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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER / FALL 2009

Dear Friends -

I am truly humbled to be authoring my first newsletter as chairman of the University of Georgia Foundation. My first order of business is to offer my heartfelt thanks to Bill Young, Jr., who provided us with steady and thoughtful leadership for the last two years. He did a superb job and this organization will benefit for years to come from the work he did as chairman.

In handing over the chairmanship, he leaves me with a very enjoyable job -- and that is to communicate the good news of the foundation, and bring you up to date on what's happening with some of the foundation's business initiatives, the achievements of our faculty and scholars, and some interesting news involving our trustees. This is a time of year when, traditionally, there is much good news to share, and fall 2009 is no exception.

In addition to the serious side of being part of the UGA family and the rigors of academic pursuits, fall is always one of the truly special times to be in Athens. The colors are spectacular, there is fun and camaraderie with friends and family in town for football games, and just spending a day or two at the greatest institution of higher learning in the world is time well invested.

As we say with pride on game day: "It's great to be a Georgia Bulldog!"



Sam Holmes, Chairman

Friersons honored at UGA campus in Cortona, Italy



University of Georgia Foundation trustee Joe Frierson, Jr., and his wife Ann were recently recognized for their support of the UGA study abroad program in Cortona, Italy, when the campus' lovely garden terraces were named in their honor.

A small monument of Italian Carrara marble was installed in the garden, bearing the inscription, "For love of place and purpose, this gift was given. May the seeds planted here bring forth fruit for the ages."



As ardent supporters of UGA's Lamar Dodd School of Art, it is not surprising that the Friersons would extend their generosity to the Cortona campus. UGA's Cortona program was founded in 1970 and focuses on the culture and history of Italy, as well as the study of visual arts: painting, sculpture, drawing, jewelry design, interior design, ceramics and landscape architecture. More than 8,000 UGA students have participated in Cortona study programs.

Photos by Cass Olson

Forestry Professor and Dean inducted into Foresters Hall of Fame



Mike Clutter, dean of UGA's Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, was inducted into the Georgia Foresters Hall of Fame on September 8.

The award was presented by the Georgia Division of the Southeastern Society of American Foresters at a ceremony on St. Simon's Island, Ga.

"Mike Clutter has made significant contributions to

forestry in every position he has held during his forestry career," said Warnell professor Dale Greene.

No stranger to Athens, Clutter received both his Ph.D. in 1993 and master's in 1983 from Warnell. He also holds the Leon "Buddy" Hargreaves, Jr. Distinguished Professorship in Forest Finance, funded by the UGA Foundation.

As dean of the Warnell School, Clutter also serves as forestry agent for the foundation, providing consultation on timberland property donations.

UGAF emeritus trustee partners with Terry College to launch innovative Deer Run Fellows Program



UGA alumnus Douglas Ivester is collaborating with the University of Georgia's Terry College of Business to launch a unique new fellows program for top students at the college.

The Deer Run Fellows Program will allow a select group of Terry College students to participate in formal and informal discussions about business, leadership and goal-setting, facilitated over three days by a business leader with vast executive experience in Georgia and around the world. The program will be hosted by Ivester and his wife Kay at Deer Run, their 18,000-acre plantation in south Georgia.

"Tomorrow's business leaders will need to understand and embrace a diverse, complex and ever-changing world," Ivester said. "The Deer Run Fellows Program is designed to give students a unique chance to learn about real-world challenges from people who have lived them. I salute the Terry College of Business leaders for making this idea a reality."

A 1969 accounting graduate and former managing trustee for the University of Georgia Foundation, Ivester also has committed to a two-year appointment as the first Executive-at-Large for the Terry College of Business. He is president of Deer Run Investments, LLC, in Atlanta, and also was elected chairman of the board and CEO of The Coca-Cola Co. in 1997 and served in that capacity until he retired in 2000.

Students wishing to be considered for the Deer Run Fellows Program must be nominated by a Terry College faculty or staff member. Eight students will be selected by a committee to participate in the three-day program beginning next spring.

UGA Foundation to fund Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities

At its fall board meeting, the trustees of the University of Georgia Foundation voted to provide \$30,000 in funding to the university's Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities (CURO).

A part of the UGA Honors Program, CURO is a unique program to encourage and support research by undergraduates. Students who participate in CURO work with faculty researchers who provide guidance and mentoring to help students develop original research.

"Conducting original research with faculty guidance is no longer reserved for graduate students," said Dr. Pamela Kleiber, associate director of the Honors Program.

Since 2000, CURO has sponsored an annual undergraduate symposium at which students present their research through oral or poster presentations, art exhibits or at roundtable discussions with UGA faculty.

UGA lettermen donate in Dooley's honor



In September, the Georgia Lettermen's Education Foundation (GLEF) announced a donation of \$100,000 to two programs in the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences. The contribution will direct \$50,000 toward a scholarship in the Department of History and another \$50,000 to the Redcoat Band - both in the name of former football coach and athletic director Vince Dooley.

The contribution will be to the University of Georgia Foundation, which will administer both scholarships.

"I want to thank the Georgia Lettermen Education Foundation for this distinct honor," Dooley said. "I have a special interest in both our distinguished history program and our nationally renowned Redcoat marching band here at the university."

Heald finds error in prominent crop study



University of Georgia School of Law professor Paul J. Heald, and Ph.D. student Susannah Chapman debunked a prominent agricultural study, finding nearly no loss of diversity in crop vegetable varieties between 1903 and 2004.

The two discovered a calculation error in the 1983 study and proved seed variety survival rate was 7.4 percent, nearly double what was previously thought.

"Because of the past issue of multiple naming, consumers of seeds today may actually have even more choices than in 1903, even though many of the 1903 varieties no longer exist," said Heald.

In addition to his ongoing research, Heald holds the University of Georgia Foundation's Allen Post Professorship of the School of Law.

Nearly 250 incoming freshmen receive Charter Scholarships

This fall's freshman class includes 247 recipients of the Charter Scholarship, named for the university's standing as the nation's first state-chartered public university.

The annual scholarship - funded by the University of Georgia Foundation - honors first year students for academics, leadership, community involvement and a commitment to intellectual, social and cultural diversity.

In-state students are awarded \$1,000 in addition to the HOPE Scholarship and out-of-state students receive non-resident tuition waivers in addition to their \$1,000.

The 2009 Charter Scholars keep UGA standards high, boasting an average SAT score exceeding 1400 and average high school GPA exceeding 4.0.

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