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In This Issue: New Cheerleading Squads and Mascots Chosen in April Tryouts. It's Time to Renew Your 'CHEERS' Membership! 2009-2010 Fundraising Begins.

COORDINATOR'S CORNER:

Greetings Friends,

It's hard to believe that another year has come and gone. We had a great end to the 2008 – 2009 season with our annual awards banquet, which was hosted by the 'Cheers' Booster Club. We had 46 members of the program receive letter awards this year. We also awarded 7 class rings (thanks to the assistance of the 'Cheers' Booster Club, and supporters like you!) as well as honored the 6 seniors who are graduating in May and will be moving on next year. We thank them for their service to the UGA Spirit Program and wish them the very best for an exciting future!

We also recently completed tryouts for the 2009 – 2010 season. Congratulations to all new members of the UGA Spirit Program (there are 10 new faces) as well as to our returnees. All members of the Spirit Program will officially report back to campus for two-a-day practices on August 3rd, which will mark the beginning of preparation for football season.

In closing, I would like to personally welcome all new members of the UGA Spirit Program, as well as their families. This is an extremely exciting time in your lives. It will go quickly, so please cherish every moment of it! I would also like to thank each of you who continually support our program year after year. We could not exist without your generosity and support.

I wish you all a wonderful, safe and relaxing summer and I hope to see you soon!

Cheers and GO DAWGS!
Shelly

CHEERS Has a New Member

'CHEERS' welcomes the newest member of the 2027 UGA freshman class. Brayden Timothy O'Brien was born to Coach Shelly O'Brien and husband, Tim, at 4:48am on March 15th, 2009. Mother and baby are doing fine. Young Brayden has already made his first public appearance at the Spirit Program's end of the year banquet on April 5th. Congratulations to Coach Shelly and Tim from 'CHEERS'.

Words From the President:

Hello UGA Cheers Booster Supporters – New and Old!

I want to be brief and express just a few thoughts in this note to all of you. First, a big congratulations and an thank you to all of those connected to the Spirit Program in any manner for all you have done this past year... From the dedicated leadership of Coaches Shelly O'Brien and Ben O'Brien, to the ever-supporting John Bateman in the Athletic Department, to all of the trainers, coaches and other vital support staff... to the Alumni Boosters, as well as the friends of the program... to the parents and families, and of course, to the kids that hit that clock nearly every week day morning long before 7:00 a.m.! You are what is special about the Bulldog Nation.

Second, for those who have moved onto the next chapter and will not be cheering on the sidelines this year – for whatever reason... Never, ever forget that you were a Georgia Cheerleader, Mic Person, or Mascot and that's a BIG DEAL in these parts. You will be a cheer alum for the rest of your life. Be proud and know that you will always be a part of this special family! And don't forget, we're going to miss you! So don't be late on tailgate mornings! We all expect to see you 'beneath the tents' before we head 'between the hedges'!

Next, for those of you who will be putting the uniform on in the upcoming year, a few words of advice. Congratulations, you made it! It's going to be fast and fun! Enjoy it. Respect it. Work hard. Give it your best every time out. Treat it like you're a guest... because you are exactly that in these fast-fleeting years! You've been blessed with talent and this honor is reward... and when no one else is around, it's okay to stand in front of your mirror and look at yourself in your uniform! Just don't stare!

And last, these words are directed to you parents of these terrific kids. This booster club exists for many reasons. No doubt, our first priority is to raise funds for certain key elements of the program. However, truth be told, I think this booster club is as much for the PARENTS and FAMILIES as it is for anyone else. The booster club gives us parents access to the kids as a group that we would not have otherwise. So, I am appealing to you... GET INVOLVED. STEP UP AND VOLUNTEER TO LEAD. Consider taking a position on the Board. It doesn't take much time or effort when we spread it out! So think about it... then step forward! You'll have a lot of fun too!

Thanks for a great year. God bless all of you. See you at the tailgates! Go Dogs!
Billy Gay, CHEERS President

A Word About Fundraising...As most of you know, CHEERS' budget comes exclusively from private funds... dues and donations, fundraising activities, and monetary gifts from groups such as the Georgia Bulldog Motor Coach Club. CHEERS receives no funds from either the University or the Athletic Association. Any item, event, or activity, such as Senior rings, locker room maintenance, halftime food for the Cheerleaders, football home game tailgates, and the end-of-the-year awards banquet, that CHEERS wants to provide comes from the CHEERS budget. Luckily, for the past ten years, CHEERS has had a wonderful group of dues-paying Charter members, Cheerleading Alumni, and Cheerleading parents. In addition, we have had several successful years with our **Big Dawg Super Raffle**. This year's edition of the Raffle will get underway on or about July 15th. CHEERS has also been afforded a unique opportunity for some continuous income through Alumni Curtis Beall and his book, **Marine Dawg: From Rose Bowl to Pacific Theatre**, as Mr. Beall is donating the net proceeds of his book to CHEERS. The book is available through Mr. Beall's website at www.MarineDawg.com or the CHEERS website at www.ugacheers.com, Barnes & Noble bookstores, limited Cracker Barrel Stores, and the Tate Center Bookstore. The more books that are sold, the more money CHEERS receives! We are at the beginning of the 2009-2010 Athletic year. It's time to renew your membership! Dig deep into your pockets for your dues and extra donations. Use the forms on the back of this newsletter to renew your CHEERS membership and to order Mr. Beall's book. Raffle tickets will be available after July 15th! Thanks from CHEERS!

2009-2010 CHEERLEADERS AND MASCOTS ANNOUNCED

April means the beginning of the new athletic year. April 16th-19th saw four demanding days of tryouts for our Cheerleaders and Mascots. Everyone starts at zero as almost 60 young men and women vovod for the coveted spots as the 2009-2010 edition of the UGA Cheerleaders and the costumed Mascots, Hairy and Spike. There were 10 new faces in this year's Spirit Program ranks. And the winners were.....

CHEERLEADERS

Bria Barnes	Jennifer Grant
Paul Beck	Jaryd Green
Seth Boulet	Kelly Hall
Tiffany Burgess	Chanise Hart
Scotti Cantrell	Ashley Hines
Casey Cool	Charles Jenkins
Casey Denney	Sam Lavoie
Sasha Dlugolenski	Katie Lively
Alli Falkenstrom	Paige Martin
Shelby Flowe	Katlyn McCreary
Megan Gay	Alexander McCurley
Mallory Gilliam	Amanda McMillan
Abby Gorman	Erin McNealy

MASCOTS

Lauren Medinger	Jonathon Carter
Jacqueline Molloy	Andrew German
Jacquelyn Nelson	Joshua Patterson
Allyson Quinn	
Stephanie Ross	
Jess Sandlin	
Alex Smith	
Erica Smith	
Megan Trammell	
Katy Vining	
Tiffany Nicole Ward	
Rene Whatley	

After a summer of conditioning and learning dozens of routines and dances, plus a Cheerleading Pre-camp and weekend Cheerleading camp, the real work begins. Cheerleaders will report August 3rd to begin two-a-day practices in preparation for football season beginning September 5th. The first game of the season is a long road trip to Stillwater, Ok., as the Dawgs take on the Oklahoma State University Cowboys.

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MEMOIRS OF A MARINE DAWG: FROM ROSE BOWL TO PACIFIC THEATER

Curtis Beall's recently released retrospective on his life from his youth, his cheerleading days at UGA, his Marine Corp service in World War II, his romance with his bride, June, of 60+ years, and his relationship with UGA since the 1940's. This entertaining, witty, well-written memoir is lovingly dedicated to his wife, June, and the Past, Present, and Future Georgia Bulldog Cheerleaders. Mr. Beall is donating the net proceeds of the sale of 'Memoirs' to the UGA 'CHEERS' Cheerleading Booster Club. Please help support 'CHEERS' by purchasing copies of this book. It makes a great read, a great gift, and a continuing source of support for the 'CHEERS' Booster Club!

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2009-2010 'CHEERS' MEMBERSHIP FORM

'CHEERS' BOOSTER CLUB MEMBERSHIP IS \$25.00 PER FAMILY PER YEAR. DUES AND DONATIONS, ALONG WITH MONIES GENERATED THROUGH FUNDRAISING EFFORTS, ARE USED TO SUPPORT CHEERLEADING ACTIVITIES NOT COVERED BY THE UGA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION. ALTHOUGH 'CHEERS' IS CHARTERED UNDER UGAA RULES AND GUIDELINES, THE BOOSTER CLUB RECEIVES NO FUNDING FROM ANY UNIVERSITY SOURCE. PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECKS PAYABLE TO UGA 'CHEERS' BOOSTER CLUB AND MAIL TO:

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