Board to take look at land-locked airport

Either a new airport or a new municipal golf course could be in the future for the Auburn area as university trustees look at airport expansion for the next decade and beyond.

At its meeting on Aug. 29, the Board of Trustees approved an $800,000 budget increase to $6.5 million for a new terminal at the Auburn-Opelika Robert G. Pitts Airport, which is in the final stage of renovation that also includes a longer runway, new hangars and a new access road.

The university owns the airport, and the city governments of Opelika and Auburn have played a major role in the current expansion, which was financed by all three entities and a series of large grants from the Federal Aviation Authority. The local governments secured financing for the additions to the terminal building, which Auburn Mayor Bill Ham said will create a better impression of the community for visiting executives scouting sites for development.

Although the runways have been expanded several times to the current lengths of 4,000 and 5,264 feet, they are now at the maximum allowable for the land-locked airport. Glenn Avenue was rerouted to create room for the latest runway extension, and the Airport Authority has been replacing structures that have been in service since the early 1950s.

However, several trustees said the airport needs a longer runway to bring in the larger private jets that many corporations now use.

The airport was built in 1930 in a sparsely populated area between the cities of Auburn and Opelika but is now surrounded by residential neighborhoods, shopping areas and the city-owned Indian Pines golf course.

Several trustees said lack of room for further expansion of the airport’s runways could handicap the university and the cities of Auburn and Opelika in economic competition with other small cities across the United States.

Trustees suggested the university either provide land for a replacement municipal golf course on the edge of town in exchange for part of the existing golf course or move the entire airport to university land away from high-density population areas.

Ham said the city will work with the university on a solution, but he noted that either suggestion would face economic hurdles. FAA financing for runway expansion or other airport improvements is very difficult to obtain, and local governments and the university devoted several years to obtaining FAA funding for the current projects, he added.

Even with an exchange of land for a golf course, expansion of the runway into the current golf course would meet with resistance from residents of both cities, who would not want larger planes flying over their homes.

Trustees said moving the airport to a less populated area would be more costly but might be more beneficial for the cities and the university in the long run, with some of the costs recouped by sale or development of the existing site, just off Interstate 85.

Acknowledging that any additional airport expansion or move would likely take at least a decade to accomplish, or even begin, President Pro Tem Paul Spina said he will ask the board’s Property and Facilities Committee to develop recommendations on the future of the airport.

— Roy Summerford

Celebrating Centennial

Crystal Seals, Markita Steward and Aleem Ahmed — student members of the Alabama 4-H State Council — were among those handing out free ice cream Friday to crowds on Cater Lawn as the youth development organization celebrated the launch of its centennial year. The Alabama Cooperative Extension System’s program for young people has been affiliated with Auburn since 4-H began in Alabama 100 years ago.
Honoring Olympians

Within days of returning from the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, Auburn student-athlete Alana Dillette, who swam for the Bahamas, joined Athletics Director Jay Jacobs for a brief presentation to the Board of Trustees. Jacobs noted that if Auburn were a country, it would rank 14th in the world with Spain and Canada for the 18 medals won by its Olympic competitors. All Auburn’s Olympians will be honored at an upcoming event.

Auburn outpaced most countries in Olympics

If Auburn University had been its own country in the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, its 18 medals would have tied for 14th place in the world with Spain and Canada.

The 31 current and former Auburn athletes who competed in China, led to Auburn being ranked sixth among U.S. universities in terms of student-athlete participation, according to an article by Forbes magazine.

Tiger representatives hailed from 13 countries and competed in a total of 24 events, winning three gold medals, 10 silver and five bronze in 13 events. The school finished with more medals, 13, in swimming than any other school in the country. The 18 total medals tripled the former Auburn school record of six medals at a single Olympics.

Auburn now has 46 Olympic medals all-time from 27 athletes. A list of the athletes and results is online at http://ocm.auburn.edu/olympic_facts.html.

ACES, AAES cut sharply

Administrative cuts, tuition increase help main campus offset cut in state funding

Auburn University will enter its 2008-09 fiscal year on Oct. 1 with expected income and expenses of $855 million for all four divisions under an operating budget approved on Aug. 29 by the Board of Trustees.

With trustees noting that the budget presented by Executive Vice President Don Large followed guidelines approved in June, the board acted quickly and with little comment on the budget. Large said the budget offsets the largest cut in state appropriations in the university’s history through an increase in tuition and fees and through administrative budget actions, including cuts in non-academic areas.

The cost-cutting and additional non-state revenues are projected to offset $40.7 million in reduced state appropriations and $20.2 million in additional expenses due to mandatory costs and strategic objectives.

Due to expected increases in non-state revenues, the university system’s budget will be 1.8 percent, approximately $15 million, above the 2007-08 budget. All the increase will be on the main campus, which is budgeted for $665.8 million, up 4 percent from the current year.

The Montgomery campus will see its budget drop by $200,000 to $70.4 million.

Taking larger cuts due to the reduction in state appropriations are the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station, with a 7.6 percent cut to $61.8 million, and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, with a 10.4 percent cut to $57 million. Unlike the Auburn and Montgomery campuses, AAES and ACES do not receive tuition revenues; also, the Auburn and Montgomery campuses receive greater funding from endowments, which are restricted to uses specified by donors.

The university system as a whole will depend on restricted funds — primarily endowments but also including federal funds — and auxiliary enterprises — such as athletics, housing, the bookstore and information technology — more in the coming year than in the past. Collectively, those revenues are expected to account for 28 percent of the university’s total revenue, while unrestricted revenues — primarily state appropriations and tuition — are projected to fall from 75 percent to 72 percent of the total.

Noting that the economic pressures facing Auburn are part of a larger economic slowdown affecting the state and nation, Large said the university has received a positive report on its finances, with a “stable” outlook, from the Moody’s and Standard and Poor’s bond rating services.

Moody’s gave the university a rating of Aa3 and Standard and Poor’s issued a AA- rating, both of which, he noted, are indicators that an institution is regarded as financially solid. The ratings came two weeks ago, when the university issued $92.5 million in bonds for the new arena and other construction projects.

Environmental Institute awards grants for research

The Environmental Institute at Auburn has awarded Vulcan Materials Competitive Grants to Dongye Zhao of the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering and Mark Stellenpohl of the College of Sciences and Mathematics.

The university established the competitive grants program in 2005 with a gift from Vulcan Materials Company to assist faculty working on techniques to improve the efficiency of mining hard rock while minimizing environmental impacts.

Stellenpohl will work with global imaging technology to produce geologic maps, and Zhao will investigate the potential of using nanoparticle-modified polymer emulsions to control erosion, sediment and metal release at quarry sites.
First-generation college students gain opportunity for scholarships

First-generation college students from central Alabama will benefit from a recent gift to Auburn from the Energen Corporation.

The $530,000 gift will support the Energen First Scholarships and the Provost Leadership Undergraduate Scholarship Program.

“This scholarship won’t be limited to 4.0 students, as we aim to serve students who meet the university’s enrollment requirements and need a helping hand,” said James T. McManus II, chairman and chief executive officer of Energen Corporation.

The scholarships include tuition and fees, books and room and board. “We felt it was important to provide ‘full ride’ scholarships so students will concentrate on their studies and take advantage of the opportunity,” said McManus.

Energen’s gift goes beyond financial assistance. The Provost Leadership Undergraduate Scholarship Program, or PLUS, supports students who are the first members of their families to attend college and also demonstrate financial need. To help these undergraduate students overcome academic and social pressures that are unique to first-generation college students, the scholarships go beyond tuition and fees, with academic and social support services tailored for their needs.

President Jay Gogue said corporate support helps make these services possible. “Corporate partners, such as Energen, who share in Auburn University’s desire to increase opportunities available to all students are to be commended,” Gogue said. “The gift of education is perhaps the most valuable gift one can receive and Energen is providing that for students who otherwise may not have had the opportunity to attend college.”

Headquartered in Birmingham, Energen is a diversified energy company focused on natural gas distribution and on oil and gas exploration and production.
‘Doing nothing’

Speaker to discuss history of sloth

David Bassett Jr., a professor of exercise science at the University of Tennessee, has remained quite active studying the slothful ways of an increasingly sedentary population.

He will present some of his findings at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in 2370 Haley Center in a public lecture, “A Scientific History of Physical Inactivity: How We Evolved to Doing Nothing.” His visit is hosted by the College of Education’s Department of Kinesiology with support from the university’s Special Lectures Committee.

Bassett’s research centers on measuring energy expenditure and physical activity in humans by using objective information-gathering methods. While focusing on the use of pedometers as a means of measuring walking activity in different population groups, Bassett has collected data from such distinct groups as Amish farmers, school children and middle-aged adults.

He is exploring the relationship between the pedometer-determined value of “steps per day” to cardiovascular risk factors, including blood pressure and body weight. Bassett’s lab has also tested the reliability and validity of pedometers, accelerometers and heart monitors.

Bassett serves on the editorial board of the Journal of Applied Physiology and the Journal of Physical Activity and Health. He has also written the book “Pedometer Walking: Stepping Your Way to Health, Weight Loss and Fitness” and has been published in a number of scientific journals. His work has been highlighted by the New York Times, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, USA Today and other national publications.

— Lawrence Johnson, College of Education

Making mandala

Monks from the Drepung Loseling Monastery in Atlanta visited Auburn recently to create a sand mandala in the Grand Gallery of the Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art. Demonstrating the ephemeral nature of art, the monks destroyed their creation before leaving.

Crandell, Sibley named to Grad School posts

Professors George Crandell and Jeff Sibley have been appointed as acting associate deans of the Graduate School, effective Aug. 16.

Crandell has previously served as head of the Department of English, chair of the Academic Grievance Committee, a member of the Budget Advisory Committee, and as president of the Auburn chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

Crandell joined the Auburn faculty in 1988 after earning his master’s degree and doctorate in English at the University of Texas at Austin. Sibley, an Alumni Professor from 2002-07, has served as chair of the University Scholarship Committee, chair of the Concessions Board, and is director of the Horticulture Study Abroad Program in England. He has 375 publications, more than 80 of which are refereed, and has secured more than $6 million in support for Auburn research, scholarship and teaching programs.

Sibley has taught 10 different classes and has been involved in the programs of 60 graduate students, serving as chair for 25. Sibley joined the Department of Horticulture in 1994 and holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Auburn and a doctorate from the University of Georgia, all in horticulture.

Campus Calendar

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
MEETING University Senate, 3 p.m., Broun Hall

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
PUBLIC LECTURE “The Seeds of Democracy: Nationalism, Citizenship, and Democratic Practice in Alabama 4-H, 1940-48,” Gabriel Rosenberg, a doctoral student from Brown University, 3 p.m., Special Collections and Archives, Draughon Library
PUBLIC LECTURE “A Scientific History of Physical Inactivity: How We Evolved to Doing Nothing,” David Bassett Jr., a professor of exercise science at the University of Tennessee, 3:30 p.m., Haley 2370
PUBLIC LECTURE “Why Vergil Still Matters in the Twenty-first Century,” Christine Perkell, associate professor of classics at Emory University, 7:30 p.m., 2223 Student Activities Building

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
VISITING MUSICAL ARTIST Ricardo Garcia, award-winning guitarist from the University of Extremadura in Spain and Salzburg’s University Mozarteum in Austria, 7 p.m., Jule Collins Smith Museum; members $5, non-members $10

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
MEETING Women’s Philanthropy Board in College of Human Sciences, guest speaker Susan Story, president and CEO of Gulf States Power Co., noon, Hotel at Auburn University; reservations required, call 844-9199

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
UNIVERSITY THEATRE “Picasso at the Lapin Agile,” 7:30 p.m., Telfair Peet Theatre; also 7:30 p.m. Sept. 25-26, 2:30 p.m. Sept. 28 and 7:30 p.m. Oct. 1-4; Box Office: 844-4154

Jeff Etheridge
Cites preparation, service as keys

New faculty member seeks future Rhodes Scholars, Fulbright Scholars at Auburn

Each year, Auburn’s best students are capable of becoming Rhodes Scholars and Fulbright Scholars, yet few apply for those or other nationally prestigious scholarships.

Paul Harris, a new faculty member in Auburn’s Honors College, attributes the low numbers to a previously missing ingredient in the university’s education mix: a coordinated means of identifying and mentoring students with potential for Rhodes, Fulbright and other top scholarships.

“Many students who would have a good shot at becoming a Rhodes Scholar or a Fulbright Scholar never try because they either don’t know how to prepare or they wait too long to begin the process,” said Harris, who joined the University Honors College in August in the newly created position of associate director for national prestigious scholarships.

Harris, who teaches in both the Honors College and the Department of Political Science, said Auburn is evaluating new students and applicants for signs of superior academic potential much earlier than in the past. He notes that many potential scholars wait until their junior or senior year or graduate school to even think about applying. They then have to overcome a competitive disadvantage and may be overwhelmed by the application process, he added.

“We want to identify prospective applicants for nationally prestigious scholarships no later than their freshman year and mentor them through the process over their academic career at Auburn,” said Harris, who won a Fulbright grant for dissertation work in Germany in the mid-1990s while earning his doctorate in public administration and public administration from Auburn.

Harris said students often miss out because they focus too narrowly on grades. He noted that selection committees place heavy emphasis on students’ activities away from campus, often picking scholars with good grades and a stellar record of service learning or international experience over candidates with higher grades but limited activity outside the classroom.

Especially critical, he said, is an early start and extended activity in community service or international programs, some of which can be done at very little cost to the student or with financial support from a variety of sources.

Although Auburn’s National Prestigious Scholarship Program is headquartered in the Honors College in Draughon Library, the program is not restricted to Honors College students and is open to any undergraduate or graduate student with a strong academic record.

Harris returns to Auburn after 10 years at Augusta State University in Georgia, where he was a widely published professor and director of the Center for Immigration Studies. His range of experience also includes several years as a civilian employee of the U.S. Armed Forces in Germany in the 1980s.

“Paul brings to this brand new position a range of experience that translates to vision, genuine interest rooted in passion, and a strong and sincere commitment to student success,” said James Hansen, director of the University Honors College.

Hansen added, “Altogether, his breadth of experience and his deep sense of community and service made him an excellent choice for us. Dr. Harris will make a real difference in the future of many, many Auburn University students.”

Contact Harris by e-mail at pah0005@auburn.edu or telephone at 844-8731.

— Roy Summerford

U.S. News & World Report

Magazine again places Auburn in top ranks of public universities

Auburn is ranked 28th among land-grant universities and is in the top 50 of public universities overall for the 16th consecutive year, according to the annual survey by U.S. News & World Report. Auburn placed 45th among the top 50 public universities.

Auburn is one of 75 institutions with land-grant status under the Morrill Acts of 1862 and 1890, by which Congress set aside land in each state for use by colleges in educating children of the working class, today’s middle class, in agriculture, engineering and various professions as well as the liberal arts.

“The comparison to other land-grants is critically important to us, because land-grants share certain common academic qualities,” said President Jay Gogue. “Our strategic plan calls for us to steadily increase our measures of quality among this distinctive group.”

He added, “Beyond the specific rankings, having worked in other states for much of my career, I am astounded at what higher education in Alabama has been able to accomplish. The state has two universities ranked in the top 50 of public institutions, and two ranked private institutions, plus a highly ranked medical school. This is a major achievement.”

Gogue noted that Auburn’s new strategic plan calls for increasing its selectivity of prospective students and increasing its graduation rates, both of which could positively impact future rankings, but indicated the university is “most interested in the success of the students who attend Auburn and in quantifying how much they learn while they are here.” Auburn is participating in national assessments to measure such data.

The undergraduate program of Auburn’s Samuel Ginn College of Engineering is ranked 51st nationally overall and 28th among public universities that offer doctoral programs in engineering, moving up from 57th and 34th, respectively, from the previous year.

The College of Business was ranked 52nd among the more than 500 undergraduate business programs accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

Auburn’s various national rankings and achievements can be found on the university’s Web site at www.auburn.edu/rankings.

“The U.S. News ratings are based on indicators that some prospective college students may value, such as general reputation or selectivity,” said Drew Clark, director of Auburn’s Office of Institutional Research and Assessment. “But Auburn also uses assessments that provide direct information on equally important indicators of quality, such as how much students are actually learning and what kind of college experience they have.”

U.S. News establishes its rankings by categorizing colleges and universities primarily by mission and, in some cases, region.

The indicators the magazine staff uses to capture academic quality fall into seven categories: academic reputation among its peers, retention of students, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, alumni giving, and (for national universities and liberal arts colleges) the graduation rate performance, or the difference between the proportion of students expected to graduate and the proportion who actually do.

— Charles Martin
Monsoon

Auburn researcher studying climate change for NASA

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has awarded a $1 million grant to a researcher in Auburn’s School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences to study the monsoon climate changes across southern and eastern Asia.

“This area is controlled by monsoon climate which is of crucial importance to Asia mainly because it brings the water that supports human life, plants and animals,” said Hanqin Tian, an ecology professor and the project’s principal investigator. “Land cover and land use changes are expected to have significant impact on the variability and intensity of the Asian monsoon.”

With 20 countries affected, Tian said many environmental scientists are concerned that land cover and land use changes caused by urbanization, deforestation and biofuel production, may affect local, regional and global climates.

Tian is working with researchers from Georgia Tech, the Marine Biological Laboratory, MIT and the International START Secretariat. START is an acronym for SysTeM (sic) for Analysis, Research and Training, an international organization of scientists and specialists in the study and analysis of global change.

The team is collaborating with the Chinese Academy of Sciences Institute of Atmospheric Physics, the Chinese Academy of Sciences Institute of Geographical Sciences and Natural Resources and the National Institute for Environmental Studies of Japan. The team’s research will evaluate the impacts of land cover and land use changes on climate, water and carbon cycling.

Tian’s goals are to understand the interactions among land use, ecosystems and climates and to project the impacts of changes in the categories until 2050. To make these projections, he will create a model of regional climate, ecosystem, land use and economy using NASA satellite pictures, remote sensing and field observations.

“This area is very important in terms of economic development, and it has developed very quickly in the last 20 or 30 years,” Tian said. “Although the land area amounts to only about 20 percent of the entire area of the planet, the population of the area is more than half that of the planet. That is a very small area to support the population. An important question is: How will it be sustainable?”

He said NASA is interested in this project because the space agency shares similar goals of being able to perform global inventories of land use from space and to understand the consequences of land use on the carbon and water cycles.

“Land is used for urbanization, food production and fuel production,” said Tian. “There is a large demand for energy. People want to use land for energy, to live and for food, so all are competing for land.”

Tian’s team just completed a $1.65 million project, also funded by NASA, which focused solely on China’s ecosystem sustainability. This newly funded project expands the focus from China to the entire region of monsoon Asia.

— Ashley Kilcrease, Development

Healthy Marriage Initiative helps launch ‘date night’ program for married couples

The Alabama Community Healthy Marriage Initiative and the Circle of Care Center for Families will sponsor “Five Great Dates,” a “date night” program for married couples, Friday from 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at the Auburn Church of Christ, 712 South College Street.

The activity will be the first of five sessions on consecutive Friday nights.

Focused on providing resources and education on healthy relationships for youth and adults throughout Alabama, the Healthy Marriage Initiative is an applied research project and a collaboration of the Department of Human Development and Family Studies in Auburn’s College of Human Sciences, the Alabama Children’s Trust Fund, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System and a network of community-based agencies.

The date nights for married couples will be led by Jeremy and Jara Walden. Jeremy is the minister at Mosaic Family Church and an instructor in the Department of Communication and Journalism in the College of Liberal Arts. Jara is a fitness instructor at Moores Mill Fitness Center and a former teacher at Drake Middle School.

During the first four “date nights,” couples will learn relationship skills and discover the latest marriage research on better marital communication, romance and sex. On the last date night, couples will be encouraged to go out on a date to spend quality time together.

The first ten couples who register and attend the first four date nights will receive either free dinner for two at a local restaurant or free movie tickets. Free childcare will be available for all five evenings.

For information or to register, call Sandy Williams at 844-8715. Additional information is available online at www.alabamamarriage.org.

Achievements

Professor Ed Williams of the Department of Communication and Journalism has been chosen as a recipient for the College Media Advisers’ 2008 Distinguished Adviser Award. The award is a national honor given to advisers who have provided exemplary service to their institutions and students and who subscribe to and operate under the CMA Code of Ethics. Williams will receive the award at the organization’s October convention in Kansas City.

Alumni Professor Ram B. Gupta of the Department of Chemical Engineering, has released his third book, “Hydrogen Fuel: Production, Transport and Storage.” Gupta and contributors suggest that hydrogen might be the next great fuel source, as it is available worldwide and water is its only byproduct. The book describes aspects of hydrogen fuel, including production from renewable sources such as solar, wind and biomass and non-renewable sources, purification, storage, transport, safety and codes.
The new Auburn University Student Center, shown in the top and bottom photos at right, has quickly joined Haley Center, next door, as the busiest buildings on campus, moving the center of campus activity to the shadow of Jordan-Hare Stadium.

With construction of the Student Center complete except for a few finishing touches, the focus has shifted to the grounds around that building and Haley, where work crews are building walls and pathways as a prelude to landscaping that will create a parklike campus green in an area bounded by residence halls, the Student Center, Jordan-Hare Stadium and Parker Hall.

The work around Haley and the Student Center also includes reconstruction of the Haley Concourse. Although creating temporary pedestrian traffic jams, the concourse project is part of a larger program to extend and connect pedestrian ways through the center of campus from north to south, similar to the Thach and Roosevelt pedestrian ways that carry foot traffic from east to west.
Guest lecturer to discuss impact of Alabama 4-H

A visiting speaker will present a public lecture on the impact of Alabama 4-H from a historical perspective Thursday at Draughon Library as part of the youth organization’s Centennial Year celebration.

Gabriel Rosenberg, a doctoral graduate student from Brown University, will speak on “The Seeds of Democracy: Nationalism, Citizenship, and Democratic Practice in Alabama 4-H, 1940-48” at 3 p.m. in the Special Collections and Archives department on the ground floor of the library.

Rosenberg completed part of his research for his dissertation at Auburn University Libraries. His dissertation is on “Breeding the Future: The American 4-H Movement and the Roots of the Modern Rural, 1914-48.” He is a graduate of Grinnell College in Iowa and Brown University, and has taught at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth and at Brown University.

The lecture is sponsored by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Auburn University Libraries and the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities in the College of Liberal Arts.

Gulf Power CEO to speak to Women’s Philanthropy Board

The Women’s Philanthropy Board in the College of Human Sciences will host its 2008 fall luncheon at noon on Sept. 19 at the Hotel at Auburn University. The featured speaker will be Susan Story, who is an Auburn alumna and president and CEO of Gulf Power Co. Headquartered in Pensacola, Gulf Power is a subsidiary of Southern Co., one of the largest producers of electricity in the United States.

Registration is required for attendance. For information, contact Sidney James Nakhjavan at 844-9199 or by e-mail at wpbchs1@auburn.edu.

Raptor center now accepting cash for tickets

The Southeastern Raptor Center, which hosts educational programs on Fridays before home football games, will now accept cash for entrance to the program. Previously, it could only accept checks. The program, “Eagles, Owls, and Other Critters,” is scheduled for Sept. 19, Sept. 26; Oct. 10; and Nov. 7 and 14. Each show begins at 4 p.m. in the 350-seat Edgar B. Carter Educational Amphitheater on Raptor Road off Shug Jordan Parkway.

Tickets will be available at the raptor center gate for $5 each. Tickets are $3 a person for school groups, which should call ahead at 844-6943. Children under age 3 are admitted free.

Auburn students competing for top ‘viral’ video

Hungerbytes is a “viral” video contest sponsored by the World Food Program. Over the past year, individuals from around the world were invited to submit videos of up 60 seconds to the Hungerbytes site on You Tube. On Aug. 1, a panel of distinguished film experts with credits in major motion pictures selected the top five videos.

One of these top five videos was developed by three Auburn students — Emma Thompson and Collin Butler in the College of Human Sciences and Meri Kate Purgason in the College of Education — as part of their Auburn Abroad in Italy experience.

Now comes the “viral” part: The video that gets the most hits before World Food Day on Oct. 16, will win the contest and the opportunity to visit a World Food Program relief site in Asia, Africa or Latin America. To vote, go to the Web site www.youtube.com/watch?v=R_fpRmpafwo .

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Students funnel through the Haley Concourse, which is undergoing reconstruction. See page 7.

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