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The UGA Alumni Association and UGA Libraries host book-signing for Damn Good Dogs! The Real Story of Uga, the University of Georgia's Bulldog Mascots

ATLANTA, GA. – Join UGA alumni and friends at the UGA Alumni Association's Atlanta Alumni Center on Thursday, August 21, 2003, from 6:00-7:30 p.m., to meet School of Law alumnus Sonny Seiler (B.B.A.'56, J.D.'57) and Kent Hannon, authors of Hill Street Press's Damn Good Dogs!

The UGA Alumni Association Atlanta Alumni Center is located in the Atlanta Financial Center at 3333 Peachtree Road, N.E., Suite 210. The cost for the event is \$10 for Association members, \$15 for guests with hors d'oeuvres included. Please RSVP by August 19, 2003 to Meredith Carr, UGA Alumni Association Atlanta Programs Coordinator, at 404-266-2622 or mcarr@uga.edu.

The book signing is sponsored by "The Library Presents" a speaker series created by UGA Libraries and the UGA Alumni Association. "The Library Presents" brings noted authors together with alumni and friends in a casual, candid atmosphere designed to entice memorable conversations on writing, life experience and the occasional oddity. Past guests have included authors Frances Mayes, (Swan and Under the Tuscan Sun) and Mary Kay Andrews (Little Bitty Lies).

For more information about the University of Georgia Alumni Association, please visit www.alumni.uga.edu/alumni.

About the book: Whenever and wherever the Georgia Bulldogs play football, their famous mascot Uga is there. At home games, he lives in an air-conditioned doghouse that is a popular target for TV cameramen and still photographers. Traveling to away games, Uga flies free on Delta Airlines. When Herschel Walker won the Heisman Trophy in 1982, Uga IV became the only four-legged invitee to attend the Heisman Trophy banquet in New York. Recently, Uga VI helped Turner South win an Emmy for a three-part Liars & Legends show that he headlined. And that—believe it or not—is just a small part of the 46-year history of the six Georgia mascots.

The name Uga is synonymous with the Georgia Bulldogs, a powerhouse team ranked in the top 20 virtually every year, and the dogs are so revered that when they die they are buried in a mausoleum at Sanford Stadium. But Uga is also a family pet, and Damn Good Dogs! gives readers a rare glimpse into the personal history of these dogs. Full of anecdotes—such as Uga V's famous lunge at an Auburn player in 1996 and Sports Illustrated's decision to put him on the cover of their 1997 college sports issue—Damn Good Dogs! is lavishly illustrated with more than 300 photos and memorabilia from owner Sonny and Cecelia Seiler's private collection.

About the authors: School of Law alumnus Sonny Seiler (B.B.A.'56, J.D.'57) is the owner of the line of white English bulldogs who have served as the University of Georgia's mascot since 1956. He is an internationally-known attorney who got Jim Williams acquitted in the murder trial made famous in Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil. Seiler appeared together with Uga V in Clint Eastwood's film version. He lives and practices law in Savannah and is past president of the State Bar of Georgia and the UGA Alumni Association.

Kent Hannon is the editor of Georgia Magazine, the official alumni magazine of the University of Georgia, and a former staff writer at Sports Illustrated.
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