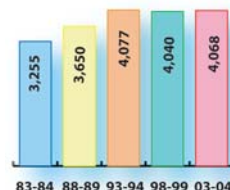


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### How Auburn Stacks Up

Undergraduate degrees from AU by academic year



Source: Institutional Research and Assessment

# IA FOR THE FACULTY AND STAFF OF AUBURN UNIVERSITY report

### Touch of winter

Although this winter has been relatively mild, Auburn has had its share of cold, dreary weather over the past two weeks. However, the extremes of cold rain and ice have brought an occasional touch of beauty, such as the ice that coated these trees along Mell Street approaching Ross Hall.



## Ginn nomination going to State Senate for vote on confirmation

Nominations for appointments to the governing boards of AU and the University of Alabama will go to the Alabama Senate early in the 2005 legislative session, which began last week.



Ginn

Auburn's trustee nomination committee on Jan. 28 unanimously selected wireless communications pioneer Sam Ginn for the lone vacancy on AU's 14-member Board of Trustees.

Meanwhile, the UA Board of Trustees, which uses a different selection process, was to consider nominees for three positions on the UA System's 15-member board on Friday.

Nominations to the governing boards of both schools go to the State Senate for confirmation. Before they can come up for a vote in the Senate, the nominations go before the Confirmations Committee. Traditionally, the committee considers nominations from AU and UA on the same day.

Sen. E.B. McClain of Jefferson County, the Senate Confirmations Committee chair, told reporters his initial reaction was that Ginn's nomination would have "smooth sailing" in the committee. McClain added, however, that he wanted to ensure that all committee members have a chance to fully consider the nomination.

The AU nominating committee selected Ginn, a 1959 engineering graduate, to fill the at-large position on the AU Board previously held by Golda McDaniel, whose term expired on Dec. 31.

If confirmed by the Senate for a seven-year term on the AU Board, the California telecommunications leader will be the only member from outside Alabama. The other at-large members are industrial developer Earlon McWhorter of Anniston, the board's president pro tem, and Alabama Power Co. President Charles McCrary of Birmingham.

Ginn is among Auburn's most nationally prominent alumni. The namesake of AU's Samuel

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## Wayne Flynt to deliver first lecture in College of Liberal Arts series

Distinguished University Professor Wayne Flynt will kick off the College of Liberal Arts' new Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series on Feb. 22.

Flynt, one of the region's most prominent historians, will speak on "The Future of Alabama" at 5 p.m. at Dixon Conference Center.

Interim College of Liberal Arts Dean Joseph Ansell said the new lecture series serves two goals. "One of my major goals during my year as interim dean is to raise the profile of the college both on campus and off," he said.

"The other major goal is to bring more of a sense of this being one college, rather than only a collection of very diverse departments," Ansell added. "The lecture series hopefully serves both of the goals."

At the first lecture, books written by Liberal Arts professors in the past five years will be on display. "We thought it would be good to showcase the research, scholarly and creative activity within the college," said Ansell. "So often on this campus

liberal arts is thought of as the core curriculum, but there is much other wonderful work being done by many faculty."

Ansell said Flynt, the author of several books on Alabama and Southern history, is the ideal person to inaugurate the Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series. "He is a university professor, he is retiring next fall after a long and distinguished career at Auburn," Ansell said. "Also, he has just been installed as president of the Southern Historical Association — a huge deal. We thought this would be a way of recognizing that honor, too."

The lecture series will focus on senior faculty, especially members holding named professorships, said Ansell. The college will have four lectures a year, two in the spring and two in the fall.

The next speaker in the series will be Peter Harzem, Hudson Professor of psychology. Harzem will speak on "String Theory, Mystic Experience and the Concept of Mind" on April 5 at the Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art.

## Agriculture ceremony to honor five

Five Alabamians will be honored for their contributions to the state's farming industry when the AU Agricultural Alumni Association holds its 2005 Alabama Agriculture Hall of Honor Banquet Feb. 15, in Auburn.

This year's inductees into the Hall of Honor, which pays tribute to living Alabamians for their contributions to Alabama agriculture, are Ann Barr of Auburn, retired state 4-H program leader for girls; Gerald Bailey of Cullman, retired live-production manager for Gold Kist Inc.; and dairyman James Cook of Evergreen.

Honored posthumously with the association's Pioneer Awards will be Hoyt Adair, who operated Classical Fruits and Barbecue in Moulton, and Henry Orr, a renowned AU horticulture professor from Opelika.

Tickets to the banquet and awards ceremony are \$40 per person and must be purchased by Feb. 10. For information, call 844-2345.

Also on Feb. 15, the Ag Alumni Association will hold its annual session and board of directors meeting in Comer Hall at 1:30 p.m. Comer Hall houses the Agriculture Hall of Honor.

## Ginn nomination

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Ginn College of Engineering, Ginn is co-chair of the university's capital campaign, and his 2001 gift of \$25 million is the largest in the university's history. Although it also supports other areas, his gift was instrumental in Auburn's launch of the first wireless engineering program in the nation.

Ginn has spent most of his career in California, where he rose through the ranks of the telecommunications industry and led the industry in developing and promoting wireless communication.

An Alabama native, he began his career with AT&T in 1960, and by 1977 he was vice president of network operations for AT&T Long Lines. He

joined Pacific Telephone in 1978 as the company's vice president.

A prophet of the current boom in wireless technology, Ginn led the AirTouch communications company through a spin-off from the Pacific Telesis Group in the early 1990s and a merger with Vodafone later in the decade.

Since retiring as chairman of Vodafone in 2000, Ginn has remained active in the industry as an investor and adviser to several start-up companies. He also serves on the boards of directors of ChevronTexaco and Templeton Emerging Markets Investments Trust.

## Upcoming Events

Monday, February 7

- Exhibition: Concrete furniture designed and built by architecture and building science students, Dudley Hall gallery, on display through Feb. 18.

Tuesday, February 8

- Meeting: University Senate, 3 p.m., Broun Hall auditorium.
- Audio Conference: "Fostering Interaction in Distance Learning," 3 p.m., O.D. Smith Hall 328. Call 844-3476.
- Littleton-Franklin Lecture: "Encounters with History," historian Thomas Fleming, author of "The Illusion of Victory, 4 p.m., auditorium, COSAM Science Laboratory Center.

Wednesday, February 9

- Black History Lecture: "Achievements of the Black Middle Class in Columbus, Georgia," Craig Lloyd of Columbus State University, noon, Foy 213.
- Poetry Reading: Selections from "Necessary Acts," new book by Peter Huggins of AU English Department, 2 p.m.-4 p.m., Special Collections Room, Draughon Library.

Thursday, February 10

- HR Development Program: "Planning for Family Vacations," Liz Bates of Fairwinds Travel, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., Human Resources Training Facility, 146 N. Gay St. Register online at Human Resources A-Train web site or call Kelli Henderson at 844-7939.
- Curator's Choice Lecture: "Rodin," Mary Levkoff, Los Angeles County Museum of Fine Art, 6 p.m., auditorium, Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art.

Friday, February 11

- Open House: AU Sustainability Initiative Office, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., second floor, Langdon Annex. Office space was designed by AU architecture students using renewable materials and energy-efficient practices.

Monday, February 14

- Next AU Report.



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### Family programs

Alabama First Lady Patsy Riley, center, met with AU faculty and administrators last week during a session of the state's Marriage Initiative Steering Committee in Auburn. She is shown with Francesca Adler-Baeder, left, and Dean June Henton, both of the College of Human Sciences, which is providing research findings and outreach support to the committee.

## AU recycling phone books, launching pilot program to recycle office paper

Auburn will conduct a recycling campaign for telephone books and magazines through Feb. 18. That effort will be followed in March or early April by a pilot recycling program for office paper.

The Facilities Division has placed collection bins in most large buildings across campus for the disposal of outdated telephone directories, old magazines and similar, unwanted publications. For a list of buildings with collection bins, see the web site [www.auburn.edu/administration/facilities/](http://www.auburn.edu/administration/facilities/) or call recycling coordinator Donny Addison at 844-9461.

The annual recycling program provides a money-saving, environmentally friendly alternative to landfill disposal of the thousands of outdated campus and city telephone directories that accumulate in offices and homes when people receive new ones in late fall and January each year, said Addison. A senior in environmental science at AU, Addison is coordinating the collection effort for the Facilities Division.

In recent years, the telephone directory collection drive has been the largest paper recycling program on campus. However, that effort could be dwarfed by other collection efforts if a pilot program this spring is successful, said Addison and Lindy Biggs, a history professor who is chair of a special committee on sustainability at AU.

With support from the AU administration and the colleges of Agriculture and Business, the Sustainability Initiative Task Force and the Facilities Division will implement a program to divert used office paper from wastebaskets to small collection containers for individual offices in Funchess Hall and the Lowder Building.

The pilot program will aid planners in developing a paper recycling program that could be

expanded to the entire campus, Biggs said. If AU can divert most of its paper waste to recycling, the university could save money and cut in half the amount of waste that has to be hauled to a landfill each year, she said.

Biggs said the paper-collection containers are one part of a pilot program that will also involve changes in housekeeping and other initiatives to encourage recycling, first in the two buildings, and later across campus. Those changes will be unveiled as final details are worked out over the next few weeks, she said.

Meanwhile, the AU Sustainability Initiative is getting its own office on the second floor of Langdon Hall Annex. Architecture students designed the office to incorporate energy-efficient practices and built it with renewable materials. The task force will hold an open house at the office from 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Friday.

### Concrete Institute to honor Barnes

The American Concrete Institute has named Robert Barnes of AU's Samuel Ginn College of Engineering to receive the institute's 2004 Structural Research Award.

Barnes, an assistant professor of civil engineering, will receive the award in April in New York.

The AU faculty member has conducted extensive research in self-consolidating concrete, strengthening of existing bridges and anchorage of concrete reinforcement. Barnes has authored and co-authored research articles for the Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute, the American Concrete Institute Structural Journal, the Journal of Bridge Engineering and the Journal of the Transportation Research Board.



### Nearing completion

Exterior work is nearly complete on a new home for AU's School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences. The \$26.5 million building on the Duncan Drive extension north of the new medical clinic, is scheduled for occupancy this spring. The building will be ready for classes by fall semester.

## AU Theatre to present Tony-winning play examining emotional conflicts

AU Theatre will present its version of Peter Shaffer's Tony Award-winning play "Equus" Feb. 15-26 at Telfair Peet Theatre.



The play's director, Theatre Department Chair Worth Gardner, describes "Equus" as a landmark of contemporary theatre by an eminent playwright.

"It is always my profound wish that the experience of theatre is something that entertains as well as opens our minds to a vast geography of emotional possibility," said Gardner.

"This play is one of the most powerful discussions of the warring tension between the rational and irrational mind," he added.

Gardner said the drama is intended for mature audiences of college age and older and is not recommended for children.

"Equus" revolves around 17-year-old Alan Strang and psychiatrist Martin Dysart, who tries to find out why the young stable hand attacked and blinded six horses with a spike. The youth offers no satisfactory explanation for his own actions, and none of the motives suggested by other characters make sense to the psychiatrist.

The two lead roles are played by theatre major Charles Adair as the youth and local puppeteer Bob Parsons as the psychiatrist.

"Equus" began a lengthy Broadway run in 1974 and won a Tony Award and the New York Drama Critics Circle Award for best play. A native of England, Shaffer also won a Tony for "Amadeus" and an Oscar for adapting that play to the screen.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 15-19 and Feb. 22-26 and 2:30 p.m. Feb. 20. For ticket information, call 844-4154.

## OCM, Engineering honored for quality of communications, marketing at AU

AU's Office of Communications and Marketing has won three awards and the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering has won two awards for program quality in 2004 from the Southeastern region of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

Engineering and OCM representatives will receive the awards at the CASE District III annual conference in Atlanta on Feb. 21-23.

Communications and Marketing won awards of excellence for AU's internal communications program and the Tiger Transit LED program and a special merit award for the AU Report.

The internal communications program includes AUDaily faculty-staff electronic mail, AU Report faculty-staff newsletter, Campus Connection electronic mail to students, AU Commons alumni newsletter and its eCommons electronic version, bus signage, Briefing Notes to administrators and other formal means of communication.

The Ginn College of Engineering won special merit awards for the college's external newsletter for alumni and supporters and an advertisement showcasing the addition of astronaut and AU graduate Jim Voss to the college's faculty.

## Faculty to view latest teaching technology next month

A "Teaching With Technology Expo" in Haley Center next month will offer AU faculty a look at new technologies that others across campus are using for their classes.

The Office of Information Technology's Instructional Media Group and AU Libraries will present the expo in Haley Center from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on March 15.

Displays in the lobby will describe some of the latest software and hardware innovations, and faculty and staff will demonstrate their use in adjacent areas of the building.

Last year's faculty presentations included "Teaching Community Planning with SimCity" and "Poultry Health and Diseases CDRom."

Presentations are in the form of poster and computer displays in the lobby and demonstrations elsewhere in Haley Center.

For information on presenting at the expo, see the web site [www.auburn.edu/im/Expo/expo.htm](http://www.auburn.edu/im/Expo/expo.htm) or contact Terry Daughtrey at [daughtw@auburn.edu](mailto:daughtw@auburn.edu).

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