Auburn University Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Mary Ellen Mazey has been named president of Bowling Green State University in Ohio, effective July 1. The Bowling Green Board of Trustees voted Tuesday to select her for the post. “As a leader, it is not too difficult to make a positive impact when you have a healthy budget. It is a lot harder when funds are short, but that’s exactly what Mary Ellen did,” Auburn President Jay Gogue said.

“She helped guide us through some tough budget challenges in ways that made Auburn stronger. I appreciate her leadership and especially her work with our deans and academic departments. We regret seeing her leave but wish her all the best at Bowling Green State University,” Gogue added.

Mazey joined Auburn as provost and vice president for academic affairs in February 2009. From 2005-09 she was dean of Eberly College of Arts and Sciences at West Virginia University. Prior to her tenure at West Virginia, Mazey served in various administrative capacities at Wright State University for more than 20 years, including a six-year term as dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

She holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees from West Virginia University and a doctorate in urban geography from the University of Cincinnati.

At Bowling Green State University, she will succeed President Carol Cartwright, who is retiring June 30.

– Charles Martin

Graduate programs retain high rankings in latest comparisons

Auburn University’s graduate programs in business, engineering, education and public administration achieved high rankings in the newly released U.S. News and World Report’s “America’s Best Graduate Schools” rankings.

The College of Business ranked 32nd among public institutions and 63rd nationally, marking its top score in recent years. “We are pleased to be included in this year’s ranking,” said College of Business Dean Bill Hardgrave. “Our focus on recruiting outstanding students and providing an outstanding educational experience by great faculty is being recognized, as reflected in the rankings. When coupled with our most recent undergraduate ranking of 24th among public institutions by U.S. News and World Report, it is clear our College of Business continues to improve.”

The Samuel Ginn College of Engineering ranked 41st among public universities and 70th nationally. Its industrial systems engineering program is 17th among public universities and 24th nationally, while aerospace engineering is 25th among public universities and 34th nationally.

Chemical engineering ranked 30th among public universities and 49th nationally; mechanical engineering is 39th among public universities and 67th nationally; electrical engineering 30th among public universities and 53rd nationally; civil engineering 39th among public universities and 58th nationally; and computer science and software engineering 40th among public universities and 67th nationally.

“Although our goal is to enhance rankings every year, current cutbacks in fund-

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Professor who overcame autism to earn Ph.D. will present York Lecture

Temple Grandin, an animal scientist who has drawn from her experiences as a person with autism to become one of the world’s leading designers of humane livestock-handling facilities, will present a public lecture at Auburn on Thursday, March 31.

The Colorado State University professor will speak at 7 p.m. in the Student Center ballroom as the College of Agriculture’s spring 2011 E.T. York Distinguished Lecturer.

Grandin’s revolutionary designs of livestock-handling equipment and facilities for meat-processing plants as well as ranches and feedlots reflect her expertise in animal behavior and her advocacy for humane livestock management, as each is developed to reduce fear and stress in cattle and other livestock through every phase of their lives.

Grandin was diagnosed with autism in 1950. Refusing the notion that her child would never be a fully functioning member of society, Grandin’s mother found tutors and private schools with caring teachers to help her daughter overcome autism.

Beyond high school, she earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees and went on to earn a Ph.D. in animal science from the University of Illinois in 1989.
Top chefs coming to annual gala

Auburn’s 2011 Hospitality Gala, hosted by students in the College of Human Sciences’ hotel and restaurant management program, will feature the cuisine of three award-winning chefs and wine tastings with renowned winemakers.

The annual event to benefit students in the hotel and restaurant management program will be Thursday, March 31, at The Hotel at Auburn University.

The first activity, a 5:30 p.m. reception, will include live cooking demonstrations by the chefs as well as a silent auction. A 7 p.m. dinner will be a chef-guided culinary journey combined with a live auction.

This year’s featured chefs are Odette Fada, Michael Schwartz and Jean-Pierre Dubray.

Fada, the corporate chef for Rana USA, is widely recognized for her contributions to Italian cooking, including several new pastas. Schwartz is the chef and owner of Michael’s Genuine Food & Drink in Miami. In 2010, he received the James Beard Foundation Award for Best Chef. Dubray is the much-honored executive chef of The Resort at Pelican Bay in Southern California.

Clovis Taittinger and master sommelier Emmanuel Kemiji will be on hand during the reception to provide samples of their celebrated wines.

For ticket information and other details, see www.thehospitalitygala.com.

—Amy Weaver

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ing have made it difficult to recruit and retain faculty,” said Larry Benefield, dean of the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering. “At the same time, we have seen a rise in the number of students. It is a testament to our hard-working faculty that we have been able to hold rankings consistent.”

The College of Education ranked 54th among public institutions and 71st nationally, placing among the top 25 percent of schools surveyed for the fifth consecutive year. The college’s rehabilitation counseling program retained the No. 17 national ranking in the health disciplines category.

“This particular ranking reflects what has taken place within our college in the previous year, but I am excited about where we are heading in the coming years,” said College of Education Dean Betty Lou Whitford.

The College of Liberal Arts scored high as well with its master’s degree program in public administration, which ranked 41st among public schools and 57th nationally.

—Charles Martin

For campaign against hunger

Canadian university honors Auburn dean

June Henton, dean of the College of Human Sciences at Auburn University, was recognized as an anti-hunger activist and presented with an honorary doctor of laws degree at a recent ceremony at the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada.

The Auburn dean was one of five persons honored by the university during winter convocation, including Michaëlle Jean, Canada’s former governor general.

Henton was in Guelph as part of the Auburn delegation attending the 2011 Hunger Summit, the sixth annual conference for members of the Universities Fighting World Hunger alliance.

Under Henton’s leadership, Auburn partnered with the World Food Programme in 2004 to establish a War on Hunger campaign for the Auburn campus. Two years later, Henton led the charge between Auburn and the World Food Programme to develop a global initiative, Universities Fighting World Hunger.

More than 160 colleges and universities worldwide have since joined in the fight against hunger and malnutrition at home and abroad.

Campus Calendar

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

PUBLIC LECTURE “Prospects for Wetland Recovery from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill in the Northern Gulf of Mexico,” Chris Anderson of the Forestry and Wildlife Sciences faculty, 11 a.m., Forestry and Wildlife Sciences Building, Room 1101

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

HOSPITALITY GALA Award-winning chefs demonstrate cooking techniques, 5:30 p.m., and host dinner, 7 p.m., at The Hotel at Auburn University; see www.thehospitalitygala.com

PUBLIC LECTURE Temple Grandin, animal science professor and subject of Emmy Award-winning HBO movie on overcoming autism, 7 p.m., ballroom, Student Center; part of E.T. York Lecture Series

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

MEETING University Senate, 3 p.m., Broun Hall Auditorium

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

PUBLIC LECTURE Internationally prominent architect and interior designer Bobby McAlpine, 11 a.m., auditorium, The Hotel at Auburn University; part of the Grisham/Trentham Lecture Series

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

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PUBLIC LECTURE Boris D. Lushniak, deputy surgeon general of the United States, 3 p.m., Shelby Center Auditorium; part of the Graduate School’s New Horizons Lecture Series

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

MEETING Board of Trustees, time TBA, The Hotel at Auburn University
Relihan named associate provost for undergraduate studies, effective June 1

Provost Mary Ellen Mazey has named Constance Relihan the associate provost for undergraduate studies, effective June 1.

Relihan will collaborate with associate deans, faculty, academic support units and other administrators and staff to oversee and manage undergraduate degree programs to ensure consistent implementation of academic policies. Working with these groups, she will promote undergraduate student success and retention by overseeing academic advising, maintaining course inventory and providing support for initiatives related to undergraduate education.

Also, she will chair the University Curriculum committee and Academic Affairs committee and with the Office of the Vice President for Research, will supervise the director of undergraduate research and the academic director of sustainability.

“Dr. Relihan brings to the position strong leadership in providing opportunities for undergraduate students,” said Mazey. “As associate dean for academic affairs in the College of Liberal Arts, she has managed the college’s recruitment efforts and orientation programs for incoming first-year and transfer students. She has also established fellowship programs to support undergraduate research in the arts and a scholarship program to support undergraduate study abroad efforts.”

Relihan, a professor in the Department of English, has been a member of the Auburn faculty since 1990.

“I’ve been associate dean for academic affairs in the College of Liberal Arts since fall 2004, developing skills working with undergraduate student issues, curricula and advising,” Relihan said. “I’m eager to bring this experience to the associate provost for undergraduate studies position, and I hope that I can work with faculty, advisors and support staff, and students to improve the quality of the undergraduate educational experience.”

Relihan said she has a strong interest in working across campus to develop programs that deepen the intellectual experience of Auburn students.

“I respect students and their needs, and I also respect the need for academic standards and integrity,” she said.

–Carol Nelson

Strutchen invited to discussions at White House on innovations in math education

Marilyn Strutchen, M.C. Fraley Distinguished Professor in the College of Education’s Department of Curriculum and Teaching at Auburn, has been invited to a meeting of national education leaders at the White House in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, April 6.

Strutchen, who is also co-director of Auburn’s TEAM-Math program, is president of the Association of Mathematics Team Educators. The AMTE, with more than 1,000 members, is the nation’s largest professional association for the improvement of mathematics teacher education.

The Auburn professor is among four leaders of national associations that are working on common core standards for improving elementary math education. The other leaders represent the Association of State Supervisors of Mathematics, the National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

At the White House meeting, they will discuss their associations’ joint efforts on behalf of mathematics education with Carl E. Wieman of the Office of Science and Technology Policy in the Executive Office of the President and with representatives of the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Department of Education.

–Amy Weaver

Joint USA-Auburn Pharmacy program celebrates first class

Auburn University and the University of South Alabama celebrated the first class to graduate from the Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy Mobile campus with a March 18 ceremony at the student center on the USA campus.

In 2006, the two universities joined forces to address the shortage of trained pharmacists in Alabama, especially the Gulf Coast, as well as the nation.

The administrations at Auburn and USA agreed that the most cost-effective and fastest way to meet the critical need was to use Auburn’s Harrison School of Pharmacy, an established, accredited institution, and create a satellite campus at USA, an established, accredited medical school. At the time, Auburn was the only public university in Alabama offering the doctor of pharmacy degree. There was only one pharmacist for every 1,200 people in Mobile and Baldwin counties in Alabama, and one for every 1,500 people in Alabama’s rural areas.

“Auburn and the University of South Alabama formed this partnership to address the extreme shortage of pharmacists in our state and nationally,” said Auburn President Jay Gogue. “Because both schools already had such strong programs in preparing pharmacists and medical professionals, we were able to move quickly, create a more geographically accessible program for the Gulf areas, and prepare an outstanding core of graduates in a relatively short period of time.”

“The University of South Alabama is gratified that this cooperative effort with Auburn University is addressing the need for more pharmacists in the Gulf Coast region and beyond, contributing to better health and a greater quality of life for our citizens,” said USA President Gordon Moulton.

Lee Evans, dean of Auburn’s Harrison School of Pharmacy, said the use of Auburn’s pharmacy programs was a natural complement to USA’s medical programs, and combining already established and reputable programs creates even more benefit and experience for students of the program.

“I always felt that I had the best of both worlds: the close-knit environment of the Mobile campus with all of the opportunities offered at the main campus,” said MaryAnn Birch, a graduating mobile pharmacy student.

The majority of the 20 graduates in this first class plan to serve the state of Alabama, increasing the accessibility of quality health care for state residents.

HSOP Mobile graduates will accept degrees from the Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy at the University of South Alabama during May commencement.

–Amy Weaver

Celebrating first class

Officials from Auburn and the University of South Alabama this month honored students who are in the first class of a joint program for pharmacy education in Mobile. Shown are, from left, MaryAnn Birch, a graduating pharmacy student; Karen Marlowe, assistant dean of the Harrison School of Pharmacy, Mobile campus; Pharmacy Dean Lee Evans; University of South Alabama President Gordon Moulton; and Auburn University Provost Mary Ellen Mazey.
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New office designated for Auburn faculty, staff to obtain, replace identification cards

Beginning April 1, Auburn faculty and staff will be required to visit the Office of Identity Management for any ID card needs. The Office of Identity Management is in the new OIT Building at 300 Lem Morrison Drive.

Students will continue to have ID cards made at the TigerCard Office in the Student Center. All TigerClub Accounts activity for faculty and staff will still be handled at the TigerCard Office. For more information about Identity Management, call 844-4386.

Marine instructor at Auburn selected as nation’s top Naval ROTC instructor

The National Defense Industrial Association has chosen U.S. Marine Corps Major Jeffrey L. Dyal of Auburn’s Navy/Marine ROTC unit to receive the 2011 Col. Leo A. Codd Gold Award. The award is given to the top ROTC instructor in the country from each branch of service (Naval, Army and Air Force).

Dyal was selected as the Gold Award winner from the Naval branch, meaning he is the number one NROTC instructor chosen from more than 300 candidates at 63 Naval ROTC units at 76 colleges and universities nationwide.

Michael Miller takes office as president of Southeastern Microscopy Society

Michael E. Miller, director of the Auburn University Research Instrumentation Facility under the Office of the Vice President for Research, has been elected and is serving as president of the Southeastern Microscopy Society.

The society is a scientific organization of professional microscopists in the life, medical and physical sciences. SEMS is dedicated to the advancement of scientific research and discovery through the use of microscopy and its associated methodologies. SEMS is the most active, productive regional affiliate society to the national Microscopy Society of America.

Boosinger, Adair-Wallace among five Women of Distinction honorees at Auburn for 2011

The Auburn University Women’s Resource Center recently presented Women of Distinction Leadership Awards for 2011 to five Auburn women at the fifth annual Women’s Leadership Conference.

A faculty award went to Marcia Boosinger, associate dean for public services at Auburn University Libraries. That award is named in memory of former Sciences and Mathematics Dean Marie Wooten, who died in a vehicle-pedestrian accident in November. The staff award went to Barnese Adair-Wallace, director of building services in the Facilities Division. The alumna award went to Ruthanna Payne, Learning Community coordinator at Auburn.

The undergraduate student award went to Ashley Nichols, a senior in political science and a member of the Honors College, and the graduate student award went to Felicia Tuggle, a Ph.D. student in the College of Human Sciences.

UA names Auburn professor as its 2011 Outstanding Alumnus in Journalism

The University of Alabama has selected Ed Williams, a journalism professor in Auburn’s College of Liberal Arts, as its Outstanding Alumnus of the Year in Journalism for 2011.

“Several people cited the impact you’ve had on journalism in the state and the region not only as a journalist yourself, but through your more than two decades training young journalists at The Plainsman,” Jennifer Greer, chair of the UA Department of Journalism, wrote to Williams.

Williams has been on Auburn University’s journalism faculty since 1983, and he was Plainsman adviser for more than 20 years.