

# Tiger Tales

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## Welcome to the Family Cookout

*Carol Zorn, '07*

Join us for the 3rd Annual Summer Cookout! This year we will continue our tradition of sending off local incoming Auburn Freshman, as we "Welcome them to the Auburn Family!" We are inviting over 20 freshmen and their families to this year's event. On Sunday, July 28th we will return to Kelly Plantation Owners' Club in Destin at 5:00 pm. Freshman will have the opportunity to meet each other, and for their parents to meet and learn about the Club.

Like years past, the cookout will be an informal event for all ages, and a great opportunity for tigers new and old to join together. We want to welcome the freshmen and their families with our "War Eagle" spirit, and give them the opportunity to ask any questions they have concerning their new journey.

## Dinner with Dameyune Recap

*Maryann Purvis*

The Emerald Coast Auburn Club held its annual dinner on Thursday, May 9th at the Emerald Coast Convention Center. Coach Dameyune Craig, the Co-Offensive Coordinator and Receiver Coach for Auburn was the guest speaker. Coach Craig gave an informative talk about the hopes and challenges of the upcoming Auburn football season. He also told stories about his playing days at Auburn from 1993 - 1997. Coach Craig answered

The event will be donation only, and please RSVP no later than Monday, July 22 to [emeraldcoastauburnclub@gmail.com](mailto:emeraldcoastauburnclub@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing you on July 28th for food, fun, and family!



several questions during the program from the 190 attendees.

All proceeds from the annual dinner benefited the Bill and Gayle Creamer Scholarship Fund.

Be sure to check out a photo preview on page five; the remainder can be found on the club website.

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## 2013 EVENTS

- *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! Our last quarter did not disappoint with events like “Young Auburn goes Bowling” and “Dinner with Dameyune” there were plenty of times for everyone to get together and share the Auburn spirit. At “Dinner with Dameyune” we heard Coach Craig’s outlook for the “New Day” for Auburn football and I think we should all be excited about this fall! Please read Maryann’s article to find out more about the event. We also announced a new fundraising initiative, Emerald Eagle Society and have had a fantastic response. Be sure to read Dawn’s articles for the full details!

This quarter looks to be every bit as exciting with our “Welcome to the Family” cookout at the end of July we will once again wish our local stu-

dents good luck as they get ready to start school this fall. That event also marks the end of our Emerald Eagle Society campaign so don’t wait too long to donate. We are also pleased to announce that the College of Engineering Dean will be visiting the Emerald Coast. Liz’s article provides all of the necessary details. In addition to all of that we are still finalizing the details for our Alumni In Action community outreach project that will occur this August.

See you at one of our upcoming events!

## Bill and Gayle Creamer Memorial Scholarship Winners Announced

*Andrew Gosnell, '02*

Congratulations to the 2013-2014 Bill and Gayle Creamer Memorial Scholarship winners Mary Heapy and Drew Holt! Mary is a graduate of Choctaw High School and plans to major in Interior Design. Drew is also a graduate of Choctaw High School and plans to major in Mechanical Engineering.

The Bill & Gayle Creamer Scholarship is a one year scholarship open to any incoming freshman from Okaloosa or Walton counties and are selected by the Auburn University Scholarship Office. The

Emerald Coast Auburn Club pays one-third of the out-of-state tuition and Auburn University waives an additional one-third resulting in each winner paying in-state tuition for one year.

Your continued support of our annual spring dinner, summer cookout, and Emerald Coast Classic allow us to continue to award these great scholarships.

## Bill and Gayle Creamer Memorial Scholarship

*Andrew Gosnell, '02*

Bill and Gayle Creamer were members of many local organizations, including a very active participation in the Okaloosa Auburn Club (later renamed to Emerald Coast Auburn Club). They followed Choctawhatchee High School activities long after their children graduated and they had convinced both to attend Auburn University.

On a foggy Saturday night in 1984 while returning from the Auburn at Florida football game, Bill and Gayle were killed in a tragic plane crash only a few miles from Bob Sikes Airport in Crestview. Bill and Gayle will always be remembered as a couple

who loved God, their family, their friends, and their school.

In 1985 the Okaloosa Auburn Club decided to establish a scholarship in memory of Bill and Gayle Creamer. The scholarship is to operate in perpetuity and will serve to underscore Bill and Gayle’s contribution to their fellow man. The scholarship is awarded to incoming freshman students from the local club area, attending Auburn University.

For more information on Bill and Gayle visit the [scholarship section of our website](#).

## **Emerald Eagle Society**

*Dawn Ossont, '93*

At our “Dinner with Dameyune” we announced the start of an exciting new initiative for our Club called **Emerald Eagle Society**. Our goal is to directly increase the endowment level of the Bill and Gayle Creamer Memorial Scholarship Fund to ensure that the Auburn University scholarships can be awarded in perpetuity.

Borrowing an idea from the Huntsville Club, we set out to recruit at least 100 members of our club and ask them to contribute \$100 dollars within the next “100” days. Your support for this effort has been truly inspirational. We are **halfway** to our goal with 51 donors contributing to date! The donations made so far were done very creatively with people generously honoring recent grads, family, friends, past professors and even as a salute for volunteer work for our club! Some donations were made anonymously.

Please join this effort, and become a charter member of the **Emerald Eagle Society** (your name will appear on our club website, in the newsletter and will be displayed at all the ECAC events during the year)! To contribute, fill out and mail the form from our website: [www.emeraldcoastauburnclub.com](http://www.emeraldcoastauburnclub.com) or you can use PayPal on the same site.

This campaign will conclude when donors are honored at the “Welcome to the Family Summer Cookout” on Sunday, July 28.

We appreciate your thoughtful consideration and your contributions. Thank you & **WAR EAGLE!**

### **Current Emerald Eagle Society Charter Members**

Larry Anderson	Mack and Liz Gay	Dawn M. Ossont
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Jim Cravey	In Memory of Edie Miller	
T. C. Crawford	Janet Miller	
Anita Johnson Dunn	Bill and Tina Nelson	
Duane and Debbie Gallagher		

## Auburn Alumni Association Director's Dialogue

*Bill Nelson '62*

After battling cancer for the past year, I returned to Auburn for the Alumni Association Board of Directors (BOD) functions June 19-22. We started with a dinner of board members, spouses and Auburn Alumni Association staff members Debbie Shaw and Dwayne Brown at the Auburn University Club Wednesday night. This was followed by Committee meetings on Thursday from 10:00 am-4:30 pm to review and update our Strategic Plan. These sessions were intense, lively and resulted in lots of progress.

Thursday night, BOD members and spouses, Board of Trustee(BOT) members and spouses, Debbie Shaw and Dwayne Brown, and several Deans and spouses were the guests of Dr. Jay Gogue and his wife, Susie at their home for a social hour and dinner. This was a wonderful treat and made even more so by Dr. Gogue insisting BOD and BOT members share tables to get to know each other better. This proved to be very successful.

Friday morning, the BOD were invited to attend the BOT meeting at the AU Hotel and Conference Center. This was a real treat and the meeting was lively, cordial and professional in all aspects. Highlights included:

- Four Departments on campus were approved to be elevated to "School" status. These are the Departments of Communications and Journalism, Fisheries and Allied Aquacultures, Industrial and Graphic Design, and Kinesiology. The School status is the result of each of these Departments meeting higher

"School status" criteria which includes the number of degrees offered, the number of majors, the number of faculty in positions of Associate Professor or higher, and a minimum of 5,000 annual student credit hours.

- Jimmy Rane from Abbeville was elected president pro tempore of the BOT for the next two years. He is Chairman, President and CEO of Great Southern Wood Preserving Inc. Most of us know him for his role as the "Yella Fella" cowboy in the Great Southern



Woods commercials.

- Outgoing president pro tempore, Raymond J. Harbert, a 1982 alumnus of the College of Business, gave Auburn University a gift of \$40 million to the College of Business. This is the largest gift in Auburn University history.

The BOD meeting was held Thursday afternoon.

- We received an update in athletics from Jay Jacobs, Athletic Director. He spoke of the hires of new Head Baseball and Softball Coaches, the tougher stance against those writing false stories about Auburn, the hire of Charles Goldberg and Phillip Marshall to write about AU sports on the AuburnTigers.com website, and the

tougher stance on all student athletes in meeting both school and drug compliance requirements.

- Each Committee Chairman reviewed the proposed updates to the Strategic Plan.
- President Bill Stone closed the meeting by challenging each Director to sign up 10 new Auburn Alumni Association members between now and September 30. This is the VIP Summer Sale. The incentive offered is the annual fees during this period are reduced from \$50 to \$25 annually. I have 20 applications and request your help in spreading the word. We have over 1,700 alumni in the Emerald Coast Auburn Club area but only 650 are Alumni Association members. Help me spread the word so we can increase the membership in our club. I will answer any and all questions from interested alumni at 850-864-2149.

Thanks for all you do for our beloved Auburn University and the Emerald Coast Auburn Club.

War Eagle!

## Engineering Dean to Visit the Emerald Coast

*Liz Smith '88*

Meet the new Dean of the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering, Dr. Chris Roberts, on Wednesday, August 7. Dean Roberts will present briefings at three times/locations in the Fort Walton Beach area on that date.

There will be a lunch meeting at the Jacobs facility conference room on Racetrack Road, beginning at 11:30 AM. If you can attend this briefing, please respond to Dick Cannon at [dcannon59@cox.net](mailto:dcannon59@cox.net) or 850-651-0591 prior to August 2. We will need a list of attendees for this meeting as visitor badges must be issued and there is a space limitation

There will be a 2:00 PM briefing on Eglin AFB that will be limited to those with access

to Eglin AFB. If you can attend this briefing, please respond to Tom Smith at 850-865-0526. Specific location of this briefing will be provided later.

Following these two briefings, there will be a 5:00 PM briefing at Northwest Florida State College. This meeting is open to Auburn Engineers who may not be able to attend the two earlier meetings as well as prospective students and other persons interested in Auburn Engineering. Dean Roberts will address careers in Engineering and how well students have transferred into the engineering program from two year colleges. If you can attend this briefing, please respond via e-mail to the [club email address](#).

[dress](#).

We are excited to have Dean Roberts visit our area and share his vision for the future of the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering at Auburn.



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### “Dinner with Dameyune” photos



Coach Dameyune Craig entertaining the audience

Dr. Debbie Shaw updates the Emerald Coast Auburn Club on campus happenings



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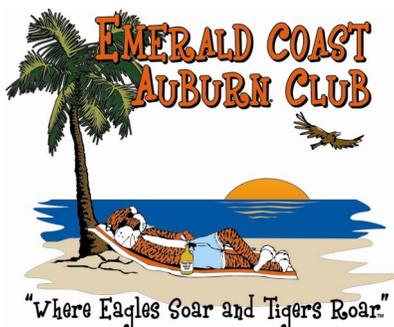
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## Auburn Trivia

Thank you to all who responded to our Auburn Trivia question from last quarter's newsletter. Congratulations to Marie Johnson who knew the correct answer. Dr. Charles Allen Carey initiated veterinary medicine studies in 1892.

The trivia question for this quarter is the following:



**Throughout the years the institution has had four official names. What are the four names and the years that each name was in effect?**

The first person to e-mail the correct answer to the club e-mail will win a prize at Welcome to the Family Summer Cookout on Sunday, July 29, but you must be present to win!

## Fore!

### *Tiffany Clemons '09*

War Eagle everyone! Soon it will be that time of year again! We will be holding our 8th Annual Emerald Coast Classic Golf Tournament on Thursday, October 24th at the Emerald Bay Golf Course. This tournament is our biggest fund-raising 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 are currently looking for players, sponsors, donations, and volunteers! This year we are looking to raise more money than ever, therefore we are offering a number of different sponsorship packages including teams, tee

signs, individual hole sponsor, lunch or beverage cart sponsor, corporate sponsor, tournament sponsor, and donation sponsors.



Event registration and sponsorship forms will be available on the Club website soon. If you are interested in helping, playing, or donating please contact Tiffany Clemons at

emeraldcoastclassic@gmail.com. Committee meetings will be starting soon!

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

War Eagle!