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—David Housel '69, retired Auburn University Athletic Director

#### About the Author

**Paul Hemphill** was sports editor of the *Auburn Plainsman* during the National Championship season of 1957 and is the author of sixteen books, most recently *Lovesick Blues*, the best-selling biography of Hank Williams; *Leaving Birmingham*, nominated for a Pulitzer Prize; and four novels, one of them (*Long Gone*) filmed to much acclaim by HBO. He lives in Atlanta with his wife, Susan Percy, a graduate of Georgia who keeps him on his toes.

**Vince Dooley** was a player and a coach at Auburn and Georgia. As a quarterback and defensive back at Auburn, he led the Tigers to a Gator Bowl appearance in 1953. As an assistant coach for Ralph "Shug" Jordan, he helped celebrate Auburn's 1957 National Championship. He became head football coach at Georgia in 1964 and ended his four decades with the Bulldogs as Athletic Director. Now retired, Dooley is a member of the College Football Hall of Fame.

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