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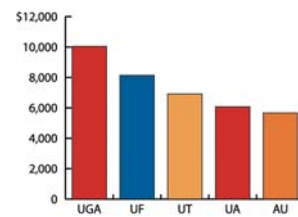
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# AU report

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## Remembering

Eighty family members and friends attended a recent memorial service for AU students who died during the past year. Vice President Wes Williams led the service for Ben Overman, Shelly Martin, Heather Moseley, Xiaoyan Sun and Larkin Strong. AU implemented the annual service three years ago to remember students who died during the previous year.



## Board clarifies role in governance

The AU Board of Trustees unanimously adopted two resolutions Friday clarifying the board's role in governance and athletics.

One resolution stated the commitment of the board and the university to the accreditation process, and the other redefined the board's responsibilities for intercollegiate athletics.

Interim President Ed Richardson said officials at the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools have indicated that the measures would help satisfy requirements for removal from probation of Auburn's membership in SACS.

Richardson has until Friday to file the university's response to the probation imposed by the accrediting agency last December. SACS will send a delegation to Auburn this fall to review compliance with the agency's criteria and will vote in December on the university's request to lift the probation.

The resolution of commitment to the accreditation process strengthened and renamed as a Code of Ethics a conflict-of-interest policy adopted in 1991. The Code of Ethics addresses questions of minority influence on the board, personal financial gain through board action, potential conflicts of interest, disclosure of confidential information regarding

board decisions and commitment of compliance to the code by individual trustees.

A key component of that resolution is creation of an audit committee. The board will organize a committee to ensure individual and group compliance with policies to prevent interlocking relationships or personal financial gain by board members.

The resolution on athletics defines the board's role in athletics as policy-making and places full responsibility for implementing policy in the hands of the president. As part of the changes in the policy, the board abolished its athletics committee.

Several of the changes followed guidelines recommended by the Association of Governing Boards, a national organization of boards of trustees. Although the changes are in response to criteria cited by SACS, Richardson said the new policies would benefit the university under any circumstances.

In related activity, the board adopted new vision and mission statements to clearly define Auburn as a comprehensive land-grant institution.

The board also approved plans to place a new student center south of Haley Center and a parking deck between Petrie Hall and Jordan-Hare Stadium.



**Auburn authors**  
AU Libraries and the University Bookstore recently held a reception honoring 23 faculty authors in six AU colleges and schools for publishing 25 books and monographs during the past year. The books were on display in the Special Collections Room of Draughton Library.

## AU to award more than 2,300 degrees

Auburn will award an estimated 2,334 academic degrees at graduation in Beard-Eaves-Memorial Coliseum on Friday.

Students in the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences and the colleges of Engineering, Liberal Arts and Sciences and Mathematics will receive their degrees in a 10 a.m. ceremony.

Graduates of the School of Nursing and the colleges of Agriculture, Business, Education, Human Sciences and Architecture, Design and Construction will receive degrees at 2 p.m.

At the two ceremonies, AU will award 1,987 bachelor's, 294 master's and 53 doctoral degrees.

The College of Business will award the most degrees with 500, followed by the College of Liberal

Arts with 495 degrees and the College of Engineering with 276.

The College of Education will award 174 degrees; the College of Sciences and Mathematics, 131; the College of Architecture, Design and Construction, 125; the College of Agriculture, 103; the College of Human Sciences, 79; the School of Nursing, 75; and the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences, 29.

The College of Veterinary Medicine and the School of Pharmacy will have separate graduations, both on Tuesday at the Student Activities Center. Pharmacy will award 57 first-professional degrees at 12:30 p.m. and Veterinary Medicine will award 90 degrees at 6 p.m.

## Raju wins first outreach faculty award

P. K. Raju, Thomas Walter Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, has received AU's first Award for Excellence in Faculty Outreach.

Interim President Ed Richardson presented the award at a dinner honoring Raju on Wednesday. The award, along with a \$5,000 honorarium, will be presented annually.

"Dr. Raju is the ideal recipient of the inaugural Award for Excellence in Faculty Outreach," said David Wilson, associate provost and vice president for AU Outreach.

"He has had enormous impact on the manufacturing industry in Alabama," said Wilson. "His work has led to the creation of additional jobs, the retention of jobs in the state and the overall increased efficiency of those industries. In addition, he's a first-class teacher and a world-class researcher."

Raju has headed the Auburn Engineering Technical Assistance Program since its creation in the College of Engineering in 1999. That program was the successor to the Auburn Industrial Engineering Ser-

vice, in which he led the engineering portion of a multidisciplinary partnership from 1996-99.

The current program offers expertise in aerospace, biosystems, chemical, civil, computer science and software, electrical and computing, industrial and systems, mechanical and textile engineering. AETAP provides manufacturers with continuing education, on-site assessments and demonstrations, maintenance solutions, recycling options and problem-solving.

"Under the direction of Dr. Raju and supported by AETAP personnel and engineering faculty and students, the program has helped Alabama's companies increase their competitiveness in a rapidly changing atmosphere of national and international commerce," said David Dyer, chair of the Mechanical Engineering Department.

After earning his doctoral degree in India, Raju came to Auburn in 1984. "Not only has he taught a wide range of courses at every level, he has done so with excellence, earning numerous awards at both the university and national levels," Dyer said.

## Upcoming Events

### Continuing

- Works from the Noel and Kathryn Dickinson Wadsworth Collection: Degas, Toulouse-Lautrec, Picasso, Gilbert Stuart, Mary Cassatt, Andrew Wyeth, others; Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art. Hours 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, through May 21.

### Tuesday, May 11

- Meeting: University Senate, 3 p.m., Broun Hall auditorium

### Thursday, May 13

- Family Fun Day: Entertainment and refreshments for AU employees and their families, 3 p.m.-5:30 p.m., lawn of President's Home.

### Friday, May 14

- Graduation: Ceremonies at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Coliseum.

### Thursday, May 20

- Classes begin for summer term.

### Monday, May 24

- Next AU Report; first issue of summer term. The AU Report will be published every two weeks during the summer.

### Monday, May 31

- Memorial Day Holiday: No classes; offices closed.

### Monday, June 7

- Screening: Free screening at Speech and Hearing Clinic, 1 p.m.-4 p.m., Haley 1199. Children must be accompanied by parent or guardian.

### Tuesday, June 8

- Insurance Consultation: Blue Cross/Blue Shield representative available for consultation, 10 a.m.-11:45 a.m., Ingram 212. No appointment necessary.
- Meeting: University Senate, 3 p.m., Broun Hall auditorium.

### Friday, June 11

- Meeting: Board of Trustees, 1 p.m., Dixon Conference Center. Committee sessions TBA.



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## Gifts to AU up 50 percent for first half of current fiscal year

Private support for Auburn University increased 40 percent during the first three months of 2004 and 50 percent during the first half of the fiscal year, compared to the same period last year.

Total private support was \$13.6 million from January through March, up from \$9.7 million for the same period in 2003, and \$30.6 million for October-March, up from \$20.3 million in the first half of the previous fiscal year.

"Some people assumed that Auburn alumni would back away from their support because of the one-two punch that Auburn's image took last December over athletics and SACS," said interim President Ed Richardson. "The preliminary numbers early in the year indicated that was not the case, and these numbers confirm it."

Alumni giving increased 53 percent to \$12.7 million for the first half of the fiscal year, Oct. 1-March 31, and support from other individuals increased 85 percent to \$7.4 million. Corporate giving increased 34 percent to \$6.5 million and foundation support increased 24 percent to \$3 million.

The growth in giving remained strong through the normally slow winter months, with alumni contributions up 19 percent to \$5 million for January-March, compared to the same period last year, and other individual giving rose 108 percent to \$4.1 million. In the same three-month comparison, corporate support rose 26 percent to \$3.2 million and

foundation gifts to AU rose 70 percent to \$809,000.

Large increases also were recorded in the smaller categories of giving by other organizations and by parents.

Richardson said he came into office in late January wondering about the financial impact of widely publicized athletic problems and the decision by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to place Auburn's on probation for one year due to governance issues. "There is no question that Auburn's image took a beating, but Auburn's alumni and friends never wavered in their financial support," he said.

Robert McGinnis, Auburn's vice president for development, said current events have not had an impact on private support. "Most people look at the long-term impact of their gifts," McGinnis said. "They support the university because they love Auburn and want to help the students get the best education possible."

McGinnis said many donors designate their gifts to their favorite academic programs or to goals such as scholarships to meet a specific need. "Many people have been concerned about recent events, but they make a distinction between those events and the academic programs that need their help."

He added, "Alumni and other donors know that their gifts help the students and, in many cases, will keep helping students for generations to come."

## Wilson writes lead essay for Pew Partnership

David Wilson, AU associate provost and vice president for outreach, has written the lead essay in a monograph published by the Pew Partnership for Civic Change.

Wilson's essay, "Key Features of Successful University-Community Partnerships," is in the monograph "Building Citizenship for Community Change: A New Agenda for Civic Engagement and Higher Education."

The AU vice president will also serve two other

national organizations. He is a 2004-05 director-at-large board member for the University Continuing Education Association in Washington, D.C., and has a three-year appointment on the board of directors of MDC Inc. in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Wilson says his involvement with these organizations is part of a national outreach effort. "It is important because our work here at Auburn cannot be disconnected from work going on across the nation," he said.

## McDaniel named alumnus of year at UF college

The University of Florida's College of Public Health and Health Professions has named Randall McDaniel, a professor in the AU College of Education, as its alumnus of the year for 2004.

In conjunction with the honor, Randall delivered the commencement address for the college's ceremony in Gainesville on May 1.

"Dr. McDaniel is a nationally recognized leader in rehabilitation education who has been responsible for innovations in computer-assisted technology

and vocational consultation strategies," said Horace Sawyer, chairman of the Florida college's Rehabilitation Counseling Department.

McDaniel, who is a Wayne T. Smith Distinguished Professor in the Department of Rehabilitation and Special Education at AU, earned both his bachelor's degree in occupational therapy and his master's degree in rehabilitation counseling from the University of Florida.



**CDS awards**  
Members of Career Development Services who recently received major awards from professional associations are, from left, Melvin Smith, Nancy Bernard and Shirley Barnes.

## CDS staff members receive awards

Three staff members in Career Development Services — Shirley L. Barnes, Melvin K. Smith and Nancy Bernard — recently received major awards from their professional associations.

Barnes, career counselor, received the Distinguished Professional Development Award from the Alabama Counseling Association. The award recognizes top counselors in Alabama as role models for the association's membership.

Barnes also received the Distinguished Professional Development Award from the Alabama Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development in recognition of her continuing contributions to the profession.

Smith, special events coordinator, received the

Jana Rollins Distinguished Service Award of the Southeastern Association for Employment in Education.

The service award recognized Smith for significant contributions to the association as a past president and to the fields of career planning, placement and recruitment.

Bernard, coordinator of Career Development Services, received the President's Award of the Southeastern Association of Colleges and Employers in recognition of her service as the association's president and continuing service as immediate past-president. Those two offices were the latest of several leadership positions Bernard has held in the 600-member association.

## Psychology GTA wins national teaching award

Jason F. Sikorski, a doctoral student graduate teaching assistant in clinical psychology at Auburn University, has received an award for teaching excellence from the American Psychological Association.

Sikorski received the 2004 Wilbert J. McKeachie Early Career Teaching Excellence Award from the psychological association's Society for the Teaching of Psychology.

The society presents the award annually to recognize exemplary contributions by graduate students to the teaching of psychology, scholarly research on teaching and national service.

He is the second AU psychology graduate student

to win the award in the past three years. In 2002, Bryan K. Saville, now a faculty member at Stephen F. Austin State University in Texas, won the award.

Sikorski, a native of Amsterdam, N.Y., holds a bachelor's degree from LeMoyne College in Syracuse, N.Y., and a master's degree in clinical psychology from East Tennessee State University. At Auburn, he has taught courses in introductory psychology and statistics and has produced five publications on teaching and pedagogy.

Last year, Sikorski served as chair of the Graduate Student Teachers Association, a national organization of graduate student teachers of psychology.

## Annual Family Fun Day is Thursday

Auburn will hold its eighth annual Family Fun Day for AU employees and their families from 3 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Thursday on the lawn of the President's Home.

Approximately 4,000 people attend the community festival each spring. Festival offerings include games, prizes, food and music. More than 75 university offices and local businesses helped organize the activities and provided prizes and free food.

The Family Fun Day organizing committee mailed cards to all university employees on Friday providing details about the activities. At the festival, AU employees may use their cards as entries for door prizes.

In the event of rain, the event will be rescheduled.

Albert Snipes, director of employee relations in AU Human Resources, is chair of the Family Fun Day organizing committee.

## Registration deadline for Y.E.S. summer camps is Friday

Registration for the Summer Youth Experiences in Science Camps is open until Friday.

The Y.E.S. camps, sponsored by the College of Sciences and Mathematics, will take place on campus the weeks of June 20-25 (for 7-11 grades) and July 19-23 (for 4-8 grades).

Summer Y.E.S. combines science and math activ-

ities with mini-courses in biological sciences, physical sciences, mathematics and computer technology.

For more information or to register, contact Mary Lou Howard at 844-5745 or see the Web site [www.auburn.edu/cosam/outreach](http://www.auburn.edu/cosam/outreach).

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