Julia Wallup

Athena isn’t always been the place.

In the 1988 presidential election, the race was very close in Clarke County — there were only more votes for the Democratic candidate, Michael Dukakis, than the Republican candidate, George H. W. Bush. Thirty years later in 2020, 70% of Clarke County voted for Joe Biden.

However, despite Clarke County residents being almost guaranteed to vote for the Democratic senator and governor candidates in the upcoming election, both Republican and Democratic candidates made it a habit to visit UGA and Athens to campaign.

Candidate influence

Kay Gates, a sophomore public relations major at UGA, is the social media chair for Democratic vice president candidate Kamala Harris' UGA chapter. She serves as a liaison to the county of Georgia's campus.

Gates clarified that she does not speak on behalf of UGA and that her political opinions are separate from her SGA in her capacity.

“Because of the presence of the University of Georgia, there are a lot of candidates spending time on campus. They’re recruiting people to vote,” Gates said. “Even though they might not be registered to vote in Athens, odds are a lot of them are in-state and are registered to vote somewhere else in Georgia. So you can reach all of these young voters from all across the state of Georgia on the University of Georgia’s campus.”

Former Georgia football coach Vince Dooley dies at 90

Stuart Steele

Legendary former Georgia football head coach Vince Dooley died peacefully at his home on Friday afternoon, according to University of Georgia athletics. He was 90 years old. He is survived by his wife and four children, who were present at the time of his passing.

Dooley was hospitalized earlier this month with a case of COVID-19, but had returned to his home in Athens on Oct. 10.

Dooley, a member of the College Football Hall of Fame, was the head coach for Georgia’s 1978 national championship team and won a program record 151 games in his 33 seasons as head coach. He also served as athletic director from 1975 to 1984.

Current Georgia football head coach Kirby Smart posted about Dooley’s passing on Twitter on Oct. 28.

“Vince Dooley was an outstanding coach and mentor for our program and a legend in the game of football,” Smart wrote. “He was a great human being and a truly servant leader.”

Dooley attended the game and Kemp at Georgia football games this season, with Walker attending the game and Kemp at a tailgate. “I had said that in a great opportunity for Republican politicians to engage with people from all over the state.”

Former UGA and professional football player Herschel Walker is running as the Republican candidate against Sen. Raphael Warnock (D-GA). But because Athens is almost guaranteed to vote blue, that voters shouldn’t be taken for granted. “It’s closer, but really, every vote counts.” Gates said.

The 2022 election

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