

Dear Friends:

The Auburn Football Lettermen's Club (AFLC) is an exciting and rewarding place to serve. On behalf of each of the board members, we want to say thank you for the chance to be in leadership roles.

We are all pleased to report that the 2007-08 year has included a number of exciting and rewarding opportunities. The club has benefited from the hard work of board members and the generosity of both lettermen and friends. Over the past year, the club has received numerous contributions to strengthen our endowments. We have also had a group of dedicated members working on the lounge expansion project. We have honored graduating football players; celebrated the success of the 2007 team and, unfortunately, grieved in the loss of beloved lettermen.

As we move to the new year, we have more opportunities for growth. We are exploring exciting ways to continue the lounge expansion. Plus, we are looking at options for growing the scholarship program.

As it relates to the AFLC scholarship program, we are disappointed in a recent ruling by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) that has changed the methodology for determining who receives scholarships. According to the NCAA, lettermen clubs cannot give scholarships that are limited to former players' children and grandchildren. This decision came as the result of an inquiry from another institution looking at starting a new program similar to ours. Your club is aggressively looking at ways to continue providing this very important student support. We ask for your patience as we meet with the athletic department, AU Foundation and the scholarship office. For the time being, no AFLC scholarships are to be rewarded in the fall of 2008-09. We will keep you updated on the status.

The organization continues to host our regular schedule of events. Through the years, golf tournaments have been very popular. If you want to know where you can play with some of the AFLC guys, let us know and we will send you a schedule.

Retaining the parking privileges for AFLC members seems to be a priority for most members and as far as we know, it will not change next year.

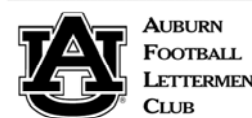
Looking forward to seeing you in the fall.

War Eagle and God Bless,
Gordon Stone



NEWSLETTER

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2008 Executive Board

The 2008 Executive Board will consist of: Gordon Stone, Richard Guthrie, Chuck Hurston, Johnny Simmons, Steve Wilson, Rusty Deen, Al Giffin, Ernie Warren, Tom Bryan, Jay Jacobs, Sam Oates, and Foy Thompson. The 2008 Board of Directors are: Pat Autrey, Alex Dudchock, Haven Fields, Ben Leard, Ken Rice, Benji Roland, Johnny Green, Larry Haynie, Walter Northcutt, Rob Selby, Sonny Ferguson, Clay Langford, James Owens, Gordon Stone and Rick Westbrook.

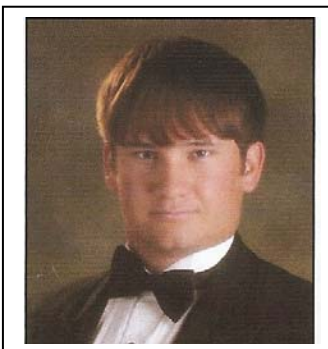
2008 Honorary and Associate Membership Applications

The board approved the following Honorary memberships for Kenneth Edwin Davis, Toner Evans, Jimmy Harris and William "Bill" Kennedy. Associate memberships approved were Joel Gregg and Robbie Pressley and Steve Trucks.

2008 New Members

Please welcome the following new members into the AFLC: Kwesi Drake (01), Danny Fulford (64-65), Thom Gossom, Jr. (72-73-74), Mike Henley (74-75-76), Mike Hicks (80-81), Richard Manry (85-86), John M. Pass (97), Quinton Reese (96-97-98-99), Dennis Rogers (78-79-80) and Greg Wilson (87-88).

Bryant-Jordan Student Athlete Scholarship



The AFLC participated in its 17th year of involvement in the 23rd Annual Bryant-Jordan Student Athlete Banquet and Awards Ceremony on April 14th. Eleven (11) student candidates from across the state was interviewed, each having their own unique and inspiring stories. Our \$2,500 scholarship was awarded to Davis Lester of Luverne, Alabama. Davis's academic achievements and honors are superior, having a 4.63 GPA and is #1 of 70 in his high school graduating class. He plans to obtain his degree in Ag Science. His family is a 4th generation farmer, primarily chicken farming, but also farms in cotton and corn. Davis recalls his early year's conversations with his father talking about the chicken farm smell. Davis vividly recalls his dad's words, "that's the smell of money, son". Davis recalls saying to his father, "well, I don't care to have a lot of it". Davis's mother is a teacher who works specifically with special needs children. Davis has a

tremendous heart for helping others and compassion for special needs children. Bucky Howard and Bruce Evans who participated in the interviewing process decided to help Davis into Auburn and purchased him an orange and blue Auburn tie to replace his red and white one. Mike Kolen "Captain Crunch" presented the award to Davis. Also, members Ernie Warren and Kess Fabian joined us that evening.

National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Banquet

The Auburn Chapter held its 10th Annual Scholar-Athlete Banquet March 28th highlighting the achievements of seven scholar-athletes for their academic and athletic prowess. Former Auburn linebacker **Bill Cody**, a 1965 All-SEC and All-SEC Academic honoree, gave the keynote address. Former Auburn player and now Auburn Dean of Agriculture **Richard Guthrie** received the chapter's Distinguished American Award, and former Auburn and Dallas Cowboys fullback **Tommy Agee** accepted the Outstanding Contributor to Amateur Football Award.

2007 Football Seniors Inducted

The 4th Annual Football Seniors and Coaches Appreciation Night was held March 10, 2008 in the AFLC Lounge in Jordan-Hare Stadium. This is the evening of the pro tryouts. The event was very exciting both with the induction of the seniors in the AFLC and the distribution of watches from the Greater Birmingham Auburn Club. Each senior spoke and expressed his appreciation to the coaches, staff, and to the AFLC for his induction into our club. Auburn University Football Seniors inducted were Cole Bennett, Eric Brock, Brandon Cox, King David Dunlap, Zachery Ranard Gilbert, Quentin Groves, Brandon Baxter Haley, Leon Hart, Joshual Hale Hebert, Patrick Lee, Matthew Tyler Motley, James Daniel Perry, Prechae Rodriguez, Carl Douglas Stewart, Josh Eric Thompson and Jonathan Montron Wilhite.

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AFLC Letterman of the Year

AFLC established an award this year titled "AFLC Letterman of the Year". This award has been originated to recognize a member of the Letterman's Club whose contributions to the club, university and his community have been above and beyond the call of duty. The award was presented during the Annual Football Seniors and Coaches Appreciation Night. The 2008 award was given in memory of the late AFLC Honorary member Waymon C. Reese, Jr. Genelda, Waymon's wife, accepted the award. Given posthumously and in recognition of Reese's 16-year affiliation with the club. Waymon's involvement with the AFLC began when he started providing BBQ feasts, specifically the AFLC/Opelika Kiwanis Club's Celebrity Classic Golf Tournament fund raising event. Waymon's memory will be further continued by a scholarship established in his memory provided by Genelda Reese on behalf of her late husband.

Alabama Sports Hall of Fame Induction Banquet

The Alabama Sports Hall of Fame Induction Banquet 2008 was held Saturday, May 31, 2008. The class of 2008 inductees were Sim Byrd, Gregg Carr, Condredge Holloway, Steve Lowery, Don Mincher, Oliver Robinson and Jerry Wilson. Congratulations!!!!

It Is With Great Sadness to Lose Teammates

William H. "Billy" Austin (56-57) – December 22, 2007

Waymon Reese (Honorary) – January 5, 2008

Frank T. "Trouble" Hayes (49) – January 30, 2008

Billy Wilson (59-61) – February 2, 2008

Each will be remembered and missed greatly.

Moving??? Change in Jobs??? New Email Address???

Please be sure to contact Dale at dale@auflc.com or (334) 705-5466 with any changes in your contact information (Address, Phone Numbers, Email Address, etc). If you are not receiving emails, please contact her so that she can verify your email address.

Newsletter Mailing Changes

Effective with the next newsletter, we will be mailing the newsletters only to members who do not have access to a computer or those who request the newsletter to be mailed to them. We have updated the website and newsletters will be placed on the AFLC website. This will help decrease AFLC mailing and printing costs tremendously. We will e-mail everyone and let them know when the newsletter has been placed on the website.

A-Day Golf Tournament

A-Day Golf Tournament was held on March 28th at Auburn Links Golf Club with eight teams participating in the tournament. Team winners of the tournament were **First Place Team** with a score of 50.9 - Tom Bryan, Johnny Simmons, Clay Harden and Barry Jones; **Second Place Team** with a score of 51.6 – Brent Eddins, Britton Heniz, Matt Anderson, Ellis Pilgreen and **Third Place Team** with a score of 53.2 – Alex Bowden, Randy Walls, Rusty Deen, Rick Stallings. Other winners were **Closest to Hole #8** – Matt Anderson, **Closest to Hole #16** - Rusty Sheehan, **Longest Drive in Fairway #3** – Britton Henig and **Longest Drive in Fairway #12** – Brett Eddins. Congratulations!!!!

Auburn Football Lettermen Club's Statement of Purpose

The Auburn Football Lettermen Club was established to promote fellowship among its members, to raise scholarships for member's children, to serve as a resource for assisting in activities of the Auburn University Athletic Department, and for other endeavors that promote Auburn University.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, August 2, 2008

AFLC Fall Board Meeting – Lettermen Lounge
Executive Board - 9:00 AM
Board of Directors - 9:30 AM

Saturday, August 2, 2008 - Fan Day

Auburn's annual Fan Day presented by Golden Flake Snack Foods is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 2 from 3-5 p.m. CT at Beard-Eaves-Memorial Coliseum. The Auburn football team, football head coach [Tommy Tuberville](#), along with the Auburn cheerleaders, Tiger Paws and Aubie will be available for autographs. Posters and schedule cards will be provided at no charge and Auburn fans will be able to purchase a copy of the 2008 Auburn Football Media Guide at a booth on the Coliseum concourse. The event is free of charge and open to the public.

Saturday, August 30, 2008 - Football Season

The Auburn Tigers will open the season against Louisiana-Monroe on August 30th and the Lettermen Lounge will open for members and their guests. Golden Rule will no longer provide the catering and the Board of Directors will review catering proposals and make a decision concerning which caterer to work with. We are extremely fortunate to have the Lettermen Lounge and we look forward to seeing you at the home game. Lounge Manager, Bill Jolluck, will be on hand to assist you while in the lounge. Please review the rules and help us to ensure that the lounge is a pleasure and comfort to all.

Saturday, September 6, 2008 - Coach Jack Meagher Award presentation on the field

The AFLC Board of Directors in association with the Auburn University Athletic Department founded the Coach Jack Meagher Award in 2004 honoring the memory of beloved Coach Jack Meagher. The award is presented to a person with Auburn University affiliation who has made significant contributions to society through athletics. The 2008 award will be presented to Coach Spence McCracken. Coach McCracken retired following his 2008 coaching season from Opelika High School following his 35th year in the profession. McCracken is the winningest active coach in Class 6A.

Friday, October 10, 2008 - 17th Annual Celebrity Golf Classic

The Celebrity Golf Classic is scheduled for Friday, October 10, 2008 at the Auburn University Club. Proceeds this year will go toward the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Jr./High Schools, Auburn Football Lettermen Club Scholarships and the Kiwanis Charities. Without a doubt, this is the best charitable golf tournament for participants. Teams are comprised of four individuals with an Auburn celebrity playing as the fifth man. The format is a scramble with foot-wedges allowed. The fees are as follows: Title Sponsor - \$15000.00, Dinner Sponsor - \$3500.00, Lunch Sponsor - \$3500.00, Team Sponsor - \$1500.00, Hole Sponsor - \$250, Individual Celebrity Players - \$100.00. If interested in playing or sponsoring, please contact Lisa at 334-705-5466. For celebrity player information, please contact Tom Bryan at 334-444-5777.

Saturday, November 15, 2008 - End of Year Tailgate Party

The end of the year tailgate party will be held in the Lettermen Lounge prior to the Georgia game. Members and **their** **immediate** family members are invited to enjoy pre-game goodies in the Lounge.

Former Athletes Recognition. Please join Tigers Unlimited and the AFLC throughout the season as we honor former players during halftime in the Lettermen Lounge. Email updates will be sent regularly.

Hi Auburn Family,

I hope this letter finds each of you and yours in peace and in good health. Lil Bennie and I would like to thank each of you for all your thoughts, kinds words, and prayers. The road has been long and tough, but God has seen us through.

As you are aware this past October Lil Bennie was diagnosed with a very rare form of Kidney cancer. The doctor did not give him much of a chance. Thanks to all the prayers he received God showed up and showed out. After the first round of chemo the doctors stated the results were remarkable. Today Lil Bennie is cancer free, although the doctor wants to continue with a few more treatments for precautionary measures. Lil Bennie is now 5'2 and an 110 lbs at 11 years old. Sounds like linebacker and fullback material to me. LOL. The doctor stated that Lil Bennie is the only person he has seen that actually grew through chemo.

Lil Bennie loves football and cannot wait to become an AU football player. He is on his way to the 6th grade. What can I say like father, like son. He will be attending Drake Middle School in Auburn. We applied for a pair of season tickets and a few single tickets for his at home nurse (his little sister Brianna) for the upcoming season. Hope we get them.

Lil Bennie asked me to thank each of you for all your cares, prayers and love for him. You all have made us very proud to be a part of the Auburn Family. Hope to see our Auburn Family in the Jungle on the Plains this season.

WAR EAGLE!

Bennie L. Pierce Jr. 88' – 92' OLB
Bennie L. Pierce III. Upcoming Tiger

AUBURN FOOTBALL LETTERMEN CLUB

Lounge Rules

- } **Members and guests must wear name badges for entrance to the lounge.**
- } **Members must have current year sticker displayed on their name badge.**
- } Members must accompany or be in the lounge for guest's admittance.
- } Members are responsible for their children and guest abiding by lounge rules.
- } No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the lounge.
- } All stadium rules and regulations apply.
- } The AFLC reserves the right to remove from the premises of the lounge any person who is disruptive and/or fails to adhere to the established rules of the lounge.
- } The lounge will be open two hours prior to the game until two hours after the game.
- } Catered food and soft drinks are available at a reasonable charge.
- } Each member is allowed to bring his wife and 4 guests. Single members may bring only 4 guests.
- } If your name badge has been lost or there are changes needed, you may order another name badge for \$10.00 by calling Dale Downing at 334-705-5466 or e-mail dale@auflc.com. Replacement badge will not be ordered until payment is made.

AFLC Football Tickets

The Athletic Department has been providing benefits for years for AFLC members to sit together in sections that would take years of contributions through normal channels to acquire. This arrangement is a very generous offer because of the high demand for season tickets.

1. All of sections 104 and 105 and the upper half of section 32 are reserved to fill AFLC requests.
2. Being a Tigers Unlimited member does not guarantee that new AFLC ticket purchasers will get more than two tickets in AFLC sections. In the past the AU Ticket Office has allowed AFLC members to purchase additional tickets in the section because they were available. If you already have established a priority of 10 tickets, they will not be changed. As more AFLC members take advantage of the AFLC priority, the AU Ticket Office will not be able to fill more than two tickets per AFLC member in the lettermen section.
3. Nothing has changed for AFLC members except:
 - A. TUF seats are \$220 per seat.
 - B. You no longer are limited to three priority levels. (TUF-2,TUF-6,TUF-10)

Each AFLC member through their AFLC membership is eligible to purchase 2 tickets in lettermen sections without having to pay TUF, unless they wish for better seats and/or additional seats above the 2 tickets purchased as a benefit of the AFLC. The AFLC provides the ticket office with a list of members each year by the first week of April. The ticket office will then send lettermen ticket order forms to AFLC members of which have been provided on the list supplied to the ticket office. **Only AFLC members who have paid dues received by the AFLC no later than March 31st of each year will be included on the AFLC membership list provided to the ticket office.** The ticket office, following receiving the AFLC membership list, will mail football lettermen ticket order forms to all members provided on the list except those members who are TUF members, who would have already received their ticket order forms.

AFLC members who pay the TUF priority have the option to keep the same seats each year. AFLC members who do not pay the TUF priority are assigned seating after all AFLC/TUF members orders are filled. Non-TUF AFLC members seats can move from year to year.

Reminder: Tigers Unlimited football ticket priority contributions are accepted from Dec 1st through March 1st. The ticket office number is 1-800-282-1957. The local number is 844-4040 or you can visit: www.auburntigers.com