Dear Friends:

In this holiday season, I wanted to express my sincere appreciation for your support of the University of Georgia Foundation. It has been a very interesting year and one in which we have been able to better focus our efforts on our primary mission of supporting academics at the University of Georgia. Our Investment Committee, as always, has managed donor funds deftly, and our return-on-investment continues to exceed the major market indexes.

Since our last newsletter, we’ve been blessed by the wonderful generosity of our donors (as of November 30, we have a total of $8 million in new gifts), we’ve added a couple of exceptional new board members, and the Foundation Fellows have been accorded a number of outstanding honors.

With that in mind, I thought that you might enjoy reading the latest news from the University of Georgia Foundation.

**Trustee Jane Willson Bestows Generous Gifts on University of Georgia**

It is with deep appreciation that I report two gifts of $1 million each made to the University of Georgia by our dear friend and fellow board member, Jane Willson of Albany.

Jane has endowed the W. Harry Willson Distinguished Chair at the Terry College of Business to honor the memory of her late husband with whom she founded Sunnyland Farms in 1948. As a long time supporter of the Honors Program through her involvement with the Foundation Fellows program, Jane has earmarked $1 million to fund additional scholarships that should help extend the tradition of attracting the best and brightest to the university. We are humbled by Jane’s generosity and look forward to being responsible stewards of her gifts.

**Welcome to New Board Members!**

We are gratified to report that two new board members were approved by unanimous vote of the full board at our November meeting: William “Brad” Turner, Jr. of Columbus and Garry W. Bridgeman, a resident of Cobb County.

Turner is president of the W.C. Bradley Co., a world-leading multi-brand supplier of high-quality consumer goods focused primarily on home and outdoor leisure products. He earned a BA from the Terry College of Business in 1975 and an ABA from Rutgers in 1984.

Bridgeman is a graduate of Indiana University. He is a first vice president, investments, and a private wealth advisor for Merrill Lynch in Atlanta. Garry provides investment consulting and wealth management services to clients with a minimum of $10 million in investable assets.
**Update: University of Georgia Foundation Fellows**

The Foundation Fellows represent the best and brightest and we are honored that our donors continue to provide the funding that allows us to maintain and grow this program.

Each year, Foundation Fellows break new ground; whether it is in Athens or in cultural hotspots around the world. 2005 has been no different. I thought you might find it interesting to know what these special students have been up to recently and have compiled a few highlights:

- Nathan Stibrich and Joey Kapurch were named the UGA Swimming and Diving Team’s Alex Patterson Scholar-Athletes of the Year. Nathan is majoring in chemistry and Joey in biotechnology and molecular biology.
- Brian Quinif and Chloe Thompson have accepted positions with J.P. Morgan in New York. Brian will graduate in May with bachelor’s degrees in economics and Portugese and a master’s degree in economics. Chloe will graduate with degrees in international business and Spanish.
- Melissa Cabinian was awarded the BellSouth Student Leadership Award at this year’s Blue Key Alumni Banquet. Melissa is double majoring in environmental health science and microbiology. She intends to pursue an MD/PhD and conduct biomedical research as a physician-scientist.
- Laura Emiko Soltis is working at the Carter Center’s Human Rights Program in Atlanta this semester. Emiko is working with the UGA chapter of Amnesty International and is in the process of creating her own nonprofit organization, which will focus on human rights through the visual and performing arts.
- Sara Pilzer and John DeGenova were selected as teaching assistants for the UGA South Pacific Program. DeGenova, you may also know, is a senior defensive lineman on the football team, preparing to play his final game for the Bulldogs in the Sugar Bowl on January 2 in Atlanta.
- Danny Gough won the 2005 Hugh Hodgson School of Music Award. Danny is an oboist majoring in music performance and history.
- Lisa Last and Chloe Thompson were elected to Palladia, the highest women's honor society at the University of Georgia.

**Foundation Fellows...an active group**

- The Foundation Fellows program organized 18 dinner seminars in the fall semester on a range of topics including: nutrition and vision, extraordinary rendition, media ethics, cancer research, ecocriticism, language and thinking, and neurodegenerative disease. The semester’s events also included a private discussion with President Carter’s former chief of staff, Hamilton Jordan.

**Wishing you the happiest of holidays!**

It is the time of year which reminds us of all of the many blessings we enjoy. I want you to know that I am deeply grateful for your support throughout this year of transition and look forward to making 2006 a tremendous success by continuing to work to make the University of Georgia one of the world’s premier academic institutions.

Here’s hoping that you and your loved ones have a safe and joyous holiday season.

**The University of Georgia Foundation Executive Committee**

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