Dear UGA Parent:

Thank you for your support of the UGA Parents and Families Association. You have greatly benefited the university and we are thankful.

We are also grateful to you for sending another very strong freshman class to UGA. Every year I think the quality of the incoming classes will plateau, but every year the students get stronger and stronger. I have no doubt that parents play a significant role in this success.

The rising quality of the UGA student body has invigorated the academic climate at UGA. The task for us is to provide them with a learning environment that challenges them appropriately. I believe that we have been able to do that, but it is also an ongoing obligation which we will do our best to meet.

Please let us know what we can do to make the total UGA experience as good as it can be for our students. Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Adams
President

Here’s to Your Health

UGA’s comprehensive health and fitness facilities help students keep on track.

Your child’s at college. An exciting time for students as they break into their first stretch to adulthood, each new semester brings new challenges, choices and relationships. You can’t help but be anxious at times about whether they are happy, healthy and coping well. To ensure students are able to do their best academically and navigate some of life’s other important issues, The University of Georgia offers a multitude of programs in two outstanding facilities.

The first and best step your student can take to look and feel great during college life is to take advantage of the Ramsey Student Center for Physical Activities, one of the most comprehensive university fitness/exercise facilities in the country. It houses 3 swimming pools, 3 multi-purpose rooms, 5 gymnasiums, a climbing wall, 10 racquetball courts, a 1/8 mile track and a strength and conditioning room with over 200 workout stations. There, the students can sign up for a variety of classes such as aerobics, swimming, yoga and pilates as well as outdoor recreation programs and club and intramural sports.

Additional help for mind, body and spirit can be found at the 81,000 sq. ft. University Health Center. As impressive as the new and expanding facilities are, the Health Center’s strength is in its broad range of care.

Nationally accredited for all services, the center is staffed by 200 employees, including 18 board-certified/eligible physicians.

When students enter UGA, they are automatically assigned to a primary care provider on a medical team. They operate much like a small doctor’s office where students can come for primary healthcare, prevention services and health promotion. Specialty care includes an allergy clinic, counseling and psychiatric services, dental clinic, dermatology, diagnostic lab services, massage therapy, a pharmacy, physical therapy, radiology, sports medicine, travel clinic, urgent care and a women’s clinic.

The extensive expansion and renovation now underway will allow the University Health Center to add a vision clinic and other significant improvements and technological advancements to their operations.

» www.recsports.uga.edu

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On behalf of the External Affairs Division at UGA, welcome back! We are looking forward to working with you to enhance the student experience here.

I want to thank Rodney Bennett, Claudia Shamp and Eric Atkinson for the time, effort and energy they put into Parents and Families Association. We will continue to work closely with them in the coming years.

Thank you for your support of UGA through this important group. Advisory groups such as this are very helpful to us as we seek to make the University of Georgia one of America’s best public universities. We look forward to experiencing the UGA campus with you and your student.

Tom S. Landrum

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**2008 Parents and Families Grant Recipients**

The following grants made a difference to UGA students and our community through the generous support of the members of Parents and Families.

- **University Health Counseling and Psychiatric Services**
  - **CAPS Financial Assistance Program**
    - $20,000
    - This program helps defray the costs of individual and group psychotherapy, psychiatric services, psychological testing and nutritional counseling for UGA students needing financial assistance.

- **University Health Center Health Promotions Department**
  - **Alcohol and Other Drug Use Prevention**
    - $600
    - Funding to survey incoming students at UGA Orientation to assess their level of alcohol and other drug use and provide programming for parents to better help their students.

- **Campus Life: The Center for Leadership and Service**
  - **The BIG Event**
    - $1,900
    - A day of community service and civic engagement. Undergraduate students are placed in small groups and provided with opportunities to serve throughout Athens-Clarke County.

- **Office of Student Financial Aid**
  - **Peer Financial Counseling Program**
    - $1,000
    - The Peer Financial Counseling Program trains student volunteers to teach fellow students about managing their money and controlling their debt.

- **Intercultural Affairs Multicultural Services and Programs**
  - **Brave New Voices**
    - $1,000
    - Brave New Voices is a program highlighting some of the brightest young performance poets from across the nation. The program provides an alternative creative expression of the multicultural experience.
Roosevelt Institute  
National Issues Forums, Annual Symposium, Conference  
and “Policy in Action” (travel) $2,500  
A nonpartisan organization that encourages collective action to solve  
communal programs, the Institute seeks to empower students with the  
resources and skills necessary to advocate for effective policy proposals.

Watchdawgs  
Operating Funds $18,000  
Watchdawgs provides a safe, free ride home Thursday-Saturday nights  
to UGA students.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People  
The NAACP Image Awards $10,000  
The Image Awards is a ceremony honoring the achievements of  
students, student organizations, faculty, staff, and local community  
persons and groups that promote the principles of the NAACP.

Office of Institutional Diversity and Equity  
Georgia Daze $4,000  
Georgia Daze targets those African-American and Hispanic students  
who have been admitted but have not yet enrolled at UGA. High school  
student participants experience life as a UGA student by visiting classes  
with their host students.

College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences  
Agfast $2,600  
Agfast was created to increase undergraduate minority student  
enrollment and to expose these students to food, fiber, and  
environmental careers.

Division of Academic Enhancement  
Connecting with Latino Students and Parents  
during the First Year $1,600  
The goal of the program is to build a stronger relationship between  
Latino families and those units at UGA which can positively impact their  
students’ first year experience.

Center for Latino Achievement and Success in Education  
Undergraduates Tutoring Struggling Latino Children $1,500  
The project provides UGA students the opportunity to serve as after  
school tutors and mentors for children at Fowler Drive Elementary  
School in Athens.

Institute of Leadership Advancement  
Undergraduate Leadership Programs $1,500  
ILA offers two undergraduate programs: The Certificate in Personal  
and Organizational Leadership and the Leonard Leadership Scholars  
Program. These programs aim to create a new class of leaders who are  
well trained, ready for responsibility, committed to stewardship, pursuers  
of excellence, characterized by integrity, and defined by purpose.

Office of the VP for Instruction  
Student Academic Honesty Council $4,000  
Students will participate in the Conference for the Center on Academic  
Integrity. The student representatives will present a session  
embracing the history, mission, goals and objectives of the Council.

Department of Housing and Consumer Economics  
Financial Literacy for College Students $525  
The grant will fund the purchase of Money Habitudes, an engaging  
learning activity used to help students understand their money habits  
and attitudes toward money management. The activity will be used by  
the department and the Peer Financial Counseling Program.

Office of International Education  
Globalization and IT in China and US $1,250  
The program helps UGA participants in the China IT Study Abroad  
Program to acclimate to Chinese culture in efforts to enhance their  
study abroad experience.

Department of Counseling and Human Development Services  
Undergrad Counseling Courses $15,778  
The Department of Counseling and Human Development Services  
plans to supplement the ECHD 2050 and ECHD 3050 classes. These  
classes focus on self exploration, assessment of career and  
adademic interests, occupational exploration, and preparation for  
employment.

Criminal Justice Studies  
Federal Law Enforcement Employment Program $1,500  
The goal of the program is to familiarize UGA students with the  
complex, lengthy and competitive federal application process. The  
seminar will provide the understanding and insight necessary to be  
successful in applying for federal employment opportunities.

UGA Career Center  
The Get Campaign $1,500  
The goals of the Get Campaign are to educate students about the  
resources offered by the UGA Career Center.

Dance Department  
From the Heart of America: Lou Conte’s The 40s $2,000  
The Dance Department plans to restage the original choreography of  
"the 40’s" which is Lou Conte’s signature work. The program will  
expand the experience and exposure of UGA dance students to dif-
ferent forms and styles of dance.

University Libraries  
Wii Love the Library!  
Outreach to the Net Generation at the SLC $717  
The program will bring the University community and the libraries  
together in a fun, engaging environment. The Student Learning  
Center will be equipped with a Nintendo Wii and games to help  
relieve stress during final exam season as well as provide fun study  
breaks for students.

Georgia Museum of Art  
Wednesday Evening Films $4,000  
The Museum offers a diverse array of movies which often compliment  
the exhibits on display at the Museum. The movies attract students  
and provides them with exposure to the Museum.

Office of Academic Advising  
Franklin College Peer Advising Program $500  
Funding for the Peer Advising Program will strengthen and increase  
the role of students working in the satellite advisement offices.
The UGA Parents and Families Association Leadership Council works to enhance the collegiate experience for all University of Georgia students. The Council accomplishes its mission through fundraising efforts as well as proactive involvement within the University community. Each year, the Council allocates much needed funds for academic and student life programs to a variety of University departments and student organizations through its Grant Program. The Council also plays an important role in the University community, providing leadership as well as service. The Council members provide valuable resources to incoming parents and families and work to develop new initiatives and programs that will enhance the quality of the student experience at UGA.

Tradition Never Graduates

The UGA Official Class Ring is available for students who have 60+ credit hours. The ring is the symbol of excellence, pride and tradition. Each year, students are presented with their class ring in the annual Ring Ceremony held in April. Students will be able to talk to representatives at each Ring Week (one in October and one in February) to get their ring exactly as they would like it. Student Alumni Association members receive $25 off the purchase of their ring.
WELCOME BACK PARTY: Hosted by the Student Alumni Association, Students were welcomed back to campus on September 9th with a night of great music, food and fun at the Wray-Nicholson house. A favorite Athens local band, The Modern Skirts, played an acoustic set on the porch of the Alumni Association’s headquarters in the historic Wray-Nicholson house while students mingled and ate great Mexican fare compliments of Willy’s Mexicana grill. Shown above, student Alumni Council member, Lauren Pinson of Watkinsville, welcomes two students to the evening.

FRESHMAN SEND OFF: Members of the UGA Class of 2012 were honored at a Freshmen Send-Off hosted by the local (Vidalia area) UGA Alumni Association Toombs/Montgomery Counties Club. Pictured left to right: Eric Jones, Sarah Davis, Lauren Hartley, Elizabeth Harrison, Carson Moncrief and Matthew Chan.

FIRST FRIDAY: Students got fired up for the first home football game by participating in the Alumni Association’s First Friday. The festivities started Thursday evening with a “fuel up for first Friday” dinner at all the dining halls where T-shirts and spirits beads were given away to students while they dined on a special meal including fuel up for First Friday cake. Many also participated in the residence hall decorating contest where they showed their true red and black colors. The day got started early Friday with a Bulldog Breakfast Club with UGA head football Coach Mark Richt (shown above surrounded by Student Alumni Council members.) A reception followed with the coaches wives including Katharyn Richt. Then the evening was capped off with the pep rally on Tate Plaza which was broadcast live by Atlanta CBS affiliate News Channel 46. Students were entertained by Hairy Dawg, the cheerleaders and the Redcoat Marching Band.
Looking for a graduation present for your college senior?

Contact Ansley Stewart (ansleys@uga.edu) at the UGA Alumni Association about a travel opportunity for your student! Orion World Wide Travel and the Alumni Association have partnered to offer a two-week student trip across Europe.

For more information, visit www.gradtours.us/uga.

SAVE THE DATE!

Parent's Day at UGA

APRIL 4, 2009

About Us

The UGA Parents and Families Association is an organization created to:

- Enhance communication between parents and families and UGA
- Enrich the college experience for both parents and families and their students
- Involve parents and families in campus and regional activities to promote UGA
- Financially support the Parents and Families Fund

The Association is for parent(s) and family members of current UGA undergraduate students. Parent(s) will receive a phone or mail solicitation from the University of Georgia’s Annual Fund campaign. All parent(s) who contribute at least $75 through the campaign to the Parents and Families Fund will be eligible for membership.

Membership privileges include an online subscription to the UGA Parents and Families Newsletter and opportunities to participate in campus events such as musical performances, lectures, sporting events and Parents and Families Day.

For more information, contact Tammy Gilland, at 706-542-8180 or tgilland@uga.edu.