



SHELBY COUNTY AUBURN CLUB

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TOP AUBURN OFFICIALS VISITED AUBURN CLUB BARBECUE

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The Shelby County Auburn Club's Fan Festival Barbecue was held on Monday, July 26, 2004 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Sportsblast.

Over 400 Shelby County residents drove through heavy rain to see these honored guests and enjoy barbecue, the silent auction, and a supervised kid's area.

Dinner was prepared by Golden Rule Bar-B-Q. Golden Flake donated potato chips, and Publix provided dessert.

After the Cheerleaders lead the crowd with a big "Warrrrrrr Eagle", Club President, **Laurie Halvorson**, welcomed guests then recognized **Matthew Smith** of Spain Park High School as the recipient of the 2004-2005 **Jim Scogin Memorial Scholarship**.

The Club announced the establishment of a new scholarship and presented a check for **\$10,000** to Dr. Ed Richardson. This endowed scholarship will be named in honor of **Mr. Howard Elliott**, a 1950 graduate of Auburn who has demonstrated his loyalty and love for Auburn through his hard work for the SCAC.

Dr. Debbie Shaw, Interim Vice President for Alumni Affairs encouraged the crowd to join the national Alumni Association and enjoy the many benefits of membership.

David Mines, Director of Athletic Event Operations & Compliance discussed the main areas of NCAA compliance. The important message was "ask before you act".

Coach Tommy Tuberville, Head Football Coach talked about summer practice and what we can expect from the Tigers in the upcoming season.

Paul Spina, Auburn University Board of Trustees, highlighted some of the positive things happening at Auburn and expressed his appreciation for Auburn's leadership.

Dr. Edward Richardson, interim President of Auburn University discussed the reforms taking place, current and future enrollment, and the importance of scholarships to offset the cost of college for the next generation.

Other special guests included: **Dr. Mark Pelham**, Auburn Alumni Board; Auburn Cheerleaders **David Maddox and Beth Gamble**; and **Aubie**, Auburn's Five-Time National Mascot Winner.

Former players included: **Johnny Wallis** who played in 1949 and caught the pass that beat Alabama 14-13; **Jerry Elliott** who caught the pass that beat Georgia Tech in Grant Field for the first time in 16 years; **Randy Campbell**, one of Auburn's most successful quarterbacks, who holds the Auburn record for fewest interceptions; and **Al Del Greco** who holds the Auburn scoring record for kickers with 236 points.

The **Shelby County Auburn Club** exists to enable Auburn people to gather together and enjoy sharing the Auburn spirit. Its primary purpose, however, is to support Auburn in the form of **scholarships** for outstanding Shelby County students.