

# TIGER INSIDER



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Football is a game. It's easy to forget that. So this month I thought it would be fun to share some funny—and sometimes insightful—quotes. Throughout the newsletter beginning with, *"Always remember.....Goliath was a 40 point favorite over David"*

-SHUG JORDAN

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## SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY ALIVE ON THE PLAINS

The Loveliest Village on The Plains. The average Auburn fan might not know the city's unofficial nickname was derived from Oliver Goldsmith's poem decrying the depopulation of rural Ireland in the 18th century.

Yet Auburn's famous Southern hospitality on fall Saturdays remains as much a part of Auburn's tradition as winning football games.

It's one thing to hear

compliments on the street about the civility of Auburn fans and the magic of the Game Day experience from visitors who, alas, can't believe Auburn people would actually make them feel welcomed. It's another when the local daily and campus

newspaper repeatedly publish letters from visiting fans—even when their team loses.

**Michael Motley, Manhattan, KS** *I had the pleasure of visiting your city last*

**See Hospitality, page 3**

TAILGATERS  
ENJOYING  
FOOD AND  
FELLOWSHIP  
PRIOR TO AN  
AUBURN  
FOOTBALL  
GAME.



## INSIDER ALREADY HAS DREAM JOB

He loves to make people laugh, he isn't scared of anything, and he can't decide which Auburn Tradition is his favorite. And this month's "Tiger

Tease" loves to feast on wild game on a football weekend—even alligator. While he didn't have time for a sit-down chat—he's

the soft-spoken type—this Insider, who doesn't really have an office but seems to be everywhere. See Insider, pg 3

## ALL AUBURN, ALL ORANGE

The All Auburn All Orange program was established in 2004 to celebrate the unity and spirit of the Auburn Family, and this year's All Auburn All Orange T-shirt design does just that. Saturday's football game against Vanderbilt will be the third All Auburn All Orange event for the fall, and fans are encouraged to wear their

2007-2008 All Auburn All Orange T-shirt to the game. Shirts can be pur-



chased from any of the local Auburn merchandise retailers. This year, a

portion of the proceeds from this shirt will support AU's scholarship program and the Student Government Association Big Event initiative. The Big Event is part of a nationwide movement to give back to the people and communities that surround universities through service projects.

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*"Motivation is simple. You eliminate those who are not motivated."*

—LOU HOLTZ,  
NOTRE DAME

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## BUDDY DAVIDSON: AUBURN'S IRONMAN

With his presence at the Vanderbilt game, recently retired athletic department staff member Buddy Davidson continued his streak of **570** consecutive Auburn football games he has worked. The streak began on Nov.

2, 1957.

Buddy Davidson finished his career at Auburn University Athletics as an assistant Athletic Director for Football. He is known throughout the Southeastern Conference and is well thought of by



his peers. Thank you, Buddy Davidson!

## COACH TUBERVILLE SEEKS 100TH VICTORY

Coach Tuberville seeks his 100th career victory against Vanderbilt on Saturday. Of those 99 wins so far, 75 have come at the helm of the Auburn program. Tuberville won 25 games while the coach at Ole Miss.

During his tenure at Auburn, Coach Tuberville has been named Coach of the Year by the AFCA, the AP and by the Walter Camp Coach of the Year Foundation.



**TOMMY TUBERVILLE SEEKS 100TH WIN VERSES VANDERBILT.**

## HOSPITALITY: 'YOUR FANS THERE ARE GREAT FANS'

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*the best and friendliest I have encountered in my travels. I hope you have a great football season.*

*Thank you for your great hospitality. "War Eagle!"*

**Mike Sullivan, Olathe, KS**

*After returning from a 30-hour road trip to watch my*

*alma mater play the Tigers of Auburn, I feel compelled to write and tell you how pleasantly surprised I was at how cordial and friendly the Auburn fans were to us K-Staters. Everywhere we went, we were greeted with smiles, well wishes and "Welcome to Auburn!" I truly did not expect to be treated very well while wearing purple. Your fans there are great fans. Even*

*in victory, everyone who spoke to us demonstrated good sportsmanship. I also felt that your newspaper coverage was well written and unbiased.*

*Thank you for your kind words about the KState program. War Eagle!*

## INSIDER

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**Where are you from originally?**

*"I'd rather not go there."*

**Have you lived in Auburn your whole life?**

*"Not yet."*

**How long have you been attending Auburn games?**

*"Over 30 years. Time flies when you're having fun."*

**What was the first Auburn game you attended?**

*"It was actually a basketball game. I like to watch lots of Auburn sports. My first Auburn game was the 1979 SEC Basketball Tournament in Birmingham."*

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*"At Georgia Southern, we don't cheat. That costs money, and we don't have any."*

**-ERK RUSSELL,  
GEORGIA  
SOUTHERN**

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## AUBURN COACHES WIN ASHOF GOLF TOURNEY



Auburn Athletics' team recently won the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame Na-

tionwide Insurance Championship at Grand National. Team members were Ralph Spry (Head Track Coach), Mike Griffin (Head Golf Coach), Eric Shore (Head Men's Tennis Coach) and Courtney Trimble (Assistant Women's Golf Coach).

They will compete for the overall ASHOF Championship on Monday, Oct. 21, in Birmingham.

We wish them well as they represent our Athletics Department.



## AUBURN UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

### Mission Statement of the Auburn Athletics Department

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The Athletics Department, in keeping with the mission of the University, and in a spirit of inclusion, encouraging diversity and equitable treatment for all, will seek to abide by the rules, to manage its fiscal affairs in a responsible manner, to educate its student-athletes, and to win championships, thereby bringing credit to Auburn and its people.

**AUBURN PRIDE**  
COMPETITION · TRADITION · THE MOMENT · THE OPPONENT

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### October 5-6

Sixty-five members of **Auburn's 1957 National Championship Team** will be honored beginning with a private function Friday at Grand National at 6 p.m. Fans are invited to attend an autograph signing session with team members Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in front of the Coli-

seum. They will also be recognized at halftime.

### October 6

Family members of Athletics Department staff will participate in the **"Tigers to Be"** program three hours prior to kick off. A group of 45 staff members and their family members will attend.

### October 26

**Tiger Trail Reception** at Nelson Club level at Jordan-Hare Stadium at 4 p.m.. Private function will honor this year's Tiger Trail inductees.

*"I have found  
that prayers work  
best when you  
have big players."*

—KNUTE  
ROCKNE,  
NOTRE DAME