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2012 Tiger Trek to Stop on the Emerald Coast Carol Zorn '07

The Emerald Coast Auburn Club annual dinner is almost here! We all look forward to hosting Coach Gene Chizik and Aubie as they travel the Southeast with the Auburn Alumni Association's "Tiger Trek" this year. On May 15th, at the Emerald Coast Convention Center, join us for a delicious dinner, a speech from Coach Chizik, and great fellowship with other Auburn alumni and fans. Doors will open at 5:30 pm, and we will welcome Coach Chizik and Aubie with a "Tiger Walk" at 6:00 pm,

followed by photos and autographs with each.

If you have not registered, please visit our [website](#) to download the registration form. Do not miss this opportunity to find great Auburn-themed gifts, without having to travel to Auburn; vendors have made the trip for you, with great jewelry and apparel in tow!



We look forward to seeing you Tuesday, May 15th!

Recruiting Wrap-up Recap Chuck Faulkner '96

This year, the annual Emerald Coast Auburn Club Recruiting Wrap Up took place on Thursday evening, February 23, at Fudpucker's in Destin. After enjoying a social hour and an outstanding BBQ dinner buffet, we had the opportunity to hear from Jason Caldwell of *Inside the Auburn Tigers*. Over the course of about twenty minutes, Jason provided a clear and concise summary of the 2012 recruiting football class signees, an update on the health of cancer survivor/student athlete Shon Coleman, and a "shout-out" to the men and women swim teams. Jason was very generous with his time and answered questions during and after the

program.

Eighty-two Auburn men and women attended the event and all feedback indicates that the changes to the recruiting wrap up social were very well received. If you were not able to make it to this event, please make plans to join us next year!

A special thank you is extended to Jason for taking time out of his busy schedule to attend this event only nine days prior to marrying his beautiful wife, Neeley Vance Caldwell. Congratulations to the newlyweds, and War Eagle!

2012 EVENTS

- *May 15 — Tiger Trek*
- *May 19 — Bus trip to UF vs. AU baseball game*
- *July 29—Auburn Family Reunion and Freshman Send Off*
- *October 11—7th Annual Emerald Coast Classic golf tournament*
- *November 15—Beat Bama Party*

Message from the President

Andrew Gosnell '02

War Eagle! I want to recap some of the great things that have happened since our last newsletter was published.

We had a wonderful Recruiting Wrap-Up event with Jason Caldwell of *Inside the Auburn Tigers*. Based on feedback from the survey that we sent out earlier in the year we decided to change venues and move across the bridge to Destin. The event was held at Fudpucker's and a wonderful time was had by all. For more details check out the article by Chuck Faulkner highlighting that event.

In addition our club was recognized for our efforts to increase our social media presence by being selected as the AuburnClubs.org "Club of the Month" for the month of March.

Now for the upcoming events. As you all know, our club will be hosting Coach Chizik as he visits the Emerald Coast, as one of only nine clubs in the country, on his Tiger Trek tour. It is a great honor to have the head coach visit our club dinner and we look forward to seeing everyone at the Convention Center on May 15th.

We are also excited to offer a new event this year. Based on positive feedback from our survey we will be taking a bus trip to see the Florida vs. Auburn baseball game on May 19th. This will be a joint event with the Emerald Coast Gator Club and I hope that many of you can join us!

I hope to see each of you at one of our upcoming events! War Eagle!

Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

Mandi Gosnell '00

The Emerald Coast Auburn Club and Emerald Coast Gator Club are partnering up for a day bus trip to Auburn to see our alma maters play, Saturday, May 19. The Gators are currently ranked No. 1 in the USA Today/ESPN Baseball Top 25 Coaches poll and this is the final home game of the season!

The first pitch will be thrown at 1:00 p.m. so we will

be meeting at Santa Rosa Mall (in front of JC Penny) at 8:00 a.m. and return between 9:30 and 10:00 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$40 per person which includes transportation to and from the game as well as your ticket to the game.



We should be on campus with enough time for you to eat before the game and we will stop in Montgomery at The Shoppes at East Chase for dinner. If you would like to bring food and drinks on the bus, you may do so but no glass is allowed.

Let's make sure that the Gators do not outnumber the Tigers on May 19!

Etch Your Name in Stone at Auburn University

Leave a permanent legacy on the Auburn campus by purchasing a personalized paver commemorating your graduation date, honoring a loved one or memorializing a late relative or friend.

The Auburn Alumni Association's new Alumni Walk, slated for installation at the Auburn Alumni Center's front portico facing

South College Street, will feature brick, sandstone and granite pavers that will be etched with an inscription of your choosing.

Proceeds benefit student scholarships, and purchases are tax deductible. [Click here](#) for more information. To pre-order a paver [click here](#).

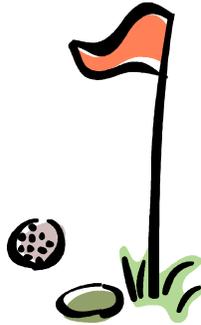


Fore!

Tiffany Clemons '09

War Eagle everyone! It's that time of year again! We will be holding our 7th Annual Emerald Coast Classic Golf Tournament on October 11th at the Fort Walton Beach Golf Course. This tournament is our biggest fundraising event of the year and all net proceeds will benefit the Bill & Gayle Creamer Scholarship Fund, providing scholarships to students from Okaloosa and Walton Counties to attend Auburn University. We had a great turn out last year, and are looking to make this year bigger and better!

We are currently looking for players, sponsors, donations, and volunteers! Event material



with details will be sent via email and will be provided at Tiger Trek in May. If you are interested in helping, or playing, please contact Tiffany Clemons at

tiffanyclemons@gmail.com.

We also have an event on Facebook that you can join and share. War Eagle!

AAA Director's Dialogue

Bill Nelson '62

It was indeed an honor to be elected and installed to the Auburn Alumni Association Board of Directors on November 12, 2011. This is a four year term that I will serve with dignity, humility and the utmost integrity! I attended my orientation session on February 3, 2012, and have a lot to learn. I have now attended two sessions—one as an observer last November and one as a full time Board member in March 2012. Every session has been very professional in all aspects and the working relationship between Board members and the AAA staff is outstanding!

I have been appointed to the Programs and Services Committee and the Membership Committee. The first includes alumni programs, reunions, minority alumni relations, young alumni, club activities, travel program,

Student Alumni Association activities, and awards and recognition programs. The second involves all aspects of membership, including current dues, proposed changes to dues, and actions to increase membership.

I have been assigned as a mentor to seven clubs in Florida: Emerald Coast West Coast, Gold Coast, Orlando, Spaceport, Tallahassee and Tampa Bay. The purpose is to strengthen the connection between these clubs and the Auburn Alumni Association in addition to assisting in any problem resolution as may be required.

Tina and I attended the Lifetime Achievement Awards reception and induction ceremony at the Auburn Hotel and Conference Center March 3, 2012. This special event recognized the distinguished careers of four Auburn Alumni: General Lloyd

James Austin III, USA, '86; Dr. Kirby Isaac Bland, '64; Jan Davis, Astronaut, '77; and Major General James Everitt Livingston, USMC, '62. General Livingston is the first AU recipient of these awards to be a Congressional Medal of Honor winner. He received this award for heroic actions during three tours in Vietnam where he was seriously wounded twice. This was a warm and very distinguished event shared by all at a packed ballroom with outstanding videos of the recipients' lives and accomplishments.

Please let me know if you have any questions concerning the Auburn Alumni Association, benefits, programs, or other areas.

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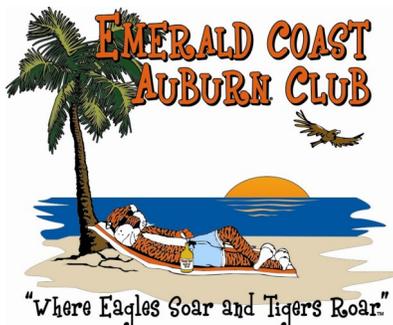
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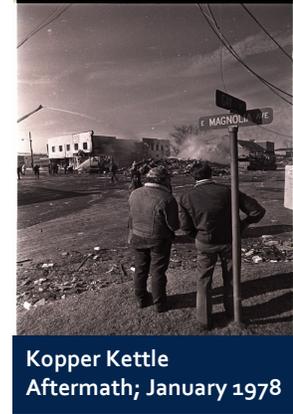
Carter Zorn



Auburn Trivia

Thank you to all who responded to our Auburn Trivia question from last quarters newsletter. The mystery picture is of the Kopper Kettle explosion that occurred on January 15, 1978.

Congratulations to Mr. Dick Cannon for being our trivia question winner from last quarter.



Kopper Kettle
Aftermath; January 1978



Auburn University Seal

The trivia question for this quarter is the following two part question.

In front of which building on campus will you find this Auburn University seal and what year was it installed?

The first person to e-mail the correct answer to the club e-mail will win a prize at Tiger Trek (must be present to win)!

Auburn Family Reunion and Freshman Send Off

Heather Hartley'01

Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 29 for our first Annual Auburn Family Reunion and Freshman Send Off at Kelly Plantation Owners' Club. Lets get together and celebrate with new students from our area before they head off to the Loveliest Village on the Plains! This event will be a great way for students from different areas of the Emerald Coast to meet and greet each other before leaving to start their new journey at Auburn. This will be a fun informal cookout for all ages and an awesome opportunity

for parents and new members of our Auburn family to meet and network! We want to welcome them with open arms and be there to answer any questions they may have as they start the best years of their life. As one of the largest clubs we want to show our support to the freshman and be there for parental support.

So come out and help us send our freshman off in style!

More details will be announced at a later date.

Club By Laws Update

Due to Membership Unity our club By Laws require updating. We will have a brief business meeting at the conclusion of Tiger Trek to announce the proposed change. We will hold a vote on the proposed change at the Auburn Family Reunion on July 29th.