



AUBURN TRADITIONS

According to legend, football and the cry of “War Eagle” came to Auburn the same day.

It was February 20, 1892, the day Auburn and Georgia met in the first game of the longest continuous football rivalry in the Deep South.

The story actually began before that. That first Auburn-Georgia game was only the culmination. It began in 1864 at the Battle of the Wilderness in Virginia.

An Auburn student had gone off to fight with Robert E. Lee and the Confederate troops. He was with them on the worst day of the long and fierce battle.

He was wounded, and when the armies retreated to their respective lines, he was left on the battlefield for dead. When he regained consciousness, there were only two living things as far as he could see, himself and a baby eagle.

Brought together by their common bond of misery, the soldier took the wounded bird with him and nursed him back to health. When he returned to Auburn after the war, the eagle came with him.

The student-turned-soldier came back to Auburn and ultimately became a member of the faculty. He was there that day in Atlanta’s Piedmont Park when Auburn and Georgia met in what would now be called “The Game of the Century.” As usual, the eagle—called War Eagle because of the circumstances under which he was found—was there with him.

When Auburn scored the first touchdown the old eagle broke free from its master and began to soar above the field. Auburn people looked skyward, saw the familiar figure, and shouted “War Eagle.”

At the end of the game which Auburn won 10-0, the old eagle collapsed and died, presumably having given his all in pursuit of victory for Auburn. War Eagle’s body may have died that day, but his spirit lives forever in the hearts of Auburn people who love to stand and shout “War-r-r-r-r Eagle” long into the night following an Auburn victory.

The facts of this legend cannot be authenticated, but it makes a good story and is the one most used to describe how the “War Eagle” battle cry became associated with Auburn teams.

Auburn teams are known as “The Auburn Tigers,” but the cry of Auburn faithful is ever the same: “War-r-r-r-r Eagle!”

War Eagle V, which had represented Auburn for five seasons, died just days prior to the 1986 season-opener. Following a nationwide search for the perfect eagle, War Eagle VI was located at Land Between the Lakes, Ky. The female Golden Eagle underwent numerous tests and conditioning programs at the Auburn Vet School before making its debut at the Georgia game on Nov. 15, 1986 in Auburn.

AUBURN NICKNAME EXPLANATION

Auburn’s nickname is the TIGERS.

Auburn’s battle cry is “WAR EAGLE!”

Through the years, these two Auburn terms have often been used interchangeably and incorrectly. There are hats and T-shirts with Auburn War Eagles on them. Even the news media has been known to refer to an Auburn team as the War Eagles or to an Auburn player as a War Eagle.

In fact, when the Tigers play a game on the road, there is often an article written in the local paper wondering why Auburn has three nicknames—the Auburn Tigers, the Auburn War Eagles and the Auburn Plainsmen.

To set the record straight, Auburn has only one nickname – the Auburn Tigers.

“War Eagle” is a battle cry, used by Auburn fans in the same manner Alabama fans yell “Roll Tide!” and Arkansas fans yell “Sooie Pig!” You never hear Alabama referred to as the Alabama Roll Tides or Arkansas as the Arkansas Sooie Pigs, and to call Auburn teams the Auburn War Eagles would be just as incorrect. The battle cry “War Eagle” should never have an “s” on the end of it.

The nickname “Tigers” comes from a line in Oliver Goldsmith’s poem, “The Deserted Village,” published in May 1770, “where crouching tigers wait their hapless prey...”

The term “Plainsmen” comes from a line in that same Goldsmith poem, “Sweet Auburn, loveliest (sic) village of the plain...” Since Auburn athletes were, in the early days, men from the Plains, it was only natural for newspaper headline writers to shorten that to “Plainsmen.”

It may be confusing to an outsider, but to Auburn people, it is very simple. That’s why War Eagle VI, Auburn’s golden eagle mascot, is named Tiger!



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History

Auburn University has a proud and dynamic 149-year history. The institution was chartered on February 1, 1856 as the East Alabama Male College, a private liberal arts school established by Alabama Methodists to foster Christian education.

A single four-story building was completed at a cost of \$111,000 in 1859 with 80 students enrolled and a faculty of five. Five male students were graduated in the first commencement held. When Alabama seceded from the Union, faculty and students resigned to enlist for the duration of the Civil War. Among those joining was William J. Samford, later Governor of Alabama.

The college building, then named Old Main, was used as a Confederate hospital from 1864 until classes resumed in 1866. When fire destroyed Old Main in 1887, it was replaced on the same site in 1888 by Samford Hall, named after Gov. Samford. Today Samford Hall serves as the university's administrative headquarters.

The college struggled in the shattered Southern economy during the years after the Civil War. It was a ruined economy and those that pledged large sums to the college went bankrupt and could not meet their pledges. The Methodist Church granted the institution to the state in 1872 for use as a land-grant university under the Morrill Act, signed by President Lincoln in 1862. The institution then became the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Alabama, changing from the private liberal arts school to a state-supported college with an emphasis on the new scientific and agricultural programs.

Continuous expansion followed. In 1899, the Alabama Legislature decided a new name was needed to reflect the expanded role of the institution. The college's name was changed to the Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

From the beginning, however, virtually everyone connected with the university ignored official names, preferring always the name selected for the town, founded in 1836, where the institution was located -- Auburn. Elizabeth Harper, the daughter-in-law of the settlements founder, was inspired by a line from Oliver Goldsmith's

poem, *The Deserted Village*, which reads, Sweet Auburn, loveliest village of the plain.

As Charles C. Thach, the university's sixth president said, "The Alabama Polytechnic Institute, a high sounding phrase, is fit for legal document; and grave legislation, but not to conjure with and not to yell and not to dream with, as is Fair Auburn." The Legislature agreed, and in 1960 Alabama Polytechnic Institute became Auburn University.

Women students were first admitted to Auburn in 1892, making Auburn the oldest four-year coeducational school in Alabama and the second oldest in the Southeast.

Auburn's greatest growth and development came after World War II. From a campus of 35 buildings in 1946, the university's multi-million dollar physical complex has grown to approximately 375 buildings on 1,840 acres. Main campus enrollment is now more than 23,000, with about 1,270 faculty.

Auburn Today

Twelve schools and colleges advance the university's outstanding programs of teaching, research and service. The current colleges and schools and the dates of this original inception are: College of Agriculture, 1872; College of Architecture Design and Construction, 1907; College of Business, 1967; College of Education, 1915; Samuel Ginn College of Engineering, 1872; School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences, 1984; College of Human Sciences, 1916; College of Liberal Arts, 1986; School of Nursing, 1979; James Harrison School of Pharmacy, 1885; College of Sciences and Mathematics, 1986; College of Veterinary Medicine, 1907; Graduate School, 1872. In 1986, a university reorganization created the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Sciences and Mathematics from the former school of Arts and Sciences (1872), as well as portions of the School of Agriculture and Biological Sciences and the School of Architecture and Fine Arts (both subsequently renamed).

AU's College of Engineering took a major leap forward in 2001 when an alumnus decided his alma mater should take the national lead in the teaching of wireless communication and related engineering



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research and teaching. Samuel L. Ginn, a pioneer in wireless communication, backed up his vision with a \$25 million gift to the college and announced plans to spearhead an additional \$150 million in support.

Auburn At A Glance

- A 2001 study determined AU had a nearly \$4 billion economic impact on the state of Alabama, including a \$1.5 billion impact on the economy and \$2.4 billion impact in "human capital".
- Sponsored research at AU totals more than \$71 million annually.
- AU is recognized by the National Science Foundation and Carnegie Foundation.
- The business journal Meat & Poultry ranked the College of Agriculture's Animal and Poultry Sciences Departments 10th nationally for service to the industry, and Poultry Science 4th in the nation for its programs specializing in poultry processing. The journal sited exceptional facilities, research, and career-track majors among its reasons for the high rankings.
- DesignIntelligence ranked the School of Architecture No. 1 in the southern region for preparing its graduates for the professional field and 10th nationally in overall value. The Interior Architecture program ranked 9th nationally.
- The College of Business ranked 33rd nationally among public institutions and 53rd overall in the 2004 U.S. News & World Report rankings.
- The College of Education is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).
- In 2004 U.S. News & World Report ranked AU's Samuel Ginn College of Engineering 35th in undergraduate engineering programs and 46th in graduate programs among the nation's public universities.
- The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy named the School of Pharmacy one of three North American winners of Innovation in Teaching Awards for 2003, which recognizes the use of community service in the School's curriculum.
- Auburn is partnering with the state to develop a hotel and conference center at Gulf State Park, which will offer hands-on education

to the state's university students and attract tourism to Alabama. The university already owns the successful Auburn University Hotel and Dixon Conference Center, managed by West Paces Ferry Hotel Group of Atlanta.

- The College of Veterinary Medicine is the oldest college of veterinary medicine in the South and seventh-oldest in the nation, with more than 5,600 doctors of veterinary medicine have graduated from the College, which has alumni in all 50 states.

Auburn Profile

Student Profile (2003-2004)

Enrollment.....	23,330
Undergraduates.....	19,051
Graduate students.....	3,080
Professional students.....	797
New freshmen.....	3,706
Male students.....	11,884 (51.3%)
Female students.....	11,268 (48.7%)
African-American students.....	1,662 (7.1%)
Minority students.....	2,398 (10.3%)
Freshman scoring 24 or above on ACT.....	44.1%
Mean ACT score of entering freshmen.....	24.4
Retention rate.....	84%
Graduation rates:	
4-year.....	32.2%
5-year.....	59.2%
6-year.....	67.6%
Number of student athletes.....	476
Number of National Merit Scholars.....	188

Faculty Profile: (2003-2004)

Faculty with Ph.D.s.....	82%
Faculty with terminal (highest available) degree.....	92%
Full-time faculty.....	1,277
Minority faculty.....	163
Female faculty.....	377
Male faculty.....	900
Student to faculty ratio.....	16:1
Faculty teaching undergraduates.....	90%

Campus:

Campus Size.....	1,840 acres with 375 buildings
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Celebration in downtown Auburn for the 2004 SEC Champion Football team.



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The Campus/City

Auburn's beautiful main campus graced by greenery and open spaces and highlighted by historic Samford Park -- is made up of 375 buildings spread across 1,875 acres bordered on two sides by farms and woodlands. Buildings in the main campus area are within walking distance of each other. Residence halls are only a short walk from classrooms, dining and athletic facilities.

Auburn is located in the Southeastern United States in east-central Alabama about 30 miles from the Georgia border. One of the state's fastest growing cities, Auburn has a population of about 45,000. An adjacent twin-city, Opelika, has a population of about 30,000. Atlanta, Ga. is only 100 miles to the northeast via Interstate 85; Birmingham is 100 miles to the north via U.S. 280 or I-85/65; Montgomery is 50 miles to the west via I-85; and the Gulf beaches are about 200 miles away.

The university enjoys the advantages of security, seclusion and clean air and water. Auburn is a clean city with a mild climate that offers many cultural opportunities. Auburn, Alabama was founded in 1836 by Judge John J. Harper of Harris County, Georgia. Envisioned as a religious, educational and cultural center, Auburn was incorporated as a town on Feb. 2, 1839. By 1856, Auburn University was chartered as the East Alabama Male College and has since become a thriving addition to the city.

With each year, "the loveliest village of the plains" continues to grow and improve. With a population of 45,000 and growing, Auburn offers a wide variety of entertaining events, cultural activities and educational opportunities including recreational events, sports, the Colonial Mall Auburn-Opelika, more than 100 restaurants, two bed and breakfasts, four campgrounds and 1,550 hotel rooms in the area.

Geographically, the city of Auburn and Auburn University meet at what is known as "Toomers Corner." Here the flourishing community and expanding university create a warm, friendly spirit that can only

be described as "Auburn."

The bond between the city and university is exemplified along the streets of downtown Auburn where tribute is paid to Auburn University's greatest athletes, coaches and administrators. Known as Tiger Trail of Auburn, this walk of fame consists of 38 granite plaques bearing the names of those honored along the Trail. Each year new plaques are added, as more Auburn women and men are recognized for their contributions to Auburn. The Tiger Trail is sponsored by the Auburn Chamber of Commerce and funded by Auburn people. This tradition represents a connection between the city of Auburn and Auburn University that will remain forever.

Truly, the city of Auburn is unique to the state of Alabama. Once the "Auburn Spirit" gets in your blood, you will never want to leave. Come to visit and stay a lifetime.

Some of the activities Auburn offers include:

Chewacla State Park, a 696-acre park with a 26-acre lake, offers rustic cabins, tennis courts, nature trails and camping facilities.

Kiesel Park, willed to the city by Dr. George Kiesel, this property has been developed as a "nature park." A two and one-half mile walking and jogging trail winds in and around gurgling streams, over rolling, tree covered hills and through a wildflower meadow.

Golf — In an area known for big time sports and small town charm, a golfer's dream awaits. The Auburn area offers more than 162 holes of great golf: Auburn University Club, Auburn Links at Mill Creek; Grand National; Indian Pines Golf Complex; Moore's Mill Country Club, Pin Oaks Golf Club; Saugahatchee Country Club and the Driver's Club, a lighted driving range.



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War Eagle (Fight Song)

War ... Eagle, fly down the field, Ever to conquer, never to yield
War ... Eagle fearless and true. Fight on, you orange and blue.
Go! Go! Go!
On to vic'try, strike up the band,
Give 'em hell, give 'em hell.
Stand up and yell, Hey! War ... Eagle, win for Auburn,
Power of Dixie Land!

The Auburn Creed

I believe that this is a practical world and that I can count only on what I earn.
Therefore, I believe in work, hard work.
I believe in education, which gives me the knowledge to work wisely and trains
my mind and my hands to work skillfully.
I believe in honesty and truthfulness, without which I cannot win the respect
and confidence of my fellow men.
I believe in a sound mind, in a sound body and a spirit that is not afraid, and in
clean sports that develop these qualities.
I believe in obedience to law because it protects the rights of all.
I believe in the human touch, which cultivates sympathy with my fellow men
and mutual helpfulness and brings happiness for all.
I believe in my Country, because it is a land of freedom and because it is my
own home, and that I can best serve that country by "doing justly, loving
mercy, and walking humbly with my God."
And because Auburn men and women believe in these things, I believe in
Auburn and love it.

—George Petrie
Auburn's First Football Coach

The Alma Mater

On the rolling plains of Dixie
'Neath its sun-kissed sky,
Proudly stands, our Alma Mater
Banners high.

To thy name we'll sing thy praise,
From hearts that love so true,
And pledge to thee our
Loyalty and ages through.

We hail thee, Auburn, and we vow
To work for thy just fame,
And hold in memory as we do now
Thy cherished name.

Hear thy student voices swelling,
Echoes strong and clear,
Adding laurels to thy fame
Enshrined so dear.

From thy hallowed halls we'll part,
And bid thee sad adieu;
Thy sacred trust we'll bear with us
The ages through.

We hail thee, Auburn, and we vow
To work for thy just fame,
And hold in memory as we do now
Thy cherished name.

Composed by Bill Wood, 1942
Word revision, 1960



INTERIM PRESIDENT DR. ED RICHARDSON

The Board of Trustees unanimously named Edward R. Richardson as interim president of Auburn University on Jan. 20, 2004.

Richardson, former state school superintendent, has a familiarity with Auburn, born of a 24-year association with the university, as preparation for the interim presidency.

Prior to accepting the post, Richardson had been state superintendent of education since October 1995. During his eight-year tenure in Montgomery, Richardson was the Alabama Board of Education's executive officer for the State Department of Education. In that capacity, he was the state's top appointed official over Alabama's K-12 public schools. Richardson became state superintendent at a time when the State Board of Education was starting the most ambitious academic improvement program in Alabama's history.

Among his first major responsibilities as state superintendent was to oversee implementation of the Education Accountability Law passed in the 1995 Legislative Session. The State Board of Education developed a plan that requires schools and school systems to operate with academic and financial accountability.

Richardson enforced that law and intervened in 10 school systems for financial reasons and in one school for academic reasons. In 1996, Richardson recommended to the State Board of Education a plan for implementing the nation's highest graduation requirements.

Richardson also implemented the issuance of easy-to-understand report cards on the performance of every school system in the state and the development of a comprehensive technology plan for all elementary and secondary schools. The plan included providing advanced courses via distance learning to schools that might not otherwise offer such courses.

Before he became state superintendent, Richardson was superintendent of schools for the Auburn City Board of Education for 13 years. He spent nine years as a teacher, assistant principal and principal in the Montgomery County school system and served nine years as principal of Andalusia High School.

Richardson has earned three degrees from Auburn University -- a B.S. in science education in 1962, an M.Ed. in 1967, and an Ed.D. in 1972, both in educational administration.



ATHLETICS DIRECTOR JAY JACOBS

After working in almost every area of the Auburn athletic department for the past 20 years, Jay Jacobs was named Auburn's 14th director of athletics on Dec. 22, 2004.

For Jacobs, it was the final step in a career that has allowed the LaFayette native to gain a wide-range of experiences in collegiate athletics, from the perspective of a student-athlete, to the position of senior associate athletic director in charge of Tigers Unlimited, Auburn's fund-raising arm.

Jacobs grew up just 20 miles from Auburn in LaFayette and would make several trips a year to the campus to watch athletic events. Later, after moving to Jacksonville, Fla., to attend high school, he returned to Auburn for college. After walking on the Auburn football team, he earned two letters as an offensive tackle in 1982 and 1983. As a senior, he started for the SEC Championship Tigers that finished the season ranked third nationally.

Not long after his career ended against Michigan in the 1984 Sugar Bowl, Jacobs started the journey that led him to being named athletic director.

After one season as a coach at Lee-Scott Academy in Auburn, Jacobs returned to his alma matter in 1985 as the assistant strength and conditioning coach. After serving two seasons (1986-87) as a graduate football coach, Jacobs was named conditioning coach, a position he held for three years (1988-91).

In 1991, he became an assistant athletic director. Three years later, he was promoted to associate athletic director for operations, overseeing a variety of support functions in the athletic department.

As the senior associate athletic director in charge of Tigers Unlimited since 2001, Jacobs oversaw the fund-raising efforts that secured approximately \$60-million in gifts in the last three years. He spearheaded a \$90 million capital campaign which is the largest in Auburn athletic history.

Through his years of service, Jacobs has gained a reputation for his character, integrity and his ability.

"I've had the good fortune of knowing Jay Jacobs for over 20 years," said Hal Baird, athletic assistant to the President at the announcement press conference. "Jay was educated at Auburn, trained at Auburn and as such, has a valuable insight to the challenges that this job has. What I see as challenges and obstacles, I think he sees as an opportunity. That is the perfect attitude to undertake with this position. I know with 100 percent certainty that Auburn University will absolutely get his very best effort from dawn until dusk everyday."

Jacobs earned his undergraduate and master's degree in business administration from Auburn in 1985 and 1988, respectively. He is married to the former Angie Sapp of Dublin, Ga. The couple has three daughters.



Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

The primary function of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) is to provide student-athletes with an official voice in the decision-making processes of the athletic department. Auburn's SAAC is comprised of two representatives from each athletic team. These two representatives serve as a liaison between the committee and their teams. Secondary functions of SAAC are the development of leadership skills and to promote citizenship through community service. The SAAC is involved in community service activities such as organizing canned food and clothing drives, visiting patients in area hospitals and nursing homes and hosting local elementary school children each year for National Student-Athlete Day. The Auburn University SAAC also plans and hosts an annual fall picnic and a spring social for all student-athletes in appreciation of their contributions to Auburn.



2004-05 Women's Basketball Top Tigers

ACADEMICS

Auburn University is committed to maintaining the highest standard of academic excellence. Auburn's academic curriculum is recognized nationally and internationally by leading education publications for its services in preparing students for challenges of the future.

Auburn student-athletes excel in part because of one of the top student support service programs in the country. Virgil Starks, Associate Athletic Director for Student-Athlete Support Services (SASS) oversees a staff of seven full-time Academic Counselors, a Learning Specialist and two Eligibility Specialists. Auburn's SASS program focuses on skill building and life skills development with an emphasis on helping the transition from high school or junior college to a four-year institution and then life after college.

Student-Athlete Development Center

In early fall, the new state-of-the-art Student-Athlete Development Center will open. The center is housed in two floors on top of the Tatum Strength and Conditioning Center. The 32,434 square-foot facility will include administrative offices, counselor offices, a 50-seat multi-function classroom, a 50-seat tiered classroom, an academic excellence recognition area, 40 four-person study rooms, four eight-person study rooms, a 25-station computer laboratory, a study lounge and a library resources lounge.

Student-Athlete Support Services

The Tiger CHAMPS/Life Skills program focuses on five commitments that the NCAA has specified as necessary to a holistic approach to student development programming. Auburn University is committed to the growth and development of its student-athletes by promoting the following areas:

- Commitment to Academic Excellence
- Commitment to Athletic Excellence
- Commitment to Personal Development
- Commitment to Service
- Commitment to Career Development

The Tiger CHAMPS/Life Skills program at Auburn provides a series of services and workshops that are designed to enhance the total development of student-athletes. The Tiger CHAMPS/Life Skills program is committed to meeting the needs of student-athletes and providing interactive activities which promote and develop skills necessary to compete in the "game" of life. In order to accomplish this, the Student-Athlete Support Services (SASS) department has developed a comprehensive program which includes:

- Academic Counseling
- Tiger Tutor Program
- Specialized Services
- Study Table Program
- Life Skills Classes
- Promoting Academic Winners (P.A.W.)

Academic Counseling

All staff members participate in recruiting scholar student-athletes.

- Student-Athlete Support Services maintains a book depository.
- Student-Athlete Support Services assists in advising degree curriculum for student-athletes.
- Student-Athlete Support Services monitors progress towards obtaining a degree.

Tiger Tutor Program

- This program is responsible for assigning tutors to student-athletes for one-on-one and group tutorial assistance.
- The Tiger Tutor Program provides Supplemental Advantage Instruction (SI).

Specialized Services

- An Eligibility Specialist monitors NCAA Eligibility Standards.
- A Learning Specialist serves as the liaison to the Program for Students with Disabilities.
- Student-Athlete Support Services provides an academic monitoring program.

Life Skills Program

The Student-Athlete Support Services Life Skills program offers four classes:

- **Life Skills for Student-Athletes** is a freshman/ transfer class which provides a variety of life skills components and opportunities for the first-year student in a university setting. This class offers various activities, discussions, guest speakers and community service opportunities.
- **Career Awareness For Student-Athletes** is a Freshman/ Sophomore class where students learn to research their majors and professional career interest and develop resumes and portfolio resources.
- **Career Success for Student-Athletes** is a Junior/Senior class developed to explore careers based on their majors, skills and interest. Students also learn to aggressively market themselves through networking and other job search tactics. They are also actively engaged in enhancing their self-confidence by polishing their job search skills, interviewing and business etiquette.

Undergraduate Programs

College of Agriculture
Agricultural Business & Economics
Agricultural Journalism
Animal & Dairy Science
Fisheries & Allied Aquaculture
Horticulture
Plant Sciences
Poultry Science
College of Architecture, Design & Construction
Architecture
Building Science
Environmental Design
Industrial Design
Interior Design
Landscape Architecture
College of Business
Accountancy
Business Administration & Management
Business Economics
Finance
Human Resources
Management
International Business
Marketing
Operations Management
Transportation & Physical Distribution

College of Education
Adult & Continuing
Early Childhood
Elementary Education
English/Language Arts
Exercise Science
Foreign Language
General Education
Health Promotion
Health & Physical
Mathematics Education
Music Education
Rehabilitation Services
Science Education
Vocational Education
College of Engineering
Aerospace Engineering
Agricultural Engineering
Aviation Management
Chemical Engineering
Civil Engineering
Computer Science
Computer Engineering
Electrical Engineering
Environmental Science
Geological Engineering
Industrial & Systems
Engineering
Materials Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Textile Chemistry
Textile Engineering
Textile Management &

Technology
School of Forestry
Forest Engineering
Forestry
School of Human Sciences
Apparel Merch. Design & Prod. Mgt.
Hotel & Restaurant
Management
Human Development & Family Studies
Interior Environments
Nutrition & Food Science
College of Liberal Arts
Anthropology
Art
Communication
Disorders
Corporate Journalism
Criminal Justice
Criminology
Economics
English
French
Geography
German
Health Services
Administration
History
Journalism
Mass Communication
(Radio/TV)
Philosophy

Political Science
Psychology
Public Administration & Public Policy
Public Relations Speech
Social Work
Sociology
Spanish
Theatre
Visual Communications
School of Nursing
Nursing
School of Pharmacy
Pharmacy
College of Sciences & Mathematics
Applied Discrete
Applied Mathematics
Biochemistry
Biology
Botany
Chemistry
Geology
Laboratory Technology
Marine Biology
Mathematics
Medical Technology
Microbiology
Molecular Biology
Physics
Pre-Health Sciences
Wildlife Science
Zoology



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• **Athletes in Society** is a course designed to help student-athletes with civic involvement and community service through service learning.

Other life skills programs include:

- Career Seminars for Student-Athletes
- Tiger Tracks Resume Portfolio
- Career Symposium for Student-Athletes
- Drug/Alcohol Education Program
- Adopt a School Program (Stay in Bounds)

The Life Skills program is uniquely structured so that each counselor has the responsibility of planning activities and/or seminars in a given area of expertise. The Life Skills coordinator directs the implementation of activities and spearheads the development of the Tiger CHAMPS/Life Skills Program.

The Tiger CHAMPS/Life Skills program was recognized as a Program of Merit by the Division I-A Athletics Directors Association in 2003.

Student-Athlete Support Services Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Office of Student-Athlete Support Services of the Auburn University Athletic Department to promote, assist, and provide counsel to all student-athletes, whether scholarship or walk-on, in the areas of academics, eligibility, admissions, financial aid, career counseling, and substance abuse. Its primary, constant goal is to develop graduates from Auburn University who have contributed in the arenas of athletic competition during their tenures of education, who are articulate, confident, poised, positive, cooperative, and mature decision-makers, and who are outstanding examples of Auburn University's commitment to the development of the whole individual.

The University Honors College

The University Honors College at Auburn is part of a long tradition. Swarthmore College established the first honors program in this country in 1922, using as its model the Oxford tutorial system, in which small classes of students and faculty studied the Greek and Latin classics. Other models for honors programs and classes include the Socratic dialogues, the German seminars, and the European guild system.

Drawing on these traditions, the University Honors College offers qualified Auburn students a unique academic experience, designed to provide many of the advantages of a small college in the midst of the many diverse opportunities available at a large university. It is designed for

students capable of academic excellence. The program selects 200 entering freshmen each year, who may be enrolled in any College or School of the University which has undergraduate programs or offerings. Students already enrolled at Auburn can also qualify for the Honors College.

The Honors Office is located on the fourth floor of the Ralph B. Draughon Library, housing the offices for the director, assistant director and secretary. The Honors Residence Halls - Broun, Harper, Teague, and Little - are located in the upper quad. They provide a place for students to live, learn, and relax together. Computers are available in the Honors Student Center in the basement of Broun Hall.

Benefits of Membership

Honors classes are taught in small sections, and are designed to provide for in-depth dialogue and interaction between students and faculty. All honors sections are taught by professorial faculty.

Entering freshmen are introduced to the University Honors College through the Summer Honors Orientation sessions, held in conjunction with Camp War Eagle, where introductions to faculty and fellow students are made and friendships begin. Living in the Honors Residence Halls and attending the Honors classes continues this interaction and provides an environment that encourages intellectual growth. The mentor program, organized by upper-class honors students, further assists new students as they adjust to university life. From their second semester in the program, Honors students are given priority at registration to ensure timely progress through the Honors curriculum. Participation in the Honors Lyceum offers Honors students a unique opportunity to focus on methods of dealing with issues of current importance or on cutting-edge research on campus. During their final semesters, Honors thesis students enjoy library carrel privileges. As an ongoing service, Honors students are provided assistance in identifying and applying for the Rhodes, Marshall, Goldwater, and Truman, and other prestigious scholarships.

Participation in the Honors College exposes students to a wide range of intellectual and academic experience, gives students the opportunity to form lasting friendships with other students committed to academic excellence, and promotes rewarding interactions with dedicated teachers. As a result of their special college experience, Honors students have a distinct advantage in future pursuits, whether they go on to graduate or professional school, or go directly into their chosen professions.

To learn more about the Auburn University Honors College, please call 334-844-5860 or visit <http://www.auburn.edu/honors/Home/index.htm>.



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Mark Richard
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Jeremy Roberts
Director, Athletics Marketing



Mike Roberts
Sports Medicine Director



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Assistant AD Media Relations



Virgil Starks
Senior Assoc. AD Student Athlete Support Services



Jeff Steele
Director of Athletic Facilities



Ben Thomas
Athletic Events Director



David Walsh
Manager of Rehabilitation and Physical Therapy



Terry Windle
Senior Assoc. AD Chief Financial Officer

AUBURN ADMINISTRATION



Barbara Camp
Senior Associate Athletics Director

JOINED AU STAFF: December 1992

RESPONSIBILITY: Oversees the administration of championships, women's basketball, soccer, equestrian, women's golf and women's tennis. Serves as the event coordinator and directs all Southeastern Conference and NCAA events hosted by Auburn. Responsible for handling all Title IX and gender equity issues and represents Auburn at the SEC and NCAA level in all areas related to women's intercollegiate athletics.

EXPERIENCE: Came to Auburn after serving as Associate Athletic Director and as Acting Director of Athletics and Campus Recreation at the University of California-Irvine. A coach or administrator in Division I athletics for 30 years. Intercollegiate experience began in 1969 when she was named Instructor of Physical Education at Southern Methodist University. Helped inaugurate the women's athletic program and began the SMU women's tennis program, coaching for 11 years. Her tennis teams were ranked in the top 20 from 1973 through 1980 and she coached two All-Americans. Became Assistant Director of Athletics at SMU in 1975 and Associate Director in 1982, spending 21 years at SMU. Joined the UC-Irvine staff in 1990. Active in the TAIAW, AIAW, NACDA, NACWAA, Southwest Conference, Big West Conference, the SEC and the NCAA. Has served on the NCAA Women's Golf Committee, the NCAA Division I Tennis Committee, the NCAA Division I Strategic Planning Cabinet and the NACDA Executive Committee. Currently serving on the NACDA-Sears Director's Cup Committee and NCAA Women's Golf Committee.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: Graduated from Texas Tech University in 1966 with a degree in Physical Education. Earned a Master's Degree from University of North Texas in 1969. Won two Texas state high school tennis doubles championships.



Meredith Jenkins
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JOINED AU STAFF: July 11, 1994

RESPONSIBILITY: Administrator over women's basketball, volleyball, gymnastics, men's and women's swimming and diving, softball and media relations.

EXPERIENCE: Former Associate Athletics Director for Media Relations serving as the head football contact for six years. Worked with baseball, women's basketball, track and field, volleyball and soccer for first five years at Auburn. Served as the media coordinator for the 1995 SEC Women's Tennis Championship, the 1997 SEC Track and Field Championship, the 1998 SEC Men's Tennis Championship and the 1998 NCAA Baseball Regional at Auburn. Member of SEC Media Coordination Committee for football and basketball. Came to Auburn after four years as a graduate assistant and student assistant in the Florida State Sports Information Department. Assisted with publicity for football, volleyball, women's basketball, softball and men's and women's tennis.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: Born February 6, 1970. Native of Melbourne Beach, Fla. Graduated cum laude with a B.S. in Communication and M.S. in Athletic Administration from Florida State. Married to Russell Jenkins. One son, Robert Alexander, born May 29, 2003. Member of CoSIDA, Alabama Sports Writers Association, College Football Writers Association, and was President of the SEC Sports Information Directors.



Auburn Women's Year-by-Year Home Records

79-80	9-1
80-81	10-1
81-82	13-2
82-83	14-0
83-84	11-3
84-85	12-1
85-86	10-2
86-87	11-0
87-88	11-0
88-89	17-0
89-90	13-0
90-91	12-0
91-92	10-4
92-93	15-1
93-94	9-3
94-95	12-3
95-96	12-1
96-97	10-3
97-98	8-4
98-99	13-2
99-00	14-2
00-01	10-5
01-02	11-5
02-03	16-4
03-04	13-2
04-05	8-4
Total	304-53

BEARD~EAVES~MEMORIAL COLISEUM

Auburn's Beard-Eaves-Memorial Coliseum begins its 35th year of service to the University. The capacity of the six-million dollar multi-purpose building has been reduced to 10,500 from its original 12,500 seat capacity.

Within the friendly confines of Beard-Eaves-Memorial Coliseum, Auburn boasts a phenomenal 304-53 (.852) record over the past 26 seasons under head coach Joe Ciampi. The worst home season record Auburn has had under Ciampi was a 8-4 mark in 1997-98. The 1988-89 Tigers, who finished as the national runners-up, posted an incredible 17-0 home record en route to a 32-2 season mark.

Named in memory of Auburn alumni "who made the supreme sacrifice for their country in its four wars of this century," Memorial Coliseum was officially dedicated at halftime of the Auburn-Vanderbilt game on February 22, 1969. The first game in coliseum history, however, came earlier on January 11, 1969, when LSU and fabled Peter Maravich visited Auburn. The Tigers downed LSU 90-71 before 12,468 fans.

The facility was renamed Joel H. Eaves Memorial Coliseum in September of 1987 in recognition of Coach Eaves' lasting contributions to Auburn basketball. Eaves, who guided Auburn to its only SEC regular-season championship in 1960, tops the school's all-time list with 213 victories in 14 seasons (1949-50 to 1962-63).

It became known by its present name, Beard-Eaves-Memorial Coliseum, in 1993. Jeff Beard was Auburn's athletic director from 1951-1972 and was one of the greatest ever at the University.

The women's basketball team moved into the Coliseum with the onset of their program in 1971-72. In 1991, led by Ciampi, the Tigers made their mark on the national record book when they defeated Alabama 77-48. The win marked Auburn's 63rd-straight win in the Coliseum and eclipsed the previous home-court record of 62 set by Louisiana Tech from 1982-86. Auburn's string extended 68 games, from 1986-1991, and until broken by Tennessee in 1996, ranked as the longest home court winning streak in NCAA history.

The Coliseum has also served as the home of the varsity indoor

track squad and swimming teams in the past. The first official SEC wrestling tournament was held in March of 1970 in Memorial Coliseum. The NCAA wrestling championships were also hosted in 1971, making it only the second championship athletic event of national stature to be held in the South at the time.

The majority of athletic department offices, as well as the physical education offices and dressing rooms, are located in the Coliseum. Student and faculty members have daily access to all facilities.

The \$6,033,597 needed to erect the building was appropriated in several ways, after the 1965 Alabama Legislature approved construction. State funds accounted for \$4,500,000 and federal funds accounted for \$685,597. University funds totaled \$498,000 and the athletic department contributed \$360,000.

Largest Women's Crowds at BEMC

1.	7,150	Tennessee	Jan. 6, 1989	67-59	W
2.	6,921	Vanderbilt	Feb. 21, 1993	55-53	W
3.	6,614	Tennessee	Jan. 27, 2002	66-53	L
4.	6,200	Mississippi	Jan. 30, 1988	71-70	W
5.	6,153	Tennessee	Feb. 25, 2001	63-49	L
6.	6,148	Florida	Jan. 14, 1998	65-61	L
7.	5,688	Tennessee	Feb. 14, 1999	71-63	L
8.	5,612	Georgia	Jan. 23, 2000	68-54	L
9.	5,411	Tennessee	Jan. 12, 1993	59-70	L
10.	5,230	Tennessee	Jan. 19, 1991	70-65	W
11.	5,133	Alabama	Feb. 2, 1991	77-48	W
12.	5,110	Alabama	Feb. 22, 1989	89-44	W
13.	5,106	Tennessee	Feb. 16, 2003	56-59	L
14.	5,089	Tennessee	Jan. 14, 1987	75-69	W
15.	5,074	Ole Miss [NCAA]	Mar. 25, 1989	77-51	W
16.	5,063	Alabama	Feb. 11, 2001	61-60	L
17.	4,915	Mississippi State	Jan. 26, 1991	89-38	W
18.	4,757	Mississippi	Feb. 17, 1990	60-54	W
19.	4,754	Richmond	Jan. 8, 1992	77-54	W
20.	4,632	Alabama	Feb. 10, 2002	60-57	L
21.	4,533	Alabama	Feb. 17, 1993	93-67	W
22.	4,500	Clemson [NCAA]	Mar. 23, 1989	71-60	W
23.	4,326	Alabama	Jan. 22, 2004	70-61	W
24.	4,256	Vanderbilt	Feb. 22, 2004	60-68	L
25.	4,216	Alabama	Jan. 19, 2003	65-61	W



AUBURN FACILITIES

Beard-Eaves-Memorial Coliseum

In its' 35th year of existence, Beard-Eaves-Memorial Coliseum has seen its share of great basketball. The women have hosted the NCAA Midwest Regional three times (1983, 85 and 86) and the Mideast Regional six times (1987, 88, 89, 90, 91 and 93). Most recently, BEMC hosted the Women's NIT first, second and third rounds in 2003. The 2002-03 Tigers went on to win their first-ever WNIT title that season. The men's team has also hosted NIT events including the first round in 1995, 96, 97 and 2001. Such names as Charles Barkley and Ruthie Bolton have rung throughout the coliseum and five jerseys have been retired in those 33 years. Barkley, John Mengelt, Bolton, Carolyn Jones and Vickie Orr all have jerseys hanging in the rafters. Also hanging in the rafters are 38 banners, including 22 women's and 16 men's.

James E. Martin Aquatics Center

The James E. Martin Aquatics Center is not only one of the premier swimming and diving facilities in the country, it also happens to house the seven-time men's and women's NCAA Swimming and Diving Champions.

Plainsman Park

Hitchcock Field at Samford Stadium at Plainsman Park is one of the most envied facilities in the country. For the past two seasons, Plainsman Park has been listed as the best collegiate baseball facility in the country by Baseball America. With new seating additions in 2003, the stadium now seats 4,096. In 2002, Plainsman Park had the privilege of hosting President George W. Bush. Approximately 14,000 people gathered on October 24, 2002, to listen to Bush speak. In 2003, Auburn hosted its third NCAA Baseball Regional, as the Tigers also hosted in 1978 and 1999.

Grand National

The Auburn men's and women's golf team have been blessed with

outstanding facilities including the courses at Grand National, which is a part of the world-renowned Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail. Grand National has played host to the 2004 NCAA Women's Golf Championships and NCAA Regional Championships for men (1994 and 2000) and women (1996).

Auburn Soccer Complex

The Auburn Soccer Complex holds 1,500 fans and houses the 2001, 2002 and 2003 SEC Western Division Champions and 2002 overall SEC title holders. Auburn hosted the SEC Soccer Tournament in 1995 and 2004 and also hosted the NCAA Tournament in 2004. The field has been friendly to the Tigers as they owned a 23-game home streak without a loss from 2001 - 2004.

Jordan-Hare Stadium

Auburn's football stadium is the eighth-largest on-campus stadium in the country. With new additions for the 2004 season, the stadium now holds 87,451. In Auburn's 10-9 victory over No. 4 LSU on Sept. 18, 2004, Auburn set the record for attendance at a football game in the state of Alabama in a sellout game (87,451).

Jane B. Moore Field/Auburn Softball Complex

Starting in the Spring of 2002, Auburn softball found a new home. The complex seats 1,400, offers a concession area, and a high tech press box with two luxury boxes. A new indoor batting cage with three hitting tunnels is also an impressive addition to the field. In 2005, the Tigers hosted an NCAA Regional tournament.

McWhorter Center

The McWhorter Center is home to the Auburn Gymnastics team and also houses the softball coaches' offices, which overlook the Auburn Softball Complex. This state-of-the-art practice facility was built in 2001 and includes a training room and a team lounge with computers and a large screen television.

Aubie

First Year as Costumed Mascot: 1979

First Costume Designer:

Brooks-Van Horn Costumes, New York, N.Y.

Other Costume Designers:

Bienville Costumes, Mobile, Ala.; BTS Productions, Auburn

First Appearance:

Auburn men's basketball vs. Vanderbilt, February 28, 1979 at SEC Tournament at Birmingham Jefferson County Civic Center

National Championships:

1991, 1995, 1996, 1999, 2003

Current Aubies:

Evan Thomas (Head Aubie) - Dothan, Ala.

David Smith - Ozark, Ala.

Chris Delvzizis - Franklin, Tenn.



AUBIE

Aubie, Auburn's costumed Tiger mascot, is in his 25th season as a spirit leader and goodwill ambassador for Auburn University.

A popular character among Auburn fans and one of the more animated mascots in the country, Aubie has been on the job since 1979.

Aubie's existence began as a cartoon character that first appeared on the Auburn/Hardin-Simmons football program cover on October 3, 1959. Birmingham Post-Herald artist Phil Neel created the cartoon Tiger who continued to adorn Auburn program covers for 18 years.

Aubie's look changed through the years. In 1962, he began to stand upright and the next year, 1963, wore clothes for the first time—a blue tie and straw hat.

Aubie's appearances on game programs proved to be somewhat of a good luck charm for Coach Ralph "Shug" Jordan's teams. The Tigers were victorious in the first nine games he graced the cover and in his first six years, Auburn posted a 23-2-1 home record. Auburn's home record during the 18 years Aubie served as Cover Tiger was 63-16-2.

Aubie's last appearance on the game program cover was October 23, 1976, when Auburn downed Florida State, 31-19, but Aubie returned to Auburn's cover against Alabama on Nov. 30, 1991, Auburn's last home game at Legion Field.

In 1979, Aubie came to life at the Southeastern Conference basketball tournament. James Lloyd, Auburn spirit director for the Student Government Association, with help from the Alumni Association, contacted Brooks-Van Horn Costumes in New York, N.Y.

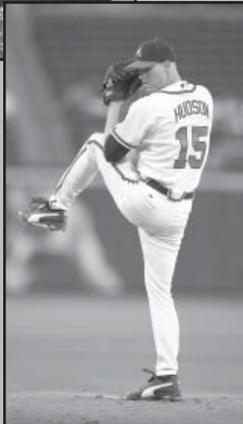
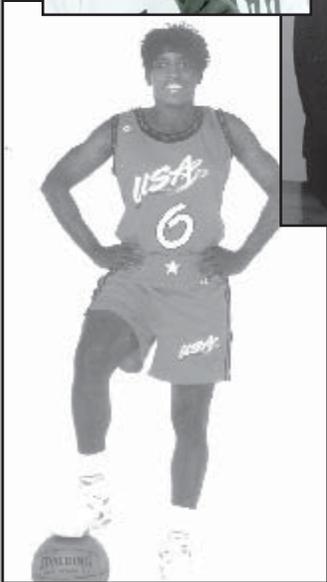
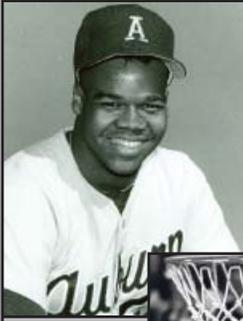
The company was provided with copies of the 1961 Auburn-

Alabama and 1962 Auburn-Georgia Tech game programs to use for reference in creating a costume of the cartoon character. The firm, which also provided costumes for Walt Disney, designed and produced a Tiger costume for \$1,350. Individual contributions from various Auburn clubs, alumni and friends helped pay for the first costume.

Aubie proudly marched into the Birmingham-Jefferson County Civic Center on February 28, 1979, and helped lead first-year Auburn coach Sonny Smith's team to an upset of Vanderbilt. The following day, Aubie returned to the arena and the Tigers surprised Georgia in the longest game in SEC tournament history, four overtimes. Before the weekend was complete, Aubie helped lead the ninth-place team in the regular season to the semifinals of the tournament.

Aubie was selected as the nation's No. 1 college mascot of 1990-91 by the Universal Cheerleader Association as Chris Wood, Mike Jernigan and Rob Thomson represented Aubie in the suit. And the 1994-95 Aubies, Trey Humphreys, Mike Murphy, and Billy Stephens, received No. 1 college mascot again. In 1995-96, the three Aubies, Billy Stephens (Head Aubie) of Metarie, La., along with Mike Griffin and Josh Agerton, both of Auburn, claimed the title again. In 1998-99, the Aubies, J.G. Carver (Head Aubie) of Huntsville, Eric Krausse of Chesterfield, Va., and Brannon McKim of Montgomery captured Auburn's fourth national championship. The most recent and fifth national championship was awarded in 2002-03, with the following students representing Aubie in the suit- Taylor Griswold (Head Aubie) from Montgomery, Jeremy Legg from Franklin, Tenn., and Trey Mock from Marietta, Ga.

Evan Thomas (Head Aubie) from Dothan, Ala., David Smith of Ozark, Ala. and Chris Delvzizis of Franklin, Tenn.



AUBURN GREATS

• **Vincent "Bo" Jackson**, a two-sport professional star who won the Heisman Trophy in 1985, received his Bachelor of Sciences degree in family and child development from Auburn in 1992.

• **Rowdy Gaines** ('82) is a three-time Olympic gold medalist, world record holder and television sports commentator.

• Auburn has graduated six astronauts: **Henry "Hank" Hartsfield** ('54), **T.K. Mattingly** ('58), **Kathryn Thornton** ('70), **Jan Davis** ('77), **Jim Voss** ('72), and the late **Clifton Williams** ('54).

• Auburn Women's Basketball Player (1986-89) **Ruthie Bolton** was a standout for the Tigers, but found her real fame post-Auburn as she became a two-time Olympian and star in the WNBA.

• Auburn Baseball Player (1987-89) **Frank Thomas** has been the face of the Chicago White Sox for 16 seasons.

• Auburn Baseball Player (1996-97) **Tim Hudson** earned notoriety as a standout pitcher for the Oakland A's. Hudson is now showcasing his talents close to home with the Atlanta Braves.

• Auburn Basketball Player (1981-84) **Charles Barkley** was listed on the NBA's 50 Greatest Players roster and is now providing NBA fans with his colorful commentary on the NBA on TNT.

• Auburn faculty and alumni are world-class achievers in practically every arena. Here are just a few examples:

• **Fob James** ('57), as an Auburn student-athlete, earned all-America honors as a running back for the Tigers. In addition to an extremely successful career in industry, including founding DP Industries, he was twice elected Governor of Alabama.

• **Timothy D. Cook** ('82), senior vice president of worldwide operations for Apple Computer, Inc., of Cupertino, Calif., is responsible for leading Apple's global operations organization.

• **Don Logan** ('66) is President and CEO of Time, Inc.

• **Carl Mundy** ('57) retired after serving as Commandant of the Marine Corps. More than 100 AU graduates have served as admirals or generals in the U.S. Armed Forces.

• **Jim Stewart** ('69) CBS News Justice Correspondent in Washington, D.C.

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MEDIA INFORMATION

Quick Facts

Location Auburn, Ala.
 Founded 1856
 Enrollment 23,330
 Nickname Tigers
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 Home Court Beard-Eaves-Memorial Coliseum
 Capacity 10,500
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 Record at AU 16-13 (1 season)
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2004-2005 Record 16-13
 2004-2005 SEC Record 6-8
 SEC Finish 7th
 SEC Tournament Finish Lost, quarterfinals
 Starters Returning/Lost 2/3
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost 4/6
 Newcomers 6
 Starters Returning 2
 Alexis Ogubie (6-2, F, So., 4.8 ppg, 4.0 rpg)
 Marita Payne (6-5, C, Sr., 8.5 ppg, 8.0 rpg)
 Starters Lost 3
 Natasha Brackett (5-9, G, 17.1 ppg, 4.4 rpg)
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 Nicole Louden (5-9, G, 10.6 ppg, 4.8 rpg)

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Requests for media credentials should be submitted in writing on company letterhead to Auburn Media Relations and Mendy Nestor. Passes can be picked up at the Auburn Media Relations Office in the Athletic Complex or at press will call in Beard-Eaves-Memorial Coliseum.

Media Services

Members of the media should enter the Coliseum on the north side. A media workroom, Room 2033A is available to the news media on the second floor of the building, with access limited to those with working credentials. Telephones and ethernet lines are available to the media in the media workroom.

Postgame Interviews

Postgame interviews will be coordinated by Auburn Media Relations. Coach Fortner will conduct her postgame press conference in Room 2034, located adjacent to the media workroom. Requested postgame player interviews and requested opponents' head coach and players will also be conducted in Room 2034.

All Other Interviews

Interviews during the week with Coach Fortner or any Auburn players should be arranged through Auburn Media Relations and Mendy Nestor. The best time for interviews with Coach Fortner is mornings or after practice. Player interviews may be conducted after practice at the Coliseum -- call for times.

Auburn Women's Basketball Radio

This season, Auburn women's basketball games can be heard live on WKKR 97.7 FM in the Auburn area or on the web at www.auburntigers.com.



Andy Burcham, the voice of the Auburn Women's Basketball team for 17 years, in action.



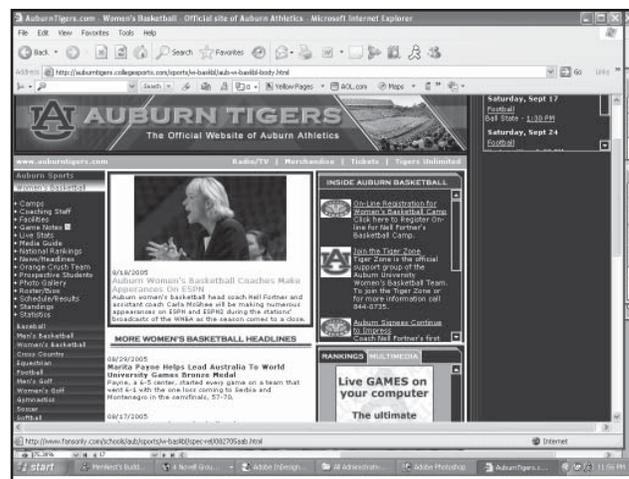
Andy Burcham Radio Play-by-Play

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The home for Auburn athletics, www.auburntigers.com, is your source for Auburn Women's Basketball. The website offers video of home games and audio of all games, as well as rosters, updated stats and the most recent news on the Tigers. Prospective student-athletes can send AU coaches information on themselves through the website and can research everything from Auburn's history and traditions to local attractions. At auburntigers.com, you can also follow along on live stats for every Auburn home game.



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Auburn women's basketball players (l-r) DeWanna Bonner, KeKe Carrier and Marita Payne with AU football players King Dunlap and Marcus McNeill

SEASON OUTLOOK

2005~06 SEASON OUTLOOK

Entering her second season at the helm of the Auburn women's basketball program, head coach Nell Fortner is not only optimistic about the future, but almost giddy in anticipation. The trick for the 2005-06 season is finding the right mix in incorporating the rookie talent with the veteran experience.

"It feels really good that we are going into the 2005-06 season with the talent level of our returning players and this freshman class that is coming in," Fortner said. "They are very special. These returning players know that the freshmen are good and they are excited about it. You want to play with good players and they are going to get that chance every day."

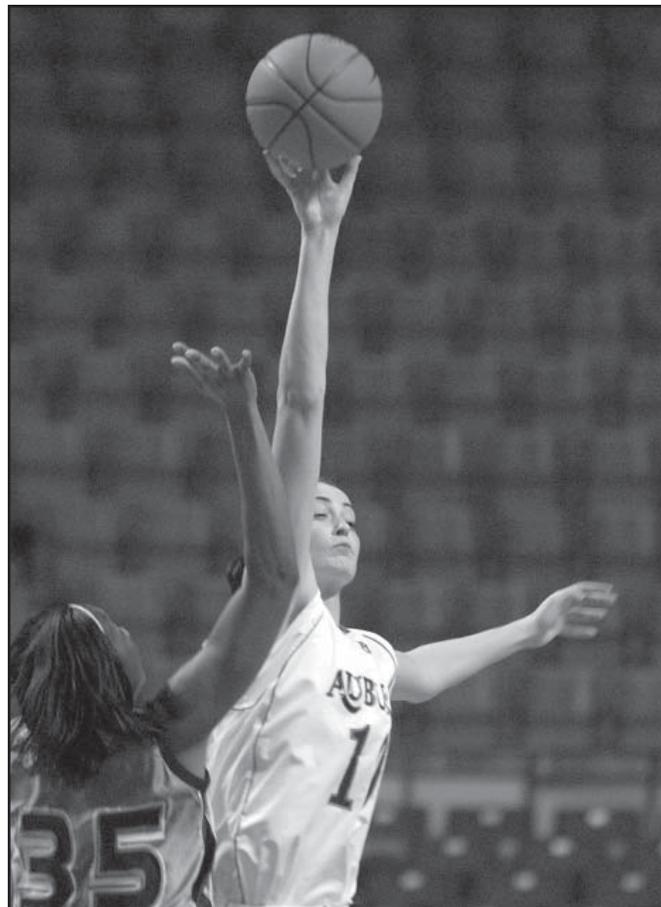
Four returners, including two seniors, will make up the veterans of the squad. Seniors Marita Payne (6-5 forward/center) and 5-8 guard Nitasha Brown easily have the most experience as sophomores Alexis Ogubie (6-2 forward) and 6-1 forward Aileen Rossouw round out the returners from the 2004-05 season.

Newcomers this season include 5-9 guard Chantelle Blakely (Nashville, Tenn.), Alabama Miss Basketball Whitney Boddie (a 5-9 guard from Florence, Ala.), McDonald's All-American DeWanna Bonner (a 6-4 guard from Fairfield, Ala.), USA U19 National Team member KeKe Carrier (a 6-7 center from Lake Charles, La.), 6-0 junior Joanna Clayden from Panola Junior College and Sherell Hobbs, a 5-11 freshman from Huntsville, Ala.

Sophomore Juanitta Wallace will get to suit up for her first collegiate action after a season hiatus. Wallace, a 6-4 forward from Detroit, Mich., transferred from Tennessee State.

Payne, a Melbourne, Australia, native concluded the 2004-05 season averaging 8.5 points per game, 8.0 rebounds per contest and an NCAA-leading 5.0 blocks per game.

Auburn freshman KeKe Carrier



Senior center Marita Payne

Ogubie started 13 games last season, averaging 4.8 points and 4.0 rebounds per game from the forward position. For her efforts, she was named to the SEC All-Freshman team.

Brown also started 13 of her 29 games played for the Tigers in 2004-05. The guard averaged 3.9 points and 1.8 assists per game.

While not earning a start on the season, Rossouw played in 22 games for Auburn, averaging 2.3 points and 1.9 rebounds per game. Rossouw was often brought off the bench to add hustle under the basket.

With a majority of the 2005-06 team entering the season as rookies, most would see the inexperience as an obstacle, but the new breed of players, offers a fresh attitude about the team, says Fortner.

"There is definitely a new attitude," Fortner said. "Any time you take an infusion of five freshmen and combine it with five returners, your energy level automatically rises. It is just a different attitude because there are five players at the start of their college career and they are excited about it."

2005~06 SEASON OUTLOOK

Just because the newcomer names are not familiar to Auburn fans does not mean they are not well-known throughout women's basketball circles. Bonner was named to the 2005 McDonald's All-America team, Carrier was a member of the U19 World Championship team during the summer of 2005 and Boddie beat out fellow teammate Bonner for Miss Alabama honors in 2005.

"Our freshmen offer a dimension that has never been showcased at Auburn," Fortner said. "For starters, DeWanna Bonner is a 6-4 point guard that can shoot the three from anywhere on the court. You can't block that shot. If you add KeKe Carrier, at 6-7, and Whitney Boddie, a point guard that is one of the most underrated players in the country, and we will have some young, diverse talent out there on the floor."

With the signing of three players from the state of Alabama for this season, the Tigers' four in-state players is the largest number of local talent on the team since the 1991-92 season when Auburn had five players from the state of Alabama on the roster.

In addition to the talent, Auburn also has a pretty impressive and widely-known returner as Payne comes back to defend her NCAA shot-block title in 2006. Last season, Payne swatted 141 opposing shots to lead the country; a number which also broke a 13-year-old SEC record.

Payne joins Carrier on the inside as the 6-5/6-7 formidable duo is expected to share time in the paint. Add a 6-foot-4 guard to the mix in Bonner, and you have a lineup on the court that could average over 6-foot-3.

"We are going to have to see how it starts falling into place when we get them on the floor and start working," Fortner said. "With them being on the floor at the same time, that is pretty big. With that big of a lineup, we would be very formidable as far as anyone scoring in the paint. Hopefully, the other thing to consider is rebounding, which we should be able to do well with that big of a lineup."

That big lineup has a big task ahead of it with a pre-conference schedule that includes 2004-05 postseason tournament teams Duke, UT-Chattanooga and Xavier. As always, the SEC portion of the schedule will be as tough as it gets in women's college basketball.

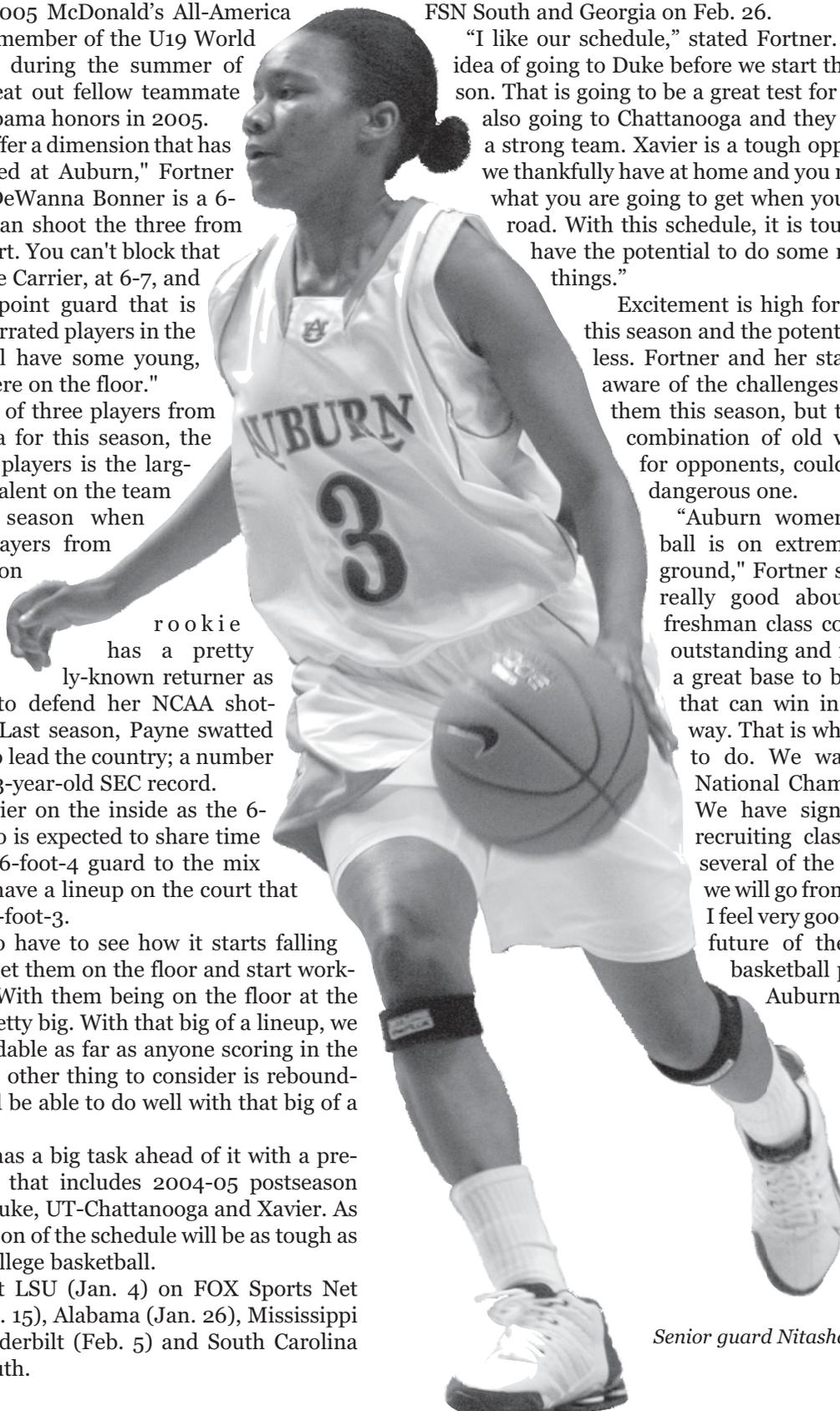
Auburn will host LSU (Jan. 4) on FOX Sports Net South, Ole Miss (Jan. 15), Alabama (Jan. 26), Mississippi State (Jan. 29), Vanderbilt (Feb. 5) and South Carolina (Feb. 16) on FSN South.

On the road, the Tigers will face Alabama (Jan. 8), Arkansas (Jan. 12), Kentucky (Jan. 19), Florida (Feb. 2) on FSN South, Ole Miss (Feb. 12), Tennessee (Feb. 23) on FSN South and Georgia on Feb. 26.

"I like our schedule," stated Fortner. "I like the idea of going to Duke before we start the SEC season. That is going to be a great test for us. We are also going to Chattanooga and they are always a strong team. Xavier is a tough opponent that we thankfully have at home and you never know what you are going to get when you go on the road. With this schedule, it is tough, but we have the potential to do some really great things."

Excitement is high for the Tigers this season and the potential is limitless. Fortner and her staff are well aware of the challenges that await them this season, but this unique combination of old versus new for opponents, could be a very dangerous one.

"Auburn women's basketball is on extremely strong ground," Fortner said. "I feel really good about it. This freshman class coming in is outstanding and it serves as a great base to build teams that can win in a big, big way. That is what we want to do. We want to win National Championships. We have signed a base recruiting class that has several of the pieces and we will go from there, but I feel very good about the future of the women's basketball program at Auburn."



Senior guard Nitasha Brown

2005~06 AUBURN ROSTERS

Alphabetical Roster

NO	NAME	POS	HT	YR	EXP	HOMETOWN (HS/COLLEGE)
2	Chantelle Blakely	G	5-9	Fr.	HS	Nashville, Tenn. (Antioch)
44	Whitney Boddie	G	5-9	Fr.	HS	Florence, Ala. (Bradshaw)
24	DeWanna Bonner	G	6-4	Fr.	HS	Fairfield, Ala. (Fairfield)
3	Nitasha Brown	G	5-8	Sr.	3L	Daytona Beach, Fla. (Mainland)
33	KeKe Carrier	C	6-7	Fr.	HS	Lake Charles, La. (LaGrange HS)
23	Joanna Clayden	G	6-0	Jr.	TR	Lancashire, England (Panola JC)
11	Sherell Hobbs	G	5-11	Fr.	HS	Huntsville, Ala. (J.O. Johnson)
34	Alexis Ogubie	F/C	6-2	So.	1L	Huntsville, Ala. (J.O. Johnson)
10	Marita Payne	C	6-5	Sr.	3L	Melbourne, Australia (John Paul Col.)
41	Aileen Rossouw	F	6-1	So.	1L	Plano, Texas (Plano Sr.)
32	Juanitta Wallace	F	6-4	So.	TR	Detroit, Mich. (Tennessee State)

Numerical Roster

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COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Nell Fortner (Texas, 1982)
Assistant Coach	Kerry Cremeans (Florida, 1992)
Assistant Coach	Sue Guevara (Saginaw Valley State, 1982)
Assistant Coach	Carla McGhee (Tennessee, 1990)
Volunteer Assistant Coach	Kelly Komara
Director of Basketball Operations	Melissa Maines
Video Coordinator	Grant Fausset

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Kerry CREMEANS	creh-MEANS
Sue GUEVARA	ga-VAR-ah
Alexis OGUBIE	oh-GOO-be-A
AILEEN ROSSOUW	eye-lean roo-SO

2005~06 ROSTER BREAKDOWN

STARTERS RETURNING: 2 (Alexis Ogubie, Marita Payne)

STARTERS LOST: 3 (Natasha Brackett, Louise Emeagi, Nicole Louden)

LETTERWINNERS RETURNING: 4

LETTERWINNERS LOST: 6

NEWCOMERS: 6

STARTERS RETURNING

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Cl	Pts	Rebs	Asts	Blks
14	Marita Payne	C	6-5	Sr.	8.5	8.0	33	141
34	Alexis Ogubie	F/C	6-2	So.	4.8	4.0	8	17

STARTERS LOST

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Cl	Pts	Rebs	Asts	Blks
11	Nicole Louden	G	5-9	Sr.	10.6	4.8	92	8
33	Natasha Brackett	G	5-9	Sr.	17.1	4.4	74	5
44	Louise Emeagi	F	6-0	Sr.	11.6	6.5	36	5

OTHER LETTERWINNERS RETURNING

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Cl	Pts	Rebs	Asts	Blks
3	Nitasha Brown	G	5-8	Sr.	3.9	1.4	51	0
41	Aileen Rossouw	F	6-1	So.	2.3	1.9	4	4

OTHER LETTERWINNERS LOST

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Cl	Pts	Rebs	Asts	Blks
1	Tanesheia Thompson	G	5-6	Sr.	3.1	2.0	27	2
21	Tiffany Presley	G	5-6	Sr.	2.2	2.9	26	3
42	Dayana Lorza	F	6-0	Sr.	1.2	1.0	2	2

NEWCOMERS

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Hometown/HS or JC
2	Chantelle Blakely	G	5-9	Nashville, Tenn./Antioch HS
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11	Sherell Hobbs	G	5-11	Huntsville, Ala./J.O. Johnson HS

BY CLASS

Seniors (2): Nitasha Brown, Marita Payne

Juniors (1): Joanna Clayden

Sophomores (2): Alexis Ogubie, Aileen Rossouw

Freshmen (6): Chantelle Blakely, Whitney Boddie, DeWanna Bonner, KeKe Carrier, Sherell Hobbs, Juanitta Wallace

BY STATE/PROVINCE/COUNTRY

Alabama (4): Whitney Boddie, DeWanna Bonner, Sherell Hobbs, Alexis Ogubie

Florida (1): Nitasha Brown

Louisiana (1): KeKe Carrier

Michigan (1): Juanitta Wallace

Tennessee (1): Chantelle Blakely

Texas (1): Aileen Rossouw

Australia (1): Marita Payne

England (1): Joanna Clayden

TV/RADIO SPOT CHART



Chantelle Blakely 2
G • 5-9 • Fr.
Nashville, Tenn.



Nitasha Brown 3
G • 5-8 • Sr.
Daytona Beach, Fla.



Marita Payne 10
C • 6-5 • Sr.
Melbourne, Australia



Sherell Hobbs 11
G • 5-11 • Fr.
Huntsville, Ala.



Joanna Clayden 23
G • 6-0 • Jr.
Lancashire, England



DeWanna Bonner 24
G • 6-4 • Fr.
Fairfield, Ala.



Juanitta Wallace 32
F • 6-4 • So.
Detroit, Mich.



KeKe Carrier 33
C • 6-7 • Fr.
Lake Charles, La.



Alexis Ogubie 34
F • 6-2 • So.
Huntsville, Ala.



Aileen Rossouw 41
F • 6-1 • So.
Plano, Texas



Whitney Boddie 44
G • 5-9 • Fr.
Florence, Ala.



Nell Fortner
Head Coach
Second Season



THE COACHES

HEAD COACH NELL FORTNER

THE NELL FORTNER FILE



Full Name Nell Fortner
 Birthdate March 3, 1959
 Hometown Jackson, Miss.
 Education Texas, 1982
 Overall Record 33-24 (.579, 2 years)
 Auburn Record 16-13 (1 year)
 Auburn SEC Record 6-8 (1 year)

Experience

Auburn Head Coach 2004-present
 ESPN Studio Analyst 2001-04
 WNBA Indiana Fever Head Coach 2001-03
 Indiana Fever General Manager 2001-03
 USA Women's Head Coach 1997-2000
 Purdue Head Coach 1997
 USA Women's Basketball Assistant 1995-96
 Louisiana Tech Assistant 1991-95
 Stephen F. Austin Assistant 1988-90
 Stephen F. Austin Graduate Assistant 1987-88
 Big Ten Regular Season Titles (1) 1997
 NCAA Berths (1) 1997
 Second Round Appearances (1) 1997
 Olympic Gold Medal (1) 2000

Nell Fortner became the fifth head coach in Auburn women's basketball history on April 22, 2004, bringing with her a realm of experience matched by few in the business. "I know that this program is already in great shape, but to take it to another level is the challenge that I have in front of me," Fortner said. "It is something that I look forward to and give my all to. I am proud to be part of the SEC. This is the best conference in the country for women's basketball. I am proud to be a part of that and to help the conference get better and grow."

In her first season at the helm of the Auburn program, Fortner led the Tigers to a 16-13 record overall and 6-8 in SEC play. The team had lost two key post players in Mandisa Stevenson and Le'Coe Willingham to the WNBA in 2004 and was not expected to be a threat in conference play. Fortner had other plans, however, as they became the most dangerous team in the league, nearly knocking off No. 1 LSU twice.

Fortner's first recruiting season was also a great success as the first-year head coach signed a high school All-American and Miss Basketball from Alabama and Louisiana.

In the Auburn community, Fortner has also taken pride in using her influence for the benefit of others. During her first season on the Plains, she was named as the spokesperson for the Auburn University War on Hunger in conjunction with the World Food Programme.

Against LSU, the team worked along side the campus World Food Programme to host "This One's For The Girls", which raised nearly \$3,000 for the WFP and 2,406 pounds of food for the East Alabama Food Bank.

Fortner, regarded as one of the prolific young coaches in the country, has had continued success at the collegiate, professional and international levels. With more than 20 years of experience at all levels of coaching, Fortner has earned respect and notoriety for her contributions. She has become a renowned motivational speaker, clinician and tv analyst. Notably, her most recognized achievement to date is leading the U.S. Women's National team to a gold medal in the 2000 Olympics.

Fortner was named head coach of the U.S. Women's National Team Program on April 1, 1997 and spent the next three years traveling the globe, coaching 10 different U.S. squads to a 93-14 (.869) overall record. From gold at the 1998 World Championships to gold in the 2000 Olympics, Fortner led the U.S. Women's National Program to a 101-14 three-year record, the most wins of any coach in Women's USA Basketball history. For her efforts, Fortner was named the 2000 USA Basketball Coach of the Year.

As head coach at Purdue in 1997, Fortner led the Boilermakers to a share of the Big Ten regular season title with a team that returned just four players. Fortner guided Purdue to a 12-4 conference mark and 17-11 overall record and a second round appearance in the NCAA Tournament with an overtime loss to eventual NCAA runner-up Old Dominion. She was also named National Coach of the Year by Basketball Times and the Big 10 Coach of the Year for her efforts. Including the 1997 season, collegiate teams associated with Fortner have made nine consecutive trips to the NCAA Tournament and tallied a 10-year record of 252-66 (.792).

HEAD COACH NELL FORTNER

GETTING TO KNOW NELL...

Favorite Movie:

Forrest Gump

Favorite Food:

Mexican

Favorite Quote:

“Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.”

Person that has had the biggest impact in your life:

My parents.

What excites you about the upcoming season?

Youth and potential.

Pets?

3 dogs: Peyton, a golden retriever; Tate, a hound mix; and Jena, a yellow lab.

What is the best advice you have ever received?

Your heart never lies - Follow it!

What is a unique fact about yourself?

If I wasn't a coach, I would have tried to be a rock 'n roll singer.

What is the best part of your day?

5:30 a.m. - Totally quiet with my coffee.

What music is playing in your car?

Boz Scaggs.

What is your favorite Auburn tradition?

The Eagle flying at the football game - AWESOME!!



On Aug. 17, 1999, Fortner was named as the head coach of the Indiana Fever of the WNBA. The program, however, was committed to Fortner and supported her vision, therefore allowing her to conclude her post as head coach of the US Olympic Team. Fortner stayed with the US team through the 2000 Olympics before joining the Fever for the 2001 season. Fortner spent three seasons as the head coach and general manager of the WNBA's Indiana Fever where she compiled a 42-56 record, leading the team to an appearance in the 2002 WNBA Eastern Conference playoffs.

“I am excited (to be at Auburn),” Fortner said. “I missed the college game. I enjoyed my opportunity in the pros, but the college game is different. I love the players from that age group, 18-22 or 23. There is so much growing and developing for them. Working with ESPN was great, but instead of talking about the game, I decided to coach it.”

Since 2001, Fortner has also served as an ESPN studio analyst during the winter season and through each of the last four NCAA Women's Basketball Tournaments.

Beginning in the summer of 1995, Fortner served as an assistant to 1996 Olympic coach Tara VanDerveer. During that span, Team USA posted a 52-0 run that culminated with a gold medal, and perfect 8-0 record, at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. Fortner's duties as an assistant included overseeing the national team's strength and conditioning program, the development of perimeter players and scouting of opponents and video game analysis.

From 1991-95, Fortner was an assistant at Louisiana Tech under Hall of Fame coach Leon Barmore. During Fortner's tenure, Louisiana Tech posted a record of 123-37 and made five consecutive appearances in the NCAA Tournament, including a trip to the

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Auburn Head Coach	2004-present	16-13	
Indiana Fever Head Coach	2001-03	42-56	2002 Playoffs
USA Women's Basketball Coach	1997-2000	101-14	2000 Olympic Games Gold Medal
Purdue Head Coach	1996-97	17-11	NCAA, Big Ten Champions
USA Women's Basketball Assistant	1995-96	52-0	1996 Olympic Games Gold Medal
Louisiana Tech Assistant	1991-95	123-37	5 NCAA Tournament appearances
Stephen F. Austin Assistant	1988-90	82-12	3 NCAA Tournament appearances
Stephen F. Austin Graduate Assistant	1987-88		

HEAD COACH NELL FORTNER



National Championship game in 1994.

A 1982 graduate of the University of Texas, Fortner began her coaching career as the girl's basketball coach at Killeen High School in Texas. In 1987, Fortner served as a graduate assistant at Stephen F. Austin while she completed a master's degree in education. As an assistant coach from 1988-90 at SFA, she helped lead the Ladyjacks to an 87-12 record and three consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances.

A native of Jackson, Miss., Fortner played at the University of Texas from 1978-81 and helped guide the Longhorns to a 127-26 record during her four seasons. She led Texas to its first national ranking in women's basketball and a seventh-place finish at the AIAW National Tournament. While at Texas, she scored 1,466 points, which remains near the top of the scoring leaders list at UT. She also played middle hitter for the Texas volleyball team and helped lead the Longhorns to the 1981 AIAW national championship.

In 1978, Fortner was a part of the silver medal-winning U.S. Olympic Festival South Team as she averaged 6.0 points and 4.3 rebounds per contest.

Fortner was appointed to the University of Texas Women's Athletics Wall of Honor and the Texas Hall of Fame in November 2001.

NELL FORTNER COACHING TIMELINE

Summer 2005:

Again went to work for ESPN in their broadcasts of the WNBA as she offered analysis and commentary.

Fall 2004:

Named the official spokesperson for Auburn University's War On Hunger program through the World Food Programme.

April 22, 2004:

Named the fifth head coach in Auburn University history.

Spring 2001:

Joined the Indiana Fever as the head coach and General Manager.

Spring 2001:

Became a studio analyst for ESPN.

2000:

Named 2000 USA Basketball Coach of the Year.

Summer 2000:

Led USA to a gold medal in the 2000 Olympics in Sydney.

August 17, 1999:

Named head coach of the Indiana Fever of the WNBA.

1998:

Led Team USA to gold medal in 1998 World Championships.

April 1, 1997:

Named U.S. Women's National Team Program head coach.

1997:

Named National Coach of the Year, as well as Big 10 Coach of the Year.

1996:

Appointed as head coach at Purdue University.

Summer 1995:

Named as an assistant to 1996 Olympic Coach Tara VanDerveer.

NELL FORTNER VS. OPPONENTS ALL~TIME

Alabama.....	2-0	Mississippi State	0-1
Arkansas	1-0	Monmouth.....	1-0
Ball State.....	1-0	New Orleans	1-0
Duke.....	0-1	Northwestern	1-1
Florida	0-1	Notre Dame	1-0
Georgia	0-1	Ohio State	1-0
Grambling State	1-0	Old Dominion.....	0-2
Illinois.....	2-0	Penn State.....	1-0
Indiana	0-2	Providence.....	1-0
Iowa	2-0	Rhode Island	1-0
Jacksonville State.....	0-1	Rice	1-1
Kansas.....	0-1	South Carolina	1-0
Kentucky.....	2-0	Stanford.....	0-1
LSU	0-2	Syracuse.....	1-0
Louisville	0-1	Tennessee	0-3
Loyola-Marymount.....	1-0	UT-Chattanooga.....	1-0
Maryland	1-0	Tulane	1-0
Michigan.....	2-0	Vanderbilt.....	0-2
Michigan State	1-1	Wisconsin	1-1
Minnesota.....	1-0	Wisconsin-Green Bay	0-1
Mississippi.....	1-0	Xavier.....	1-0

HEAD COACH NELL FORTNER

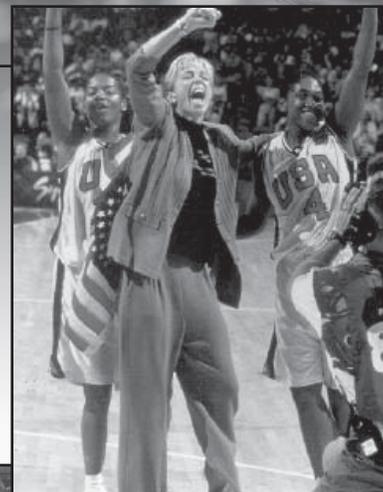


Nell with Hall of Fame coach Leon Barmore

Nell led Team USA to a gold medal in the 2000 Olympic games in Sydney.



During "This One's For The Girls," Nell presents a check to an elementary school for their help in raising money for the AU War on Hunger.



Showing her equestrian skills, Nell takes on former Video coordinator Sam Purcell at ESPNZone.

Nell on the ESPN set with Reece Davis and Stacey Dales-Schuman for college coverage. She returned to ESPN in the fall for the WNBA playoffs.



NELL FORTNER AND THE AU WAR ON HUNGER

Nell Fortner became the spokesperson for the Auburn University War on Hunger during the fall of 2004. Since then, she has been instrumental in increasing awareness of the cause and helping to raise money for the program.

"I am honored to serve as the official spokesperson for the AU/WFP 'War on Hunger' campaign. To be able to use a platform like athletics to educate people about this global epidemic is a tremendous opportunity," Fortner said.

Senior Marita Payne joined Fortner in the mission as the Melbourne, Australia native was named to the committee, which consists of 19 students from each school on campus.

This One's For The Girls

In 2005, Auburn women's basketball began a tradition entitled "This One's For The Girls" in which awareness, as well as food and money are raised to benefit the World Food Programme and the Auburn University War on Hunger during an SEC basketball game. At Auburn's game versus LSU on Feb. 20, 2005, the committee raised nearly \$3,000, as well as over one ton of food in its first effort. The fundraising event was titled "This One's For The Girls" due to the fact that women and children are the most affected by malnutrition as 7-out of-10 of the world's hungry fall into that category.

Vision

In partnership with the UN World Food Programme, Auburn University will be the catalyst mobilizing universities across the nation and around the globe to create a grassroots student campaign to conquer world hunger and malnutrition. The focus of the campaign will also give momentum to local hunger initiatives.

Mission

To develop and implement an action agenda for students that encompasses (1) hunger awareness and consciousness-raising; (2) academic initiatives; (3) advocacy; and (4) fundraising which leads to a university community fully engaged in the effort to eliminate world hunger and malnutrition.

Goal

To create a "War on Hunger" model that is suitable for replication by other universities across the nation and around the globe.

The World Food Programme

Headquartered in Rome, Italy, WFP is the emergency food aid arm of the United Nations and is the largest humanitarian organization in the world. Each year, the agency provides food to an average of 90 million people, including 56 million hungry children, and at least 80 of the world's poorest countries. WFP also uses food aid as a tool to encourage long-term economic development and sustainability through programs focused on school feeding, food for work and mother/child nutrition. For more information on the AU War on Hunger, visit www.auburn.edu/hunger on the web.

ASSISTANT COACH KERRY CREMEANS



THE KERRY CREMEANS FILE

Full NameKerry Cremeans
 Birthdate Aug. 9, 1972
 Hometown Wheelersburg, Ohio
 Education.....Florida, 1994
 Degree Exercise Science

Experience

Auburn Assistant Coach2004-present
 Florida Assistant Coach.....2003-04
 Purdue Assistant Coach..... 1996-2003
 Kentucky Graduate Assistant Coach1994-96

Kerry Cremeans came to Auburn in the spring of 2004 with 10 years of coaching experience to her credit and is considered one of the top recruiters in the country as she enters her second season with the Tigers.

A 1994 graduate of Florida and four-year basketball letterwinner, Cremeans worked as an assistant for her alma mater in 2003-04, but has direct ties to head coach Nell Fortner, which brought her to the Plains.

Cremeans served on Fortner's staff as an assistant at Purdue in 1996-97 and went on to become the top recruiter for the Boilermakers before heading to Florida.

While at Purdue, the Boilermakers went an impressive 181-49 and the team advanced to at least the second round of the NCAA Tournament in each season. In 1999, the team played to an unprecedented 34-1 record and captured the NCAA title. In addition to that title, Purdue finished as a runner up in the tournament in 2001.

Cremeans was instrumental in the team's success during those seven years at Purdue, including helping lead them to four Big Ten Tournament titles (1998, 1999, 2000 and 2003) and three regular season conference titles (1999, 2001 and 2002).

The Gators made great strides in 2003-04 with Cremeans' help, as Florida improved from 9-19 in 2002-03 with a 1-13 SEC mark, to 19-11 overall and 8-6 in conference play in 2003-04. Florida also advanced into the second round of the NCAA Tournament in 2003-04.

At Florida, Cremeans earned her degree in exercise science in 1994 and was a GTE Academic All-American. In 2004, she earned her Master's in Sport Management at Kentucky. As a player, she helped lead the Gators to back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances, which were the first two in the school's history. Individually, Cremeans ended her career at Florida as the all-time three-point leader.

The Wheelersburg, Ohio, native graduated from Wheelersburg High School in 1990, earning the distinction of class salutatorian and president of the National Honor Society.



ASSISTANT COACH SUE GUEVARA



THE SUE GUEVARA FILE

Full Name Susan Guevara
 Birthdate July 8, 1954
 Hometown Saginaw, Mich.
 Education Saginaw Valley State, 1982
 Master's, Ohio State, 1985
 Degree Bachelor of Arts Degree,
 Physical Education
 Master of Arts with emphasis in
 Athletic Administration

Experience

Auburn Assistant Coach 2004-present
 Michigan Head Coach 1996-2003
 Michigan State Associate Head Coach 1995-96
 Michigan State Assistant Coach 1986-95
 Ball State Assistant Coach 1985-86
 Ohio State Graduate Assistant 1984-85
 Saginaw Valley State Assistant Coach 1979-84

Related Experience

Head Coach Big Ten All-Star Tour Team 2000, 1993
 Saginaw Valley St. Softball Coach 1979-84

Sue Guevara enters her second season with the Tigers bringing a multitude of experience at the Division I level, joining the staff in April 2004. Prior to coming to Auburn, Guevara led the Michigan Wolverines for seven seasons including a 123-82 record during that period.

With those 123 victories, Guevara became the winningest basketball coach in the history of Michigan athletics. From 2000-02, the Wolverines earned consecutive trips to the NCAA Tournament under the direction of Guevara and were catapulted into the national spotlight. In addition to the three NCAA Tournament appearances, Michigan made two WNIT appearances with the leadership of Guevara.

In 2001-2002 and again in 2002-03, Michigan moved up the ranks and received its highest ranking ever at No. 12 with Guevara at the helm. In Big Ten play, the team went 57-55 during her stint, which is the most conference wins in the program's history.

Awards and honors are prevalent in Guevara's basketball career, as she was named the Big Ten Coach of the Year in 1998 and 2000, the Michigan Coach of the Year in 2000 and has been named to the Saginaw Catholic Schools Hall of Fame.

While at Michigan, Guevara served as the Big Ten All-Star Team head coach in 2000, touring the team through Austria, Slovakia and Hungary.

Before coaching at Michigan, Guevara worked as an assistant, and then associate head coach, at Michigan State from 1987-96. In her time at Michigan State, the Spartans played to a 149-131 record in those 10 years. In 1993, Guevara was named an assistant coach with the Big Ten All-Star Tour Team, which recorded a perfect 6-0 record while playing in England and Scotland.

Guevara was named as an assistant coach at Ball State for the 1985-86 season, after helping Ohio State reach the NCAA Tournament Regional final and earn a Big Ten Championship as a graduate assistant coach in 1985.

Saginaw Valley State gave Guevara her start, however, as the 1982 graduate became the school's assistant women's basketball coach, the head softball coach and intramural director from 1979-84 at her alma mater.

Guevara enjoys running, biking, the outdoors, reading, music and walking her dogs.



ASSISTANT COACH CARLA MCGHEE



THE CARLA MCGHEE FILE

Full NameCarla McGhee
 Birthdate March 6, 1968
 Hometown Peoria, Ill.
 Education Tennessee, 1990
 Degree Sport Management

Experience

Auburn Assistant Coach 2004-present
 Temple Assistant Coach 2003-04

Playing Experience

WNBA, Orlando Miracle1999-2003
 ABL, Atlanta Glory 1996-98
 US Olympic Team1996
 Tennessee 1986-90

Carla McGhee enters her second season with the Tigers as she came to the Plains from Temple, where she served as an assistant to Dawn Staley for one season and brings national championship, as well as WNBA experience along with her.

The former Tennessee star began her coaching career at Temple, where the Owls went 21-10 on the year, including an Atlantic 10 title and a trip to the NCAA Tournament.

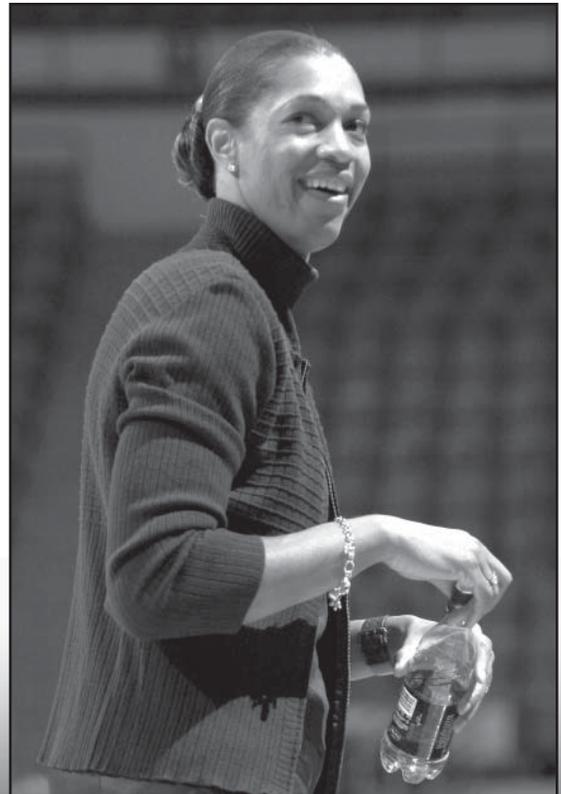
The Peoria, Illinois, native was a letterwinner at Tennessee from 1986-90 and helped lead the team to a national title in 1987 as a freshman and in 1989 as a junior. In 1986-87, McGhee was named to the Tennessean All-Freshman team.

Following her freshman season, McGhee was in an automobile accident and was seriously injured including brain injuries, numerous broken bones in her face and was told that she could never again play basketball. McGhee missed just her sophomore season and returned as a junior to help the Lady Vols win the National Championship with a 35-2 record on the year.

McGhee was a member of the WNBA's Orlando Miracle from 1999-2003 and also played professionally for the Atlanta Glory of the ABL (1996-98) and abroad in Germany, France, Turkey, South Korea, Spain, Italy and Greece.

In 1996, McGhee was a member of the United States Olympic Team, which won a gold medal. She played in the 1987 Sports Festival, 1993 World Qualifying Team, 1994 World Championship, 1994 Goodwill Games, 1995 Pan American Games and the 1995 National Team as a part of USA Basketball. Working as an assistant coach for that 1996 gold medal team was Auburn head coach Nell Fortner.

McGhee earned her bachelor's degree in Sport Management from Tennessee in 1990. In addition to her basketball experience, McGhee has worked as a material supervisor for General Motors, a substitute teacher and a motivational speaker. McGhee is the mother of seven-year-old Chancellor (Chance), who was born on Feb. 12, 1998. She says "he is the best thing I have ever done."



DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS MELISSA MAINES



THE MELISSA MAINES FILE

Full Name Melissa Maines
 Birthdate..... March 25, 1976
 Hometown..... Lubbock, Texas
 Education Texas Tech, 1998
 Master's, Texas Tech, 2001
 Degree..... Bachelor of Science
 Exercise and Sports Science
 Master's of Science
 Sports Administration

Experience

Auburn Operations..... 2004-present
 Florida Assistant to the Head Coach 2002-04
 Texas Tech Regional Director for Women's Athletics..... 2000-02
 Texas Tech Operations..... 1998-2000

Melissa Maines enters her second season at Auburn as Director of Basketball Operations after a two-year stint at Florida as the Assistant to the Head Coach.

The Lubbock, Texas, native is in charge of summer camps, team travel, game day preparations, equipment budget and monitoring players' academic progress.

While at Florida, Maines handled a variety of duties for the coaching staff and team including team travel, equipment inventory, camp administration, community relations and special events programs.

Before arriving at Florida, Maines served as the Regional Director for Women's Athletics at Texas Tech. Her duties ranged from coordinating Texas Tech women's basketball charter flights, to organization of fan groups and trips, to on-air color commentary for radio broadcasts. She also was in charge of season-opening luncheons for football and basketball and assisted in all aspects of women's basketball head coach Marsha Sharp's Leadership Circle.

From 1998-2000, Maines served as the Director of Basketball Operations at Texas Tech as she coordinated all film exchange, studied and scouted film, organized game day preparations, monitored student-athlete academic progress, assisted in running camps, assisted with travel arrangements and handled equipment distribution and inventory.

Maines is a 1998 graduate of Texas Tech with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Exercise and Sports Science and a Master's of Science with a Sports Administration Emphasis in May 2001.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SUPPORT STAFF



GRANT FAUSSET

VIDEO COORDINATOR

Fausset enters his first season at Auburn as Video Coordinator after a year at Purdue. Before his stint for the Boilermakers, Fausset spent the summer of 2004 as equipment manager for the Seattle Storm of the WNBA. From 2002-04, the Sheridan, Ind., native handled managerial duties for Purdue after serving as a practice player during the 2001-02 season. Fausset graduated from Purdue with a degree in agricultural communications in May of 2004. During his time at Sheridan High School, Fausset won a state football championship in 1998 and earned two letters in basketball.



INGA GEORGE

ATHLETIC TRAINER

George is entering her second year at Auburn with the women's basketball program. The Gainesville, Fla., native graduated from Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science degree in August of 1995, and earned her Master's of Science in Sports Administration in 1999. In the two seasons prior to arriving at Auburn, George served as the head athletic trainer at Plantation High in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Previous to that, she spent three years as the head athletic trainer at Minor High in Birmingham, Ala. In

1996, George served as an assistant athletic trainer at the Olympic games in Atlanta and has been a head athletic trainer for Forever Sports, Inc., a NFL Youth Football camp company. George is single and resides in Auburn.



MIKE HALES

COORDINATOR OF TEAM AND EVENT MARKETING

JOINED AUBURN STAFF: August, 2005

RESPONSIBILITY: Assists in the development and implementation of marketing and promotional plans.

EXPERIENCE: Served as the Assistant Director of Marketing at the University of Houston from 2003-2005 and Marketing Manager from 2002-2003. Served as a Graduate Assistant at the University of Southern Mississippi from 2001-2002.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: Born January 31, 1979. Native of Florence, MS. Earned a B.S. in Sports Medicine in 2001 and a M.S. in Sport Administration in 2002 from the University of Southern Mississippi.



CATHIE HELMBOLD

ACADEMIC COUNSELOR

JOINED AUBURN STAFF: September, 1999

RESPONSIBILITY: Serves as the Academic Counselor for the Soccer, Women's Basketball and Women's Golf teams. Additionally, Cathie is the liaison between Camp War Eagle (Freshmen Orientation) and Student-Athlete Support Services.

EXPERIENCE: Has eight years of experience in Division I college athletics working in both the Southeastern and Atlantic Coast Conferences.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: Is a Nationally Certified Counselor and has graduated twice from Auburn earning a Bachelor's in Psychology and a Master's of Education in Community Agency Counseling.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SUPPORT STAFF



KELLY KOMARA
GRADUATE ASSISTANT

Komara enters her second season as a graduate assistant for the Tigers after working as a student assistant at Purdue in 2002. The Schererville, Ind., native played basketball at Purdue from 1999-01, leading the team to an NCAA title in 1999 and a runner-up finish in 2001. Komara played All-Star Professional basketball in Athens, Greece in 2004 and for the NWBL team Grand Rapid Blizzard in 2003. In 2002, she was named the Indiana NCAA Woman of the Year, the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year, was



named to the All-Big Ten First Team and the WBCA All-Star Team. In 2000 and 2001, Komara was an All-Big Ten honorable mention and was the NCAA Mideast Regional Most Outstanding Player in 2001. In her rookie season, Komara was named to the Big Ten All-Freshmen team (1999). Komara is a 2002 graduate of Purdue University.



MENDY NESTOR
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MEDIA RELATIONS

JOINED AUBURN STAFF: September, 2000

RESPONSIBILITY: Assisting in the administration of the overall media relations program with special emphasis on women's basketball, football and women's golf.

EXPERIENCE: Came to Auburn from East Carolina University. Primary contact for women's basketball, softball and cross country as well as assisting with men's basketball and football. Was football program editor for ECU publication that won fourth best in the nation. Worked as a publishing staff assistant at Host Communications. Was a student in the West Virginia media relations office and did an internship for the Pittsburgh Penguins.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: Born 8-31-76. Native of Buckhannon, W.Va. A 1998 West Virginia graduate with a B.S. in Journalism with a public relations major and double minor in business administration and sport

management. Member of CoSIDA and the Alabama Sportswriters Association.



ANN YATES
SECRETARY

JOINED AUBURN STAFF: May, 1997

RESPONSIBILITY: Assists in daily operations of the women's basketball program. Also handles many administrative duties.

EXPERIENCE: Spent four years as a secretary in the Auburn Media Relations Office and worked for five years in Auburn Photo Services.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: A native of Alex City, she is married to Sammy Yates and has one daughter, Marnie.

THE ORANGE CRUSHERS

“This group of young men is so important to our success. They give us the ability to play against aggressive, quick and strong players, which simulates play in the SEC. The Orange Crushers are important to how, we as a team, progress.”

- Head Coach Nell Fortner

The Orange Crushers is an organization created in order to help the Auburn women’s basketball team in their pursuit of the SEC and National Championship. Auburn is one of just a handful of teams around the country that practices against men daily. The requirements for participation are that you are a full-time undergraduate male at Auburn, who has had at least high school playing experience. The Crushers attend every women’s basketball practice and workout. Benefits to being a part of the team include free practice attire, including shoes, and free tickets to men’s and women’s basketball games. To be a part of the Orange Crush Team or for more details, contact Kelly Komara at 334-844-9200.



2005-06 Women’s Basketball Crushers:
(l-r): Will Harden, Gary Speegle, Kellen Cole and Andrew Turner.

COLISEUM STAFF

