you may see him parking his car around 6:00 p.m., but he stays inside with the cell phone to his ear. He is on the phone for business only. He’s talking to recruits. He will talk until 6:25, then go inside on time (he is very punctual) and fulfill his commitment.

While he is there, he is happy to greet well-wishers, old friends and doting alumni, but his life is compartmentalized to the extent that there are no wasted minutes. If you ask for an hour of his time and he agrees, but it works out that you stay an hour and 15 minutes, you will be reminded when you leave that the next meeting, you “owe” him 15 minutes.

That it worked out for him to return to Athens, where in addition to playing with the Dawgs, he was an assistant briefly (running backs in 2005), brings about warm appreciation. He knows his alma mater offers championship opportunity and that not to win championships would be under achieving. He knows what it takes to win and finds Georgia up to speed in most every category except one: Facilities.

He told a select group of donors in Atlanta in the summer, “We (coaching staff) may be able to out recruit and out coach some of the schools on our schedule, but we can’t out facility people.” Translation, Georgia is behind in facilities everywhere except, perhaps, Sanford Stadium proper. He wants to see the West End zone expansion (new locker rooms, recruiting, catering and player lounges among other advanced features, come about sooner than later. “The things we need will make a big difference when we get them,” he has said.

At Alabama, when Kirby reviewed game tape of opponents, he saw which teams were the best coached, those which underscored teaching, discipline and were imbued with affection for fundamentals. Long before “Mama” called, he had a general idea of who the best assistants in the conference were. He had a potential staff conjured up in his head while he was working to improve himself as an assistant.

He is a Georgia boy with a Georgia education. Nothing finer, the late Dean of Men, William Tate, preached about that. Everything is in place for a bountiful career. He has feeling and respect for his past. He loves Bainbridge and South Georgia from whence he came. He loves his native state and connects with every county through recruiting. When he drives the back roads recruiting in South Georgia, he reminisces with a nostalgic buzz. “That’s cool,” he said about those times on the road, enveloped by the solace of the drive. Silence, however is never golden as he motors through the countryside. His cell phone is always connected to the cell phone of others from recruits to parents to coaches. When there is a break, he’ll check in at home and catch up with old friends—the beauty of technology.

Love of alma mater is deep and unending. Early on, he became a Bulldog fan, but in his formative years were all about “Friday Night Lights,” his heroes all played for the Bainbridge Bearcats. His time was the late Eighties, following the Herschel era. Signed by Ray Goff, he lettered four years (1995-98) and was elected a defensive captain his senior season, evidence that his ability to lead was manifesting itself. His coach for three seasons, Jim Donnan says, “Kirby was a coach on the field for our defense besides being a very good athlete at free safety. His leadership during the transition from the previous staff to mine was very instrumental in our success. He topped his all-conference play by being named a captain—the ultimate reward for any team member. His thorough knowledge of the state, relationship with high school coaches and endless energy in recruiting will pay big dividends.”

There were highlights as a Bulldog safety including making three sacks against South Carolina between the hedges in 1995 and two interceptions in the Florida game in 1997 in a 37-17 Bulldog victory. Interestingly, there are no photos on the wall and no scrapbooks to peruse—but indelible in his mind’s eye. This reflects that he is not about himself. “The team!” is his mantra.

At Georgia, there were no championships, but three bowl games and countless friendships, which have endured. (Throughout his coaching career he has kept in touch with his old friends).

Any story about his college years without reference to his Terry College degree would make the story incomplete. He is proud of the degree, naturally. An offspring of teachers, (he still hears his mother, Sharon, reminding him to read more books), who have always influenced him to embrace the importance of schoolwork has brought about a residual as a coach. He passionately explains to the players he recruits that a degree is not only important, but is achievable by underscoring the same basics that enables success to come about on the field—it all begins with discipline and hard work.

Those who know him best would conclude that he has a coach’s mindset, the ultimate due diligent aficionado who is always prepared and considers all the angles. Fueled by a dedicated work ethic, enhanced by perpetual enthusiasm and seasoned judgment, his courtship with Mary Beth Lycett confirms the above is ever present in his makeup.

When she was being recruited by Andy Landers out of Morrow High School, she remembers seeing him play between the hedges, Nov. 15, 1997. On that bitterly cold day, she had no idea who wore No. 16 was or what he did on that field when the Bulldog defense was being overwhelmed by giving up 45 points to Auburn. You have to fast forward to learn how they became permanently linked.



Kirby Smart, *cont.*

They became acquainted when she joined the business office of the Athletic Association after graduation and he showed up to coach the Bulldog running backs in 2005. He “checked her out,” by doing his own scouting report by consulting with the Lady Dawg basketball staff. Their relationship was harmonious from the start.

When asked about Kirby, she comes forth with a laudable and reverential assessment. “I just don’t see how anybody could work any harder than he does. Still, he finds time for family. He is really honest with everybody. He is that way with me and the kids. There is not a lot of time for us, understandably, during the season and that stretches right on into recruiting. He is passionate about recruiting as he is about anything. He knows recruiting is where success begins.

“Even so, I have seen him during his busiest time stay on the phone trying to help friends in coaching with their job search. He reaches out on their behalf. His friends are really important to him. That is why he has kept in touch with his buddies from his Georgia days.

“He is really close to his parents and his family. Family has always been important to him. He is as excited as I am about my grandmother (Madelle Malcom) who is coming to the Vandy game, her first time to see Georgia play. She considers him her grandson.

“Kirby dotes on our kids (twins Weston and Julia, and Andrew) and a highlight of the year is when he takes the family snow skiing after recruiting is over.”

On coming back “home,” Mary Beth, who was a four-year letter winner and a two-year starter for the Lady Dawg basketball team, found the situation surreal. “He had turned down other opportunities, wanting to make sure that he made the best decision -- trying to make sure he waited for the right job -- but we never planned for it to be Georgia. That it worked out has made us very, very happy.”

Having competed on the college level, she considers that an asset which enables her to understand the rigors of being a head coach who has to endure stress and pressure and the vicissitudes in the life of today’s celebrated athletes whose heads are easily turned with the fame and potential fortune that surrounds them.

His office reveals that he is a busy man, with neat stacks of papers arranged to accommodate his requirements for the day. There are artifacts of his playing and coaching careers: photo art of him huddling with his teammates at Georgia, family photos, a couple of Steve Penley paintings (in his outer office), game ball from Alabama college football playoff victory, a photo of him and his parents on Senior Day when he would play his last game in Sanford Stadium. Most prominent is his framed diploma from the Terry College of Business.

There is also his diploma from Florida State where he earned a Masters degree as a graduate assistant member of Bobby Bowden’s staff and his trophy as winner of the 2009 Broyles Award as winner of the Assistant Coach of the Year.

Outside his office are a photo display of his signature accomplishments (4 time National Champion, 5 time SEC champion, 7 time SEC divisional champion) and an action photo of Mary Beth in Lady Dawg uniform. A loyal Bulldog and Georgia graduate, he is proud of his wife’s being a letter winner at his alma mater.

All this reflects accomplishment and the right fit to take Georgia to a consistent championship level. He never takes things for granted, however. Always reaching for the prize, he is comfortable with the expectations that hover around him.

Homecoming for him becomes real when Georgia wins a championship and makes an annual appearance in the Georgia Dome. No Bulldog of any status expects more of Kirby Smart than Kirby himself.

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2009: Jacob Hawk and his wife, Savanna, are excited to welcome their first child, Scarlett Georgia Hawk to Bulldogery. She was born on March 22, 2017.

Email Address: jacobshawk@gmail.com

2007: Justin Lyles and his wife would like to announce the birth of their second son, Timothy Justin Lyles, born on the 4th of July. Mom and baby are doing great, and older brother Zeke is loving his new role.

Email Address: jlyles03@gmail.com

2003: Sean Rivas and his wife, Kristi, moved from man-to-man to a zone defense. They welcomed their third child into the world, Andrew William Rivas, on May 5th of this year.

Email Address: srivas980@gmail.com

2002: Matt Adcock and his wife, Brandy, would like to announce the birth of their first child. Emery Elizabeth Adcock was born August 22nd in Athens.

Email Address: mattwadcock@yahoo.com

2001: Richard Hamilton is excited to share the birth of his new son, Richard Price Hamilton Jr., who was born on April 17, 2016.

Email Address: valarious@gmail.com

1990: Jeff Chambers, along with Harry "Tripp" Wingate, have opened Urgent Care of Oconee located in Watkinsville in the Publix Shopping Center. They are open 7 days a week so any lettermen in need of medical care while they are in town are welcome to stop by and see them.

Email Address: jchamberspa@bellsouth.net

1984: Steve Lammert states that after practicing Internal Medicine in Marietta, GA for 23 years, he is now joining Hawthorne Medical Associates in Athens as of August 2016. He and his wife, Laurie, have two sons. Josh is a senior at Kennesaw State and played a year of football at Birmingham Southern. Luke is a junior at UGA who is following his father in the student athletic training department and plans to attend physical therapy school upon his UGA graduation.

Email Address: slammert@earthlink.net

1974: John Gurley Inc has been selected by Custommobility.net to build marketing associations within the Southeast Regional Automotive Dealership Community. Custom Mobility is an Athens based company and is a Certified Braun Mobility Dealer.

Email Address: john.b.gurley@outlook.com

1970: Jim Massey is running for the 87th district of PA legislature for a seat in the house after being put on the ballot as a result of a write-in campaign. His wife, Madelyn, has stage four breast cancer. She is responding to hormonal treatment and has good results on the latest scans. Prayers and thoughts are appreciated. Jim would like to thank Jerry Varnado for his Old Dawg blog. It brings back tremendous memories as well as gets one fired up for this week's game. Jerry keep up the great work with the blog and your ministry.

Email Address: jmassey22@verizon.net

1969: Phil Russell wants to wish his grandson, "little Phillip Ohara," a Happy Birthday. He was born on 11-11-11.

Email Address: russellphip8881@gmail.com

1968: Stuart Mosher is proud to announce that his grandson, Tal Mosher, recently was recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation as a Patriotic American Hero by The American Legion Riders. Tal was the 4th grade winner of his school's Veterans Day poster contest. Tal used an analogy of super heroes in speaking about veterans during his presentation, and his theme was "Heroes Don't Wear Capes... They Wear Dog Tags". The certificate was presented by Pat Buchanan, U.S. Army Retired, Department of Georgia Legion Riders Chaplain, to Tal Mosher. In a personal note to Tal, Chaplain Buchanan shared the following: "On behalf of The American Legion Riders Department of Georgia, we thank you for your Patriotic support of our Nations Veterans. Your project demonstrates your love and understanding of Freedom and the price that has, is and will be paid in the future defending it. We the Department of Georgia congratulate you for winning and most of all for Honoring our Nations veterans. The photo of your project and all your information will be placed in The American Legion Riders History Library. Thank you again and God Bless you."

Email Address: Stuartmosher@aol.com

1967: David Freeman and his wife, Barbara, are retiring and closing their store, Kitchenware Outfitters, on October 31. They have purchased a home in Newnan, GA next door to their son and grandchildren, at their insistence. Their son, Garrett, was a swimmer



Lettermen's News, *cont.*

at, this is difficult to say, Florida, so life will be interesting. They will be permanently moving in January 2017. If anyone lives near Newnan his cell is 912-547-0113.

Email Address: david@kitchenwareoutfitters.com

1953: Bill Burt and his wife, Harriet, are now living in an Assisted Living facility—The Oaks at Hampton, north of Cumming on GA 400. Their telephone number is (678) 600-8807. They have been here since last December when they were both diagnosed with Parkinson's, but have made a lot of progress. They would love to have visitors, so anyone coming up their way, please stop by.

Email Address: wsbdawg@windstream.net

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Carter Greene retiring after three decades of law enforcement service to Athens

By Joe Johnson, Athens Banner Herald
02 Jul 2016



Carter Greene will retire after more than three decades on the Athens police force. He started in 1984.

Carter Greene is nearing the end of three decades of service to the Athens community, having performed duties in nearly every possible area of local law enforcement.

He began his career with the Athens Police Department in 1984 and steadily climbed the ranks before and after unification of the city and Clarke County governments in 1991. He served nearly one year as interim chief of police for Athens-Clarke County.

A native of Columbus, Greene obtained an associate's degree in police science from Northern Virginia Community College in 1982. He then attended George Mason University in Virginia, graduating with a bachelor's degree in law enforcement.

In 2004, at the rank of captain, Greene was awarded a master's degree in public administration from Columbus State University and also graduated from the Georgia Law Enforcement Command College.

He graduated from the FBI National Academy in 2012.

While still with the Athens Police Department, Greene was promoted to the rank of master police officer in 1987, and two years later was transferred to the Traffic Division. That same year, he went to the Criminal Investigations Division, where he primarily worked auto theft and financial crime cases.

Greene was promoted from senior police officer to sergeant in 1994 and was assigned to the evening watch with the Uniform Division. He served in that position until 1997, when he became the division's assistant commander. Later that year, the officer became an aide to the assistant police chief and was project manager for various programs.

Greene earned the rank of lieutenant in 1998, and three years later became director of the 911/Communications center, where he managed the completion of a new communications facility.

Promoted to captain in 2002, Greene continued to be the communications manager while serving as the department's accreditation manager. In 2004, he was transferred to the Uniform Division as East Precinct commander, and the following year he was promoted to major and Uniform Division commander.

In 2012 Greene became commander of the Information Management Division, and he has been responsible for maintaining the police department's national accreditation and state certification since 1998. He also was an assessor and team leader for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, and an instructor for the International Association of Chiefs of Police's Leadership for Police Officers course.

When promoted to assistant chief in 2013, Greene assumed command of the Operations Support Bureau, which comprises the 911/Communications and Information Management divisions, and the Crime Prevention Unit, the Alcohol, Taxi and Wrecker Regulatory Unit, and Career Development Unit.

Greene found himself at the helm of his department in November 2014, filling in as interim chief of police when Joseph "Jack" Lumpkin retired to take the job of police chief in Savannah.

He served as interim police chief until Scott Freeman was sworn in as Lumpkin's replacement in July 2015.

In retirement, which officially begins July 16, Greene is taking a position with BOS Security in Athens.

Greene and his wife Shoan have been married for 25 years. They have five children: Kelsey, Elizabeth Anne, Mary Campbell, Carson, and Addison.

Many of you know Carter Greene. He is the first person you see as you enter Oconee Hill Cemetery on game days. He has worked security for the Georgia Football Lettermen's Club on game days for more than a decade and continues to do so every Saturday of home games. We wish him the best in his retirement from the Athens police department.

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Polk County Walk of Fame unveiled to public in Cedartown over weekend

From The Polk County Standard Journal
Wednesday, June 29, 2016, Written by Kevin Myrick

Dignitaries from near and far joined family members and onlookers Saturday to finally see what was hiding underneath the tarps at the Polk County Courthouse.

The statues that adorned the Polk County Sports Walk of Fame were met with applause and the audience got even more news: The Walk of Fame committee isn't done yet with its work.

Committee member and city Commissioner Dale Tuck said during opening remarks that locals are seeking to include Escue Rogers, a local civil rights leader and coach at Cedar Hill High School.

"Hopefully next time we're here-and it won't be this hot-we'll be unveiling his statue, a recognition we all know is richly deserved," Tuck said.

Underneath black tarps covered for the week were the life-sized creations of sculptor Julia Knight who captured the spirit and determination of the first six athletes who were honored as the first in the Walk of Fame. Those included Howard "Doc" Ayers, Ray Beck, Edgar Chandler, Jimmy Hightower, Doug Sanders, and Whitlow Wyatt.

Also on hand was former University of Georgia Bulldogs head football coach Vince Dooley, who said that he felt it a fitting tribute for Ayers and Chandler to be remembered forever in bronze.

"Polk County should be proud, and it continues to produce people that are talented and work hard," he said.

Dooley said he felt the UGA running back Nick Chubb would also be a good choice to one day be included in the Walk of Fame when his career ends.

Dooley said he has gotten to know Chubb as the running back recovers from a knee injury that ended his season early in October 2015.

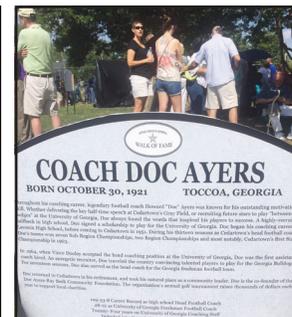
"I think you'll see a statue of Nick out here one of these days," he said.

Ayers and Sanders, on hand for the ceremonies on Saturday morning, said they were thrilled with the work that was done.

"It's fantastic," Ayers said. "I never thought I'd live long enough to get a statue made for me and to have a football field named after me."

Sanders said it is an honor to be remembered by his hometown with his inclusion in the Walk of Fame.

"It's part of your life that's enjoyable, and it's nice to leave something of yourself behind," Sanders said. "But this is especially important to me because I'm from Cedartown."





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