Goodbye, Mell Hall
Mell Hall, a fixture on the Auburn campus since 1925, was reduced to a pile of rubble in late August as part of an effort to replace vacant, aging buildings that are in poor condition with facilities designed to meet 21st century educational needs. Originally a residence hall, Mell had in recent decades housed administrative support offices for University Outreach.

FedEx chief, 12-year-old girl to get International Quality of Life Awards

The College of Human Sciences at Auburn University will honor the founder of FedEx and the 12-year-old girl who used her artwork to raise money for Gulf Coast habitats following the Deepwater Horizon oil spill at the 18th annual International Quality of Life Awards on Dec. 5.

Fourteen Auburn students visiting New York City Dec. 1-6 for the college’s first for-credit IQLA Study Tour will be able to attend the black-tie event at the United Nations headquarters.

Frederick W. Smith, founder, chairman, president and chief executive officer of FedEx, will accept the 2011 International Quality of Life Award, and Olivia Bouler will be recognized with a special Youth in Action Humanitarian Award.

Since 1994, the College of Human Sciences has been presenting the International Quality of Life Awards to people and partnerships that have made significant and lasting contributions to individual, family and community well-being locally and around the world.

Past recipients include Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu and former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

Smith founded FedEx, the first overnight delivery service in 1971, and grew it into a global conglomerate, revolutionizing how the world communicates. He also created a corporate environment that is committed to improving the quality of life for its people and communities around the world.

“His unparalleled professional achievements and vast contributions to the greater good validate his selection as the embodiment of what

City police establish substation to serve campus community

Auburn University and the Auburn Police Division have joined together to provide a police substation on campus where officers can gather, meet with students and respond to campus emergencies.

“The new substation offers the potential for faster response to crimes on campus and serves as a visual deterrent to those intending to cause harm or damage to the university,” said Vice President for Student Affairs Ainsley Carry. “Students, faculty and staff now have an additional resource to call on when reporting crimes or seeking officer assistance, and the presence of APD officers is enhanced with a physical location for them to operate.”

The substation is on the Heisman Drive side of the Student Center, adjacent to the Tiger Transit office and across the road from Jordan-Hare Stadium. The Student Center was selected because of its central location on campus and accessibility to all students, faculty and staff. The idea was to have a centralized location where those on campus can meet with an officer to file a complaint or an officer can meet with witnesses without having to travel to the City of Auburn Police Division office on North Ross Street.

“Where we always have a number of officers on campus, an individual may not simply run into one to ask for information,” said Capt. Tommy Carswell of Auburn Police Division. “We are now able to have an officer at a single location at the disposal of those in need.”

Officers will continue to be on patrol throughout campus and respond to events or emergencies in their patrol areas.

“Hopefully, those on campus will feel safer and feel they are being better served by this endeavor,” Carswell said. “Just as we have officers here at the North Ross office who will take reports, answer questions and respond to requests and needs, we now have an officer on campus to do the same; those on campus do not have to come here any longer unless they choose to do so.”

With the Auburn University Department of Public Safety office on West Magnolia Avenue near the Village residence halls, the substation enhances a comprehensive city and university police response network. Initially, the substation will be open from 7 a.m.- 7 p.m., and a courtesy phone to the police communications office will be available outside the office when it is not manned.

“The university and City of Auburn worked collaboratively to establish the police substation in the Student Center as part of an ongoing commitment to providing a safer campus community,” said Melvin Owens, director of Auburn University Public Safety.

— Carol Nelson

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Aubie among 16 mascots competing for national prize

Auburn University’s mascot, Aubie, will compete throughout football season with 15 other college mascots as part of the Capital One All-America Mascot Team.

The 16 mascots, representing nine conferences and including several natural gridiron rivalries, will go head-to-head throughout the college football season in a battle royale determined exclusively by fan voting. Other SEC mascots in the competition include those from Georgia and LSU.

In the end, one lucky creature will be named the Capital One National Mascot of the Year at the 2012 Capital One Bowl.

This is Aubie’s sixth year competing in the National Mascot of the Year challenge.

The mascots will compete for 12 weeks during the college football regular season in a voting contest to determine the Capital One National Mascot of the Year.

Fans will be able to vote at www.CapitalOneBowl.com, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MascotChallenge and via text voting.

Regular season voting opened on Aug. 29, and continues weekly through Nov. 21. The top eight mascots with the best head-to-head records will then compete in a bracket-style, single-elimination competition to determine the overall winner.

The Capital One National Mascot of the Year will be announced at the Capital One Bowl on Jan. 2 and will be awarded a $20,000 scholarship to help fund its school’s mascot program. Each 2011 Capital One All-America team will receive $5,000 for its university mascot program.

Puppy love
U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano holds a Labrador puppy at Auburn’s Canine Detection Training Center near Anniston. She visited the center on Aug. 22 for a personal look at the bomb-sniffing dogs and the technology behind them. After seeing a demonstration of the canines in action, Secretary Napolitano toured the center with Auburn President Jay Gogue and U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers.

Hope Stockton named head of continuing education unit

Hope Stockton has been named Auburn University’s director of professional and continuing education in the Office of the Vice President for University Outreach, effective Sept. 1.

Previously, Stockton served as executive director of the Blue Ridge Conference on Leadership in Auburn’s College of Business.

The largest provider of interdisciplinary non-credit instruction on campus, the Office of Professional and Continuing Education provides high quality, fee-for-service, lifelong learning programs to the public. The office also offers conference and event management services to faculty and university departments.

“Hope Stockton brings the vision, experience and capacity to support and strengthen existing offerings and develop new continuing education programs,” said Royrickers Cook, assistant vice president for University Outreach.

Stockton earned a bachelor’s degree in finance and history from Huntingdon College, a master’s degree in management from Troy University, and is a Ph.D. candidate in adult education at Auburn.

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the IQLA represents,” said June Henton, dean of the College of Human Sciences.

Bouler made a name for herself after the oil spill on April 20, 2010, devastated the Gulf Coast. She used her artistic talent, love for birds and selfless spirit to aid wildlife recovery efforts. Bouler, now 12, is as devoted as ever to campaigning for animal and environmental causes around the world.

Henton said Bouler is ideal for the Youth in Action Humanitarian Award as it is meant to honor a member of the Auburn Family who has achieved distinction at an early age. James Bouler, Olivia’s father, is an Auburn alumnus, as are her grandparents, James M. and Jane Bouler. James M. Bouler also serves on the Dean’s Advisory Board.

Students in the College of Human Sciences have had the option of visiting New York City and attending the IQLA ceremony, but this is the first year it will be a for-credit course. This year’s tour includes exclusive looks behind the scenes of the New York Stock Exchange and some of the leading hotels in the world. Students will also visit iconic NYC landmarks such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Broadway.

— Amy Weaver
Summit at Auburn

Leaders from many fields discuss future of education

Auburn University recently hosted more than 50 educators, policymakers, business owners, community leaders and administrators from across Alabama to examine issues expected to impact the future of the state’s education structure.

Cynthia Reed, a professor and director of the College of Education’s Truman Pierce Institute, along with graduate students and guest speakers, led discussions on topics such as how to expand professional development for teachers and school leaders, upgrade classroom technology, develop community partnerships, lower the state’s dropout rate and prepare students to compete nationally and internationally while working within the confines of ever-tightening budgets.

In advance of the summit, Reed hosted five regional education forums around the state to give parents, Alabama State Department of Education officials and local leaders from the school, business and non-profit sectors an opportunity to share their concerns about educational issues affecting pre-K to college levels.

During the summit at Auburn, “Developing Collaborations to Address Educational Issues in Alabama,” participants discussed the findings of the earlier meetings, prioritized areas of need for Alabama and identified courses of action to address them.

The Auburn summit was the culmination of a larger project by Reed as part of her 2011 Presidential Administrative Fellowship. The fellowship provides senior administrative experience to Auburn faculty and enables them to devote a semester to the development and implementation of a special project. Reed’s over-arching project, “Developing University-Community Collaborations for a Better Alabama,” focused on the creation and enhancement of networks designed to help identify and address educational issues important to the future of the state and nation.

As director of the Truman Pierce Institute, Reed oversees a research and outreach unit committed to the study and improvement of teaching, learning and educational leadership. Her work has enabled her to build close relationships with educational stakeholders at all levels, including classroom teachers, principals, superintendents, university administrators and state policymakers.

“All of the work we do at the Truman Pierce Institute is geared toward building those relationships,” Reed said.

— Troy Johnson

Raptor center to hold public programs on Fridays

The Southeastern Raptor Center will host its annual birds-in-flight raptor programs on Fridays before Auburn home football games.

“Football, Fans and Feathers” kicks off Friday, Sept. 2, at 4 p.m. in the 350-seat Edgar B. Carter Educational Amphitheater on Raptor Road off Shug Jordan Parkway. Visitors learn about the residents of the Southeastern Raptor Center. Hawks, falcons and eagles will be free-flown from flight towers.

Admission is $5 per person. Future dates are Sept. 9 and 23; Oct. 14 and 28; and Nov. 18 and 25 with programs beginning at 4 p.m. in the amphitheater.

Campus to be ‘All Orange’ for start of football season

Auburn fans can show their true colors this fall beginning this weekend with College Colors Day on Friday, Sept. 2. All Auburn All Orange kicks off the next day, Sept. 3, for the Auburn vs. Utah State football game. A third Auburn colors event, True Blue, will be Sept. 10 for the Auburn vs. Mississippi State game.

College Colors Day, a national movement tied to the beginning of college football season, promotes higher education and celebrates the achievements, spirit and traditions of colleges and universities. Gov. Robert Bentley has proclaimed Sept. 2 as College Colors Day in Alabama. Auburn fans are encouraged to support the Tigers by wearing orange and blue.

All Auburn All Orange was established in 2004 to celebrate the unity and spirit of the Auburn family. Earlier in the year, fans voted on the design of the official All Auburn All Orange T-shirt. They can now buy and wear the winning design to designated events.

“A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the T-shirts helps to fund the Big Event, a student-run volunteer day which encourages students and faculty to thank the community for providing a thriving environment to live and learn,” said Kirby Turnage, Student Government Association president.

“Last year’s Big Event included 197 service projects, with more than 2,400 students and faculty painting classrooms in local schools, cleaning sidewalks and roadsides and packaging food for the food bank,” Turnage said. “The All Auburn All Orange program not only demonstrates the unity of the Auburn Family, but also makes it possible to put that spirit into action by giving back to the community.”

Other All Auburn All Orange events include: Auburn vs. LSU soccer match on Oct. 14; Auburn vs. LSU volleyball game on Nov. 4; and Auburn vs. Alabama football game on Nov. 26.

For the football game against Mississippi State on Sept. 10, Auburn fans are encouraged to support the True Blue game by wearing their navy Auburn gear.

Last year, approximately 10,000 All Auburn All Orange shirts were sold, providing more than $12,000 for student scholarships and the Big Event.

— Carol Nelson
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Passport application assistance to be available at Study Abroad Fair

Auburn Abroad will host a fall Study Abroad Fair on Sept. 14 in the Haley Center lobby from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Representatives from Auburn faculty-led programs and exchanges and from other universities and affiliate providers will be present to discuss various study-abroad options. Also, U.S. Department of State passport agents will be available to help students, staff and faculty apply for a new passport or renew an old one.

A $500 scholarship/travel grant will be given away to one student to be used toward a program abroad. For more information, check the Office of International Education website, www.auburn.edu/studyabroad.

Education professor named fellow in Society of Counseling Psychology

Randolph Pipes, a professor and director of training for the counseling psychology program in the College of Education, has been selected as a fellow of the Society of Counseling Psychology (Division 17 of the American Psychological Association).

With more than 154,000 members, the APA represents the world's largest association of psychologists. The APA awards fellowships to members of the division who have shaped their discipline and made contributions beyond what is typically expected of professional psychologists. APA fellows typically distinguish themselves in the areas of science, practice, advocacy and teaching and training.

Pipes, whose specialties include ethics, professional issues in counseling psychology, and bias and error in judgment, has served on the Auburn faculty for more than 30 years.

Education professor delivers keynote address at electrical workers institute

College of Education faculty member James Witte recently shared his insights on the role of professional educators as the keynote speaker for the National Training Institute of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

The University of Michigan hosted the 21st annual event, which draws more than 1,500 IBEW members. The IBEW is the world’s largest international electrical trade union.

Witte, an associate professor and the coordinator of adult and higher education in the Department of Educational Foundations, Leadership and Technology, discussed the roles educators from university and college settings play in curriculum development, training and education in the electrical industry.

More than 50 faculty members, professors of education at colleges and universities around the country, share their expertise at the National Training Institute. Witte said they help electrical industry trainers learn how to teach technical content to apprentices from across the country.

NSF awards grant to Engineering faculty members for study of optical networks

Shiwen Mao and Prathima Agrawal, faculty members in the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering’s Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, have been awarded a $150,000 National Science Foundation grant for their research, “An Exploratory Study Toward Robust Free Space Optical Networks.”

Free space optics, also known as FSOS, provide a cost-effective, license-free, high-bandwidth solution to meet the escalating demand for wireless network capacity and scalability. The project could improve technology that makes FSO networks reliable through managing network dynamics at different timescales.

This project will support wireless access networks with data rates as high as several gigabits per second – much higher than the data rates of traditional wireless technologies – to accommodate an expected exponential increase in wireless data volume.

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