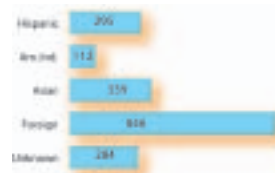


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How Auburn Stacks Up

Non-white, non-black AU undergraduates by ethnicity, spring 2005



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FOR THE FACULTY AND STAFF OF AUBURN UNIVERSITY



Blending styles

In addition to new pedestrian ways on former campus streets, as in this scene northwest of Haley Center, new construction is marking a return to and reinterpretation of Neo-classical architecture of the first half of the 20th century. Typical of the trend is this new addition to Pharmacy's W.W. Walker Building, which was built in the 1970s in the International style.

Work continuing into fall

Construction changing face of campus

While summer has had its share of infrastructure, repair and construction projects, the face of campus will continue to change as more projects get under way this fall.

In all, \$65 million in construction projects will be under way next semester, said John Mouton, adviser to the president. In June Mouton was named by interim President Ed Richardson to lead all aspects of Auburn's construction and physical plant programs, including the Facilities Division.

New buildings will be opening across campus as some construction is completed and ground has been broken on a number of new projects.

Two new buildings opening for use this fall are the Forestry and Wildlife Sciences Building on the south side of campus and the new Science Laboratory Center south of the Quad Center.

The new Forestry and Wildlife Sciences Building on the west side of South Duncan Drive replaces M. White Smith as the home of the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences. The building's dedication ceremony is scheduled for Aug. 26.

The Science Laboratory Center is south of Roosevelt Drive between Mell Street and Duncan Drive. At more than 68,000 square feet, the building provides space for classrooms, offices, laboratories and an auditorium. "This building has

already been occupied but it will be used for teaching for the first time this fall," Mouton said.

Construction will also be completed this fall on phase one of additions and renovations to the Harrison School of Pharmacy's W. W. Walker Building. The first of two phases, this project includes construction of the 45,000-square-foot Education and Clinic Wing. Mouton said it should be completed in October.

Three new projects will begin during fall semester: the new Building Science facility, phase one of the Transportation Technology Center and a new parking deck.

The Building Science facility will be north of Samford Avenue between Goodwin Hall and Swingle Hall. At 42,500 square feet, the building will provide classroom and office space for the College of Architecture, Design and Construction's Department of Building Science as well as an auditorium and laboratories. Ground was broken on the facility at a ceremony July 15.

The Transportation Technology Center will be south of Magnolia Avenue between the Lowder Business Building and the Textile Engineering Building. Drake Hall, the former campus medical clinic, will be razed this fall to make way for the

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Extreme makeover

In Ross Hall, Auburn has its own version of the reality television show "Extreme Makeover." One of the most historic AU buildings of the 20th century, Ross is undergoing a complete renovation of its interior as well as the addition of a new wing on its north side, shown here. The work is one of the largest restoration and renovation projects in AU's current construction program.

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new Transportation Technology Center, which will house research, instruction and administrative offices designed to support multidisciplinary work in the field of transportation technology.

Construction also will begin soon on a new parking structure at the southwest corner of Duncan and Roosevelt drives. Mouton said the four-level structure will be significantly larger than the library parking deck and will provide approximately 700 spaces. These will replace spaces for other parking areas lost to construction around campus.

"It looks like we've had about a three-week impact this summer from the weather."

"It is not really a net gain of any spaces," Mouton said. "We've already taken out a number of spaces associated with where the Science Laboratory Center is and we've closed a large parking lot for construction of the new Building Science facility."

In addition, the A and B zone lots near Haley Center will be eliminated for construction of the new student center, a project now in the planning phase, Mouton said.

Apart from new projects, construction will continue throughout the year on projects currently in progress. An unusually wet summer has caused rain delays for many of the construction projects during the past few months.

The District Energy Plant is one project that has experienced setbacks due to weather. Located on the corner of West Thach Avenue and Wire Road, the plant will provide hot and chilled water for

heating and cooling the new buildings on campus.

"That project was actually three weeks ahead of schedule but now they are back on schedule because of the rain," Mouton said. "It looks like we've had about a three-week impact this summer from the weather. Fortunately some of our projects were ahead of schedule."

Construction will also continue throughout the year on Ross Hall to refurbish the 75-year-old building. In addition to the interior work, Mouton said workers are excavating around the building's perimeter to waterproof the basement, which creates a larger construction site. Along with the renovations to Ross Hall, a new wing is being built on the north side.

Mouton said the project is a challenge because of its location. "It is in the heart of campus where there is a limited amount of parking but also a limited amount of traffic space," he said.

Another project Mouton describes as disruptive is the installation of pipes for chilled and hot water, which has caused the closure of several streets throughout campus.

"Ultimately we need to have the entire campus on central utilities," he said. "We typically bring utilities with a major project and then connect other buildings to it."

For example, Mouton said central utilities can be installed for the Ross Hall project but Samford Hall and other area buildings can be added at the same time.

Several other projects are in the planning stages, including a student center, an outdoor pool for the swim team, an equestrian facility and the second phase of the Transportation Technology Center as well as a facility for the Office of Information Technology.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, July 26

AUDIO CONFERENCE "Best Practices for Blended and Hybrid Courses," 1 p.m., Foy 205. Sponsored by Office of Distance Learning and Outreach Technology. See www.auburn.edu/outreach/dl/dlot_events.php?id=96.

Tuesday, August 2

LAST DAY of classes for summer term.

Monday, August 8

NEXT AU Report; final issue of summer.

GRADUATION ceremony, 2 p.m., Coliseum.

Tuesday, August 9

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD representative available for consultation, 9:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m., Payroll & Employee Benefits, Ingram 212. No appointment needed.

Wednesday, August 17

FIRST DAY of classes for fall semester.

GALLERY TALK "The LaGrange College Photo Collection," John Lawrence, director of Lamar Dodd Art Center, 2 p.m., Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art.

Monday, August 22

FIRST AU REPORT of fall semester. Return to weekly publication, except for holidays.

Monday, September 5

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY No classes; offices closed; no AU Report.

Friday, September 16

BOARD OF TRUSTEES Committee sessions are scheduled to start at 8 a.m. and the board is scheduled to meet at 1 p.m., Dixon Conference Center. Meeting times may change; for updates, see www.auburn.edu/administration/trustees.



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Gramberg named dean of College of Liberal Arts

Anne-Katrin Gramberg, chair of Auburn's Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, has been named dean of the AU College of Liberal Arts.

Gramberg's appointment by AU Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs John Heilman culminates a national search by a committee chaired by Stewart Schneller, dean of AU's College of Sciences and Mathematics.

"Dr. Gramberg is a dynamic and energetic educator and, as demonstrated during her tenure as chair of her department, a highly qualified administrator," said Heilman. "She is respected by peers and by students. I'm convinced the College of Liberal Arts will flourish under her leadership."

Gramberg came to Auburn as an assistant professor of German in 1993. She was promoted to associate professor in 1997 and to full professor in 2002. She has been chair of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures since 2001.

Before coming to Auburn, she taught at Central Michigan University and Michigan State University.

In addition to publishing in refereed journals and being involved in the production of multimedia publications, she has been author, editor or co-editor of nine books on German language for business and economics.

Gramberg earned her master's degree from Georg-August-Universitaet in Gottingen, Germany, and her doctorate in German from Michigan State University.

Sid McAnnally named director of external relations at AU, to seek additional funding

Interim President Ed Richardson has announced the appointment of Sid McAnnally as AU's director of external relations.

"Auburn is beginning to work more in areas external to the university to strengthen its position as an economic and public policy leader in the state," said Richardson. "We are working externally with regard to funding, defining programming better suited to meet the state's needs and to give the Auburn system more definition and focus for its future."

He added, "As part of my recommendations to the board in June to better connect the university, I included the appointment of an external affairs



Happy camper

Shown here at a recent TIGER camp on engineering topics for seventh and eighth graders, Hannah Pitts of Spanish Fort gets her model car ready for racing competition. TIGER stands for Teams and Individuals Guided by Engineering Resources. The Samuel Ginn College of Engineering is one of several AU colleges hosting students from schools across Alabama and neighboring states this summer for camps focusing on topics of special interest to elementary, middle school and high school students.



Groundbreaking

Local and state officials and construction industry leaders joined AU officials for the formal groundbreaking for construction of the M. Miller Gorrie Building Science Center on July 15. The building north of Samford Avenue will house the Department of Building Science in the College of Architecture, Design and Construction. The building's namesake is chairman of the Birmingham-based Brasfield and Gorrie Construction Co.

Trustee publishes children's book about Auburn, profits going to AU

Auburn trustee and Huntsville businessman John Blackwell has written and published a colorfully illustrated children's book, "The ABC's of Auburn," and announced plans to donate profits from its sales to the university.



Blackwell

The 34-page book, which relates each letter of the alphabet to an Auburn tradition, is available at Auburn-area bookstores.

"It was a fun and interesting project," Blackwell said. "My wife Shirley had seen a book similar to this one and basically told me, 'You ought to do something like this.'" Blackwell added that his interest in penning a children's book was spurred on by his role as a grandfather of six.

"The idea was to make it sort of a family affair," he said.

For the design, Blackwell recruited students from the Art Department at Auburn. "It worked out great. I was really pleased with the designs they came up with."

He said the toughest part of putting the book together was deciding which art to use from the drawings that were submitted.

"The students knew what each letter was going

to stand for and we would have more than one student draw an illustration for a particular letter," Blackwell said. "They would approach them in different ways and they had a lot of fun with some of them. Making the final decisions on what we used and what we didn't was certainly the most difficult part of the project."



"The idea was to make it sort of a family affair."

To acknowledge the contributions of the student artists, Blackwell not only gave each a credit line on their page, but also included in the book a group photo of all whose artwork was included.

"I wanted to make sure they were acknowledged and I thought the group photo was a neat way to do that," Blackwell said.

The AU trustee said he hopes Auburn receives as much financial benefit from the project as he did enjoyment. "I'd like to see the book sell well, of course," Blackwell said. "Not because of any personal reason — I have already gotten my satisfaction. But I would like to see it generate some significant funds for the university. That would be a double payoff for me."

Two from AU advise region's leaders on growth

Two AU administrators recently spoke to more than 450 rural leaders at a Southern Growth Policies Board conference at Point Clear hosted by Alabama Gov. Bob Riley.

Vice President for Outreach David Wilson and Joe Sumners, director of the Economic Development Institute, addressed business, government and community leaders at the conference, "Rising Together: The Summit on the Rural South."

Wilson served as a panel member for the conference's concluding Town Hall meeting, which was moderated by the Alabama governor.

Wilson advised the regional leaders to reassess their local growth plans, ensuring that no segment of the population is excluded from planning, developing and benefiting from development.

Sumners served on a panel of the nation's top rural development experts. He urged the participants to look beyond industrial recruitment and develop strategies for improving quality of life.

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