Leaders from science, government, business to confer on water issues

Scientists, industry leaders and government officials will gather in Auburn June 14-15 to seek solutions to increasingly serious problems with the availability, quality and protection of the nation’s water supply.

The AU conference, “Bridging the Gap Between Science, People and Policies,” will examine the impact of water resources upon individual health, food production, homeland security, economic growth and recreation. It will also serve as a catalyst for developing a model water distribution system and a comprehensive water management policy for local and state governments.

“There are no alternatives for a safe, adequate water supply,” said AU President Ed Richardson. “Auburn experts are providing the leadership and research needed to turn water quality and quantity challenges into economic, environmental and health benefits for the people of Alabama and the Southeast.”

Water consumption has increased rapidly over the past half-century and has been outpacing global population growth during the past two decades. In Alabama, water consumption has increased 150 percent since 1956. If current trends continue, up to two-thirds of the world’s population will face serious water shortages by 2025, says Graeme Lockaby, associate dean in the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences and director of AU’s new Water Resources Center.

Many parts of Alabama routinely suffer the consequences of short-term summer droughts. The Auburn conference will look at how better water management and distribution systems could alleviate the negative impact these droughts have on crops, livestock, tourism and industry, Lockaby said.

The Auburn conference features nationally recognized experts on water policy, irrigation, watershed issues, conservation and other water issues. Speakers include Peter Jutro, deputy director for science and policy at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and Sandra Postel, director of the Global Water Policy Project.

Conference information is available from the AU Water Resources Center at 844-6147 or www.nrmdi.auburn.edu/water/conference/2007.
Center enters new era with new name honoring former first lady

New scholarships honor former AU first ladies Ann Martin, Cratus Bailey

The center conducts statewide programs on state art and culture, hosts exhibits of native Alabama materials and “Printology,” prints by Wycoff; Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art, through Sept. 1

New AU trustee confirmed by State Senate, to take seat on June 28

Symposium to review outreach opportunities for AU faculty, administrators, grad students

University Outreach at AU is sponsoring a symposium on outreach scholarship opportunities for faculty, administrators and graduate students on June 15. The Outreach Scholarship Symposium from 8:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the AU Hotel is free and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. The symposium focuses on aspects of outreach scholarship, particularly promotion and tenure issues. Panel discussions will examine collaborative faculty outreach initiatives, documenting outreach scholarship and valuing faculty engagement for promotion and tenure. “This is the first of what we plan to be an annual program highlighting various aspects of faculty outreach on campus,” said Kimberly King-Jupiter, director of outreach planning and faculty engagement in University Outreach. The keynote speaker will be Kay Kohl, executive director and chief executive officer of the University Continuing Education Association, an international organization focused on outreach and engagement. Seating is limited. Register online by June 10 at www.auburn.edu/outreachsymposium. For more information, contact King-Jupiter at 844-5700 or kingki1@auburn.edu.

Upcoming Events

Continuing

Art Exhibit “Love Isn't Always Enough,” artworks by adjunct faculty members Jonathan Byler, Claire Frank Hairstans, Debora Myles and William Dunlop, Biggin Gallery, through July 27

Thursday, June 7

Farmers Market Locally grown farm produce, Ag Heritage Park, Sanford Avenue, 3 p.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday, June 9


Thursday, June 14

Conference on water resources, “Bridgeing the Gap Between Science, People and Policies,” AU Hotel; contact AU Water Resources Center at 844-614-1

Friday, June 15

Symposium University Outreach opportunities for faculty, administrators and graduate students, 8:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m., AU Hotel; contact Kimberly King-Jupiter at 844-5700

Monday, June 18

Next AU Report

Thursday, June 28

Committee Sessions AU Board of Trustees, time TBA, AU Hotel

Friday, June 29

Meeting AU Board of Trustees, time TBA, AU Hotel

Wednesday, July 4

Independence Day AU offices closed, no classes today

Saturday, August 4

Graduation 2 p.m., Coliseum

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Scenes from AU’s Family Fun Day 2007