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Dinner with Dameyune

Maryann Purvis

Please make plans to attend the Emerald Coast Auburn Club annual dinner, "Dinner with Dameyune."

This event will take place on Thursday, May 9th at the Emerald Coast Convention Center. Our guest speaker will be Coach Dameyune Craig. Coach Craig became the Co-Offensive Coordinator and receiver coach in January after being hired by Coach Gus Malzahn. Coach Craig played quarterback for Auburn from 1993 - 1997.

The doors will open at 5:30 pm and we will have a Tiger Walk with Coach Craig at 6:00 pm. Social hour and dinner will follow Tiger Walk.

Dinner is \$44 per person and seating is assigned in the order pay-

ment is received. This year we are offering three dinner sponsorships levels:

- ◆ All Auburn All Orange—\$1,000 includes table of ten with preferential seating and ability to hang a banner in the ballroom
- ◆ True Blue—\$500 includes four tickets with preferential seating
- ◆ War Eagle—\$250 includes two tickets with preferential seating

Please visit our website www.emeraldcoastauburnclub.com for registration and sponsorship information.

We look forward to seeing you there!!!!

Young Auburn Goes Bowling

Jon David Simpson '01

The Young Auburn Section of the Emerald Coast Auburn Club is pleased to announce that they will be hosting its first social of 2013 next Thursday, April 18 from 6:00 -8:00 pm at Hurricane Lanes in Destin to socialize, bowl, and play a little ping pong.

The total cost to bowl will be around \$10 (including shoe rental but does not in-

clude food or drink). Please RSVP to the Club e-mail or on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/events/424931834264242/>) by Wednesday, April 17th so that we will know how many lanes to reserve.



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2013 EVENTS

- April 18—Young Auburn Goes Bowling
- May 9—Dinner with Dameyune
- July 28—Auburn Family Reunion and Freshman Send Off
- October 24—8th Annual Emerald Coast Classic golf tournament
- November 14—Beat Bama Party

Message from the President

Andrew Gosnell '02

War Eagle! The Emerald Coast Auburn Club is off to a great start to 2013. We had a successful Recruiting Wrap Up in February with Jason Caldwell of *Inside the Auburn Tigers*. I hope that you will read Maryann's recap article below for more details of the great event.

We are looking forward to a busy second quarter with the Young Auburn Bowling night on Thursday at Destin Lanes (please see Jon David's article on page 1 for more details) followed by "Dinner with Dameyune" on Thursday, May 9. More information about "Dinner with Dameyune" can be found in Maryann's article on page 1 as well as on the Club's website.

Spring quarter also marks a sad time for the Auburn family as we say goodbye to the Toomer's Oaks but we know that Auburn is much more than

the oak trees and we will continue to celebrate Auburn victories together, just a little different. The final design for Toomer's Corner is expected to be announced at the Final Rolling of Toomer's block party Saturday.

The Emerald Coast Auburn Club is now on LinkedIn. If you are a part of LinkedIn be sure to join our group, simply search for "Emerald Coast Auburn Club."

We hope to see you at an event this quarter.

Fore!

Tiffany Clemons '09

War Eagle everyone! It's that time of year again! We will be holding our 8th Annual Emerald Coast Classic Golf Tournament on October 24th at the Emerald Bay Golf Course. This tournament is our biggest fundraising event of the year and all net proceeds will benefit the Bill & Gayle Creamer Memorial 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 Dinner with Dameyune in May. If you are interested in helping, playing, or donating please contact Tiffany Clemons at

emeraldcoastclassic@gmail.com.

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

War Eagle!

Recruiting Wrap-Up Recap

Maryann Purvis

The Emerald Coast Auburn Club held its first social event for 2013 with a Recruiting Wrap-Up on Thursday, February 21, 2013 at the new Fudpucker's location on Okaloosa Island. Jason Caldwell from *Inside the Auburn Tigers* discussed our new recruits and coaches to the 65 attendees. Jason shared his vast knowledge of the newest signees and supplied a

list of the class of 2013 recruits.

He also gave us an update of other athletic programs on the Auburn campus. There was also a question and answer segment for Jason that wrapped up the meeting.

A-Day and Final Rolling of Toomer's Oaks Auburn University

For centuries the oak tree has carried a special significance in mythology and legend the world over. Oaks are referred to as noble, mighty and even sacred. To family and friends of Auburn University, the iconic oaks at Toomer's Corner are that and more. Simply put, they are special. Since the 1930s this pair of live oaks has provided a grand entrance to campus at the precise spot where town and gown meet. Generations of alumni, students and other Auburn faithful have gathered beneath their shade-giving branches, not just to celebrate big football wins, but to revel in the spirit that is uniquely Auburn University.

Today, the spirit is alive and well, perhaps even stronger following the deliberate poisoning of the oaks in late 2010. But the trees, despite extraordinary efforts to save them, will not survive and for safety reasons will soon be removed.

To keep tradition alive and to celebrate the

memories of the special times underneath the oaks, the university will hold a "Celebrate the Tradition" block party at the corner complete with live music, a spirit rally and, of course, plenty of paper for lobbing over the branches. Everyone is invited for this final roll. The event will be held April 20, 2013 at 5 p.m., following the A-Day football game, which will kick off at 1 p.m.



Celebrating the Auburn Tradition

APRIL 20, 2013

So, what will the future of the corner look like? The university has been working with two landscape architecture firms that have received a significant number of ideas from the Auburn Family. The final concept will be unveiled at the celebration, and we think you will like it. Below are renderings of the final two concepts. One of the two, or a blending of the two, will be developed in early 2014. The only certainty: live trees will be planted on the corner and the great tradition of rolling the corner will continue!

Auburn Alumni Association Director's Dialogue Bill Nelson '62

Greetings from your Auburn Alumni Association representative on the Board of Directors. My long battle of the past eight months of a colon cancer operation followed by six months of chemo treatments have finally reached an end. My PET scan on March 12 revealed I am now cancer free and I am getting better every day. Another three to six months and I should be back to normal. I thank all for the prayers, support and well wishes during this long battle. It is great to be an Auburn Tiger!

Don't forget April 20 is A Day on the Plains. Kickoff is at 1:00 pm at Jordan Hare Stadium followed by an autograph session on the field. A downtown "Celebrate the Tradition" block party starts at 5:00 pm with the last rolling of

Toomer's Oaks. Special rolls of tissue will be available to purchase along with tee shirts to commemorate this special event. Hope many of you will join us!



The Alumni Association had two meetings this week in Florida to increase our membership from eight to 10 clubs. On April 9, a meeting was held to reactivate the Polk County Auburn Club. There are over 500 alumni in this area. On April 10, a meeting was held to start a new club in Ponte Vedra which has over 1,985 alumni. Both meetings were well attended and the future looks bright to add these

two clubs to an active status.

The next Golden Eagles Reunion will be held in Auburn April 25-27 to induct the Class of 1963 and honor the classes of 1943, 1948, 1953 and 1958. This is a fun filled weekend and one all alumni should attend from these classes. You can register online or for information, call 334-844-1150 or email goldeneagles@auburn.edu.

If I can be of any assistance or answer any questions, call me at 850-864-2149 or send me an email at wareagle32547@yahoo.com.

Until next time, War Eagle to all!!

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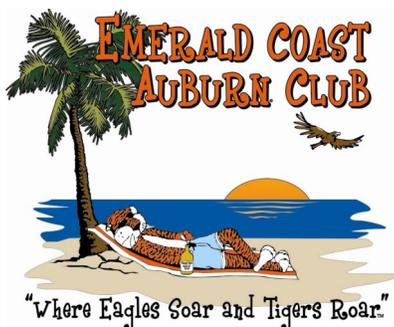
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Auburn Trivia

Thank you to all who responded to our Auburn Trivia question from last quarter's newsletter. Old Main is the building to the right. For nearly 30 years it served as the center of learning for East Alabama Male College & later A&M. It burned down in 1887 and was replaced with a new main building that was later named Samford Hall.

The person who responded



with the correct answer from last quarter was not present at the Recruiting Wrap Up.

The trivia question for this quarter is the following:

In what year was veterinary medicine studies initiated and by whom?

The first person to e-mail the correct answer to the club e-mail will win a prize at "Dinner with Dameyune" on Thursday, May 9, but you must be present to win!



Bill & Gayle Creamer Memorial Scholarship Application Process

Andrew Gosnell '02

We have received multiple emails recently inquiring about the application process for the Bill and Gayle Creamer Memorial Scholarship.

Our club scholarship recipients are chosen by the Auburn University Scholarship Committee, and there is not a separate scholarship application to be considered. All entering fresh-

man who graduated from an Okaloosa or Walton county high school that have been accepted to Auburn are considered.