United Way campaign seeks campus support for local aid, services

The 2010 United Way campaign is under way at Auburn as approximately 30 volunteers across campus lead fundraising efforts to help local charities and non-profit social services assist area residents during a time of economic hardship for many.

The campus United Way goal is $140,000 for the fourth consecutive year, but campus Campaign Chairs Bill Sauser of the College of Business and Lynne Hammond of Human Resources say they hope to see the campus campaign exceed $150,000, as it did last year, so that local agencies do not have to cut their services in a time of widespread need.

The honorary campaign chair is College of Liberal Arts Dean Anna Gramberg. Campus volunteers distributed pledge cards to faculty and staff earlier this month and will seek to wrap up the campaign by mid-November. Funds raised during the campaign provide social services to youth groups, the elderly, victims of abuse and persons with disabilities and assistance to the working poor and families suffering from the lingering effects of the recession.

Always a major part of the annual campaign by United Way of Lee County, which provides funding for 30 local charities and social service agencies, the campus campaign has taken on added significance this year. The county campaign, with a $900,000 goal, has been hit especially hard by the 2009 closing of the BF Goodrich Opelika plant, which had been the area’s largest contributor. The closing also had a ripple effect on community social services with the sudden addition of 1,000 employees to the ranks of the unemployed and underemployed.

Sauser noted that United Way gifts make a difference in four key areas: helping children and youth succeed, promoting health and independence, strengthening families and the community and assisting in times of critical need or crisis.

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Auburn icon for generations of students dies at age 93

Dean Emeritus James Edgar Foy, one of the most widely known and beloved figures at Auburn University for more than half a century, died Friday, Oct. 8, in Auburn. He was 93.

As the university’s dean of student affairs for a quarter century and a volunteer on campus for 30 more years, Foy became one of the most iconic Auburn figures of the last half of the 20th century.

He was the last of a group of larger-than-life figures from the 1950s through the ’70s — Ralph Brown Draughon, Harry Philpott, Jeff Beard, Ralph “Shug” Jordan and a handful of legendary professors and academic deans — who led Auburn’s transition from a narrowly focused state polytechnic institute into a nationally recognized comprehensive land-grant university.

“It’s impossible to fully capture the breadth of Dean Foy’s impact on Auburn,” said President Jay Gogue. “He will be missed, and he will be remembered by the personal connection he made with students and those who knew him. The thoughts and prayers of the Auburn Family are with his family and many loved ones.”

The Eufaula native, who had been a decorated Navy fighter pilot during World War II, joined Auburn’s Office of Student Affairs in 1950, and was soon promoted to director and dean, a post he held until retiring in 1978. He then served two years as executive secretary to Gov. Fob James before returning to the community.

As one of the longest serving and most accessible senior administrators of his era at Auburn and nationally, Foy was widely credited with greatly expanding the support services and organizations available to Auburn students and helping guide the campus seamlessly through transitions associated with racial integration, the Vietnam War, the women’s equality movement and the end of the university’s “in loco parentis” role as substitute parent to its students.

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“Times are tough throughout Alabama right now, but I know Auburn men and women will give generously to help their fellow citizens in need,” Sauser said. “The charitable organizations we support through United Way touch everyone’s life. Please help as we seek to demonstrate the power of action in our community.”

Hammond said the university community is not an island unto itself but an indelible part of the larger Lee County community.

“The services provided through United Way are critical to the quality of life in our community every day, but they are especially important during difficult economic times like we are experiencing now,” she said. “Many of our own employees’ lives are touched by the agency, and we never know when we may find ourselves in need of assistance.”

Approximately 90 percent of funds collected through the campaign will remain in Lee County for local relief and social services.

Local agencies receiving assistance through United Way include:

- The Achievement Center, Lee County chapter of the American Red Cross, Andrew Willis Fund, Auburn City Schools Dental Clinic, Auburn Day Care Centers, Auburn Dixie League Baseball, Boys and Girls Clubs, Boy Scouts, Child Advocacy Center, Child Care Resource Center, Community Connections/211, Community Market.
- East Alabama Mental Health, East Alabama Services for the Elderly, Easter Seals of Lee County, East Alabama Food Bank, Girl Scouts, Greater Peace Child Development Center, Joyland Child Development Center, Junior Achievement, Lee County Literacy Coalition, Youth Development Center Abstinence Education and Home Alone Safety Programs, Project Uplift, Rape Counselors of East Alabama, Salvation Army, Unity Wellness Center of EAMC and the William Mason Emergency Fund.

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While his counterparts at other universities were coping with student unrest during the 1960s and ’70s, Foy was guiding student leaders toward civic activities and patriotic displays of citizenship, such as setting several world records for blood donations. Setting an example for students during the blood drives, the Auburn dean eventually contributed more than seven gallons of blood and was twice recipient of the American Red Cross Award of Honor.

In their book “Auburn: A Pictorial History of the Loveliest Village,” retired journalism professors Jack Simms and Mickey Logue describe Foy, along with longtime Dean of Women Catherine Cater, as “of necessity” fitting the definition of The Auburn Spirit. Although Foy held two degrees from the University of Alabama and a Ph.D. from Michigan State University, students and alumni dubbed him “War Eagle Foy” because of his unabashed love for all things Auburn and his easy rapport with all elements of the campus community.

Foy graduated from Tuscaloosa High School in 1935 and the University of Alabama in 1939. He remained at the UA campus for two years as assistant to the dean of men and joined the Navy on Dec. 8, 1941, the day after Pearl Harbor. As a pilot and recipient of the Navy Air Medal, he flew numerous combat missions in the Pacific Theatre during World War II.

After the war, Foy and his wife Emalou returned to Tuscaloosa, where he entered the insurance business with family members for two years before rejoining the student affairs office at the University of Alabama while pursuing a master’s degree from that institution.

He accepted a job offer from Auburn in 1950 and moved to Auburn with Emalou and young daughters Mary Lou and Susan. The next year, the director of student affairs left and Foy was named acting director. The acting title was removed in 1952, and the position was upgraded to a deanship in 1960.

With his ties to both institutions, Foy brought together student leaders from both campuses to foster better relations between the two schools. In recognition of those efforts, Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honoraries at Alabama and Auburn in 1973 named their joint good-sportsmanship trophy in his honor.

On the national level, Foy served as executive secretary of Phi Eta Sigma national freshman honor society from 1963-92, and he was named dean of the year in 1975 by the National Association of Personnel Administrators.
Auburn to host televised debate by candidates for governor on Tuesday

A gubernatorial candidate debate hosted by Auburn University on Tuesday, Oct. 19, is the second of two debates sponsored by the student government associations of Auburn and the University of Alabama and the League of Women Voters.

The one-hour debate between candidates Robert Bentley and Ron Sparks will begin at 7 p.m. in the Auburn Student Center Ballroom. Auburn alumna Andrea Lindenberg, a news anchor at WVTM in Birmingham, will be the moderator.

The debate will be broadcast live on Alabama Public Television, Alabama Public Radio, al.com and WEXT. Tickets will be available to Auburn University students, faculty and staff at no charge and on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets will not be available at the door.

The League of Women Voters has been soliciting questions to be asked during the debate. The questions will be compiled by a committee of League members, and will not be presented in advance to the candidates, their political parties, the moderator, the media or any other entity. Under guidelines established by the Leage and agreed to by all participants, the questions will involve issues of statewide interest, be addressed to both candidates and will contain no personal attacks, profanity or obscenity.

In addition to the Auburn and UA student government associations and the League of Women Voters, sponsors include the Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama, the Auburn Chamber of Commerce and the Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program.

“Auburn University is delighted to host the gubernatorial debate,” said Ainsley Carry, vice president for student affairs. “This demonstrates the importance of college students being involved in the political process and should be a message that students care. I am proud of the collaboration between the University of Alabama and Auburn University’s SGA to make this happen.”

“The Student Government Association has been working diligently on this debate for close to a year,” said Kurt Sasser, president of Auburn’s Student Government Association. “We look forward to Dr. Bentley and Commissioner Sparks debating the issues that the state of Alabama will be dealing with over the next four years.”

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and does not support or oppose political candidates or political parties.

NIH awards grant for study of insecticide resistance

Auburn entomology professor Nan-nan Liu has been awarded a $418,250 grant by the National Institutes of Health to continue her research on insecticide-resistant mosquitoes.

The new grant from the NIH's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases follows a $401,500 NIH grant she received for her resistance-research in 2009, bringing the total to $819,750.

The research is part of NIH-supported efforts to develop novel strategies to control mosquitoes that are unaffected by insecticides and to prevent new generations from becoming resistant.

Liu’s expertise is in insect toxicology and physiology. Her research has focused on characterizing the molecular mechanisms and genes that control mosquitoes’ response to insecticides and determining how those mechanisms interact.

The NIH grant, along with Experiment Station funds, will help fund the next phase of the research in which she will describe certain mutations linked to insecticide resistance in disease-carrying mosquitoes.

Researchers win NSF grant in Tree of Life program

A team led by Auburn researchers Ken Halanych and Scott Santos was recently awarded a grant from the National Science Foundation through the Assembling the Tree of Life program. The grant is for $3 million with Auburn’s portion totaling $1.4 million.

Assembling the Tree of Life is an NSF initiative that seeks to understand the diversity of life on the planet and how the earth’s more than 1.7 million species are related.

Halanych and Santos are studying annelids, or segmented worms, one of the most abundant organisms on the planet.

With more than 16,500 known species, annelids serve important functions in terrestrial environments, are the basis of commercial enterprises and can act as indicators of environmental health as well as become invasive or pest species when introduced into foreign environments.

These life forms can contribute to a better understanding of genetics, biological development and the effects of disasters like the Gulf oil spill on marine life.

The project also has implications in the fields of paleontology, marine biology, physiology and evolution.

The international effort also includes researchers at the University of Kansas, Colgate University, Texas A&M at Galveston, Southern Illinois at Carbondale and Germany’s University of Osnabruck.
On seeking after wisdom...

By Richard Penaskovic, Professor, Department of Philosophy

“Some folks are wise and some otherwise.”
— Josh Billings

“True wisdom lies in gathering the precious things out of each day as it goes by.”
— E.S. Bouton

I often ask students to tell me how wisdom differs from knowledge. Why do I raise such a question? Probably because it is one I wrestle with myself. This question needs to be raised particularly in the Age of the Internet and the i-Pad where the vast amount of facts out there easily leads to information overload. As individuals we’re so bombarded with e-mail, Twitter and Facebook that it’s all too easy to overlook the search after wisdom. Our educational system has many worthwhile aims and purposes, such as filling us with important facts and information, (declarative knowledge), teaching us skills understood as “how-to” knowledge, or what the educational literature terms “procedural knowledge,” encouraging us to think critically, prodding us to cultivate a literacy of thoughtfulness, and having us reflect on what we are learning, or what the literature in cognitive psychology calls “metacognition.”

However, if we focus on these aims, we’re liable to drown, since our feet are glued to the bottom of the ocean without breathing the fresh air of wisdom. In sum, our educational system dies because of information overload if it does not raise the question: How can we attain wisdom? Unfortunately, there’s no simple formula for becoming wise, that is, no one has yet come up with a unified theory of how we become wise. That in and of itself is a matter of wisdom.

In the Dhammapada the Buddha says that the wise “are not those loved by all, but those who speak and love the truth. That is why they are not liked by all people, but are liked by the good, and disliked by the bad. The wise are masters of themselves, not moved by the opinion of others, clear-minded, peaceful, principled, independent, and free from compulsion.”

David F. Ford argues that wisdom is best learned one-on-one by apprenticeship to those who themselves have learned it the same way. It helps to have wise teachers, parents and friends.

There’s no ersatz for observing how others have succeeded in becoming wise. Our teachers see the potential in us that we often overlook. They have a knack of inspiring us, energizing us and allowing us to blossom. A university is a prime location where fresh wisdom can be minted. Sad to say, it’s all too easy for professors to become textbooks wired for sound. (I know all too well. I have at times done it myself). For this reason, we professors must encourage our students to seek after wisdom. Institutions of higher education like Auburn University are a preeminent location to give students the opportunity to swim in one of the great wisdom traditions.

Finally, I like to think of wisdom as the art of making good at what life itself throws at us. Those who are wise are strong enough and flexible to absorb the blows life dishes out. Some individuals do so as a matter of course and come up grinning. That’s good enough for me to call them “wise.”

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Campus Forum is a periodic series of essays by Auburn faculty, staff and administrators addressing issues in higher education that affect or could potentially affect the university but are not limited to Auburn and are seldom addressed in the commercial media. Views expressed in these columns are those of the individual and do not necessarily reflect those of the Auburn Report, the university or its administrative units.
Alumni Professors

Vice President for Alumni Affairs Debbie Shaw welcomed five faculty members into the ranks of Alumni Professors at Auburn during the recent faculty awards ceremony. Shown with Shaw on the stage are, from left, Tin-Man Lau of Industrial and Graphic Design, John Andrew Hamilton of Computer Science and Software Engineering, Jay M. Khodadadi of Mechanical Engineering, Kenneth Noe of History and Chris Correia of Psychology. Each year, Auburn appoints five faculty members to rotating five-year terms for a total of 25 professorships, plus an Alumni Writer-in-Residence, which does not have a term limit. Recipients are honored for outstanding achievement in research, publishing and teaching.

Auburn strengthens Huntsville ties with A&M, UAH in research partnership to boost security, economy

President Jay Gogue and other Auburn officials met recently with Huntsville business and community leaders and toured Redstone Arsenal to view national security research activities and assess needs.

The university’s new Huntsville Research Center is already working closely with area industry and federal agencies, including plans to develop cyber security technologies designed to protect U.S. soldiers and information systems on the battlefield.

“Our goal is to work in partnership with the Huntsville community to expand the region’s role in the national research agenda, bring new ideas and products to government, industry and consumers, and help create economic opportunity,” Gogue said.

The Auburn center in Huntsville opened July 1 and is headed by Rodney Robertson, former director of the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command’s technical center. It will concentrate on projects in defense, aerospace, advanced manufacturing, life sciences, biotechnology, information technology and other federal and state government priorities.

Each year, more than $30 billion in federal funding flows through the Huntsville area in government contracts. Robertson said collaboration among scientists, whether they work in universities, government or industry, is essential to solve today’s complex research challenges. “Bringing the best minds and ideas together enables us to tackle the nation’s most difficult problems,” he explained.

Robertson said Auburn researchers will work closely with scientists at Alabama A&M University and the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

“We look forward to building on the Alabama A&M and Auburn partnership with new research initiatives that are vital for the Huntsville community,” said Alabama A&M President Andrew Hugine.

“UA Huntsville plays a crucial role in the intellectual development of Huntsville, and these collaborations, particularly with other state institutions, are one of the most effective ways that we can respond to the challenges facing our community, state and nation,” UAH President David Williams said.

JCS Museum exhibiting photo display by high school students documenting life in Alabama’s Black Belt

The Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art is hosting an exhibition during October featuring photographs taken by high school students from six Alabama counties as part of the Black Belt 100 Lenses project.

Black Belt 100 Lenses combines photography with grassroots social action. It encourages students to think critically about the issues in their communities and to take charge as leaders to address those issues through civic discussion, participation and action.

The mission of the Black Belt 100 Lenses project is to document the culture of the West Alabama half of the state’s Black Belt region as seen through the eyes of its youth. Students in the program define and express what their culture means to them through photography and written narratives.

Students from Choctaw, Dallas, Lowndes, Marengo and Pickens participated in the first Black Belt 100 Lenses Summer Camp on the University of Alabama in June.

Before attending the camp, each student was provided a 35mm camera and asked to take up to 50 photos of their community. Throughout the week on campus, students shared their photographs with other participants, wrote about their significance and discussed some of the common themes that arose from their depictions of all five counties.
Other faculty award winners

In addition to award-winners in various other categories, two faculty members received individual recognition for their accomplishments at the Faculty Awards Celebrating Excellence ceremony on Sept. 30.

Malcolm Crocker, right in top photo, Distinguished University Professor in Mechanical Engineering, was recognized as Auburn’s Distinguished Graduate Faculty Lecturer for 2010. The award is presented each year by the Graduate School in recognition of excellence in graduate education and research by a member of the graduate faculty.

At lower right, Levent Yilmaz was recognized by the Office of the Provost with a new award, the External Consulting Award, which recognizes a faculty member for outstanding consulting.

Alumni awards for teaching

Vice President for Alumni Affairs Debbie Shaw presented Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Awards to three faculty members on Sept. 30. The recipients were selected by a committee of retired professors. Winners shown with Shaw, from left, are Wheeler Foshee of Horticulture, Theresa McCormick of Curriculum and Teaching and Stuart Wentworth of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Outreach’s OLLI program receives $1 million grant from Osher Lifelong Learning Institute for program

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Auburn University, known as OLLI at Auburn, was recently awarded a $1 million endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation. The gift was given in recognition of programming excellence and demonstrating potential for long-term success and sustainability.

OLLI at Auburn has more than 700 members who can choose from more than 150 classes annually and from many other activities such as special lectures, socials and trips. This peer-led organization relies on members, guest speakers and Auburn faculty to teach and moderate courses with books, film and recordings.

In 1989, Mary Burkhart, founding director, formed the Auburn University Academy for Lifelong Learners, or AUALL. In 2007, AUALL received a grant from the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and was renamed OLLI at Auburn.

“In many ways life is an educational journey,” said Auburn President Jay Gogue. “The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute enriches that journey for its members. We are fortunate to have OLLI on our campus and grateful for the way it enhances Auburn University’s service to the state and beyond.”

OLLI at Auburn does not receive state funds. The income from the new endowment will provide about 30 percent of the annual budget with member fees accounting for an additional 30 percent. Additional funding is still needed annually for OLLI at Auburn to continue to provide its services.

“This award is very generous, and serves an important need for OLLI at Auburn,” said Burkhart. “Our program has provided wonderful learning opportunities for mature adults for more than 20 years. OLLI at Auburn is a member-led organization, one focused around the love of learning and the sheer pleasure and joy that come from expanding one’s knowledge.”

‘Three Cups of Tea’ author to speak at Auburn


Mortenson will speak at 7 p.m. in the Auburn Arena as part of The Common Book Program, “Auburn Connects!” Doors will open at 5:45 p.m.

Mortenson is the founder of the Central Asia Institute, which is dedicated to promoting peace through the creation of schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan. “Three Cups of Tea” describes how he found his passion for his work and his struggles to get his first school built.

Tickets for faculty and staff with an Auburn ID will be distributed on the Haley Center Concourse Oct. 18-20, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., with a limit of two tickets per person. Tickets for the community will be available Oct. 21-22 at the Auburn Chamber of Commerce.

The Common Book program, which is used in more than 100 universities across the country, seeks to build a shared academic experience among students, especially incoming freshmen. A large number of Auburn’s freshman classes are integrating the book into course work and class discussions, including all Learning Community sections.
Auburn Education faculty to lead local teachers on journey to Korea in June

As more Korean companies establish locations along the Interstate 85 corridor, Auburn’s College of Education is taking steps to help the children of new residents feel at home in local classrooms.

The college’s Global Initiative on Education Project, supported by a $51,500 gift from AJIN USA and additional support from the Office of University Outreach, will enable 14 local educators to learn how to better serve Korean-born students.

Beginning in June 2011, 14 Auburn, Opelika and Loachapoka educators will join College of Education faculty on a trip to Korea to learn about the country’s culture and educational system.

Suhyun Suh, an associate professor in the college’s Department of Special Education, Rehabilitation, Counseling/School Psychology, said it is critical for local educators to learn more about Korean culture due to the demographic changes in East Alabama. Suh, the project’s co-director, said close to 300 Korean-born and Korean-American students are enrolled in Auburn and Opelika City Schools for the 2010-11 school year.

“We identified the need for teachers to know more about Korean culture because they get frustrated when they feel unsure how to effectively meet the educational needs of Korean students by a lack of knowledge about their culture,” Suh said. “Once the teachers get a better knowledge about the Korean school system, the culture and lifestyles, they can actually teach that content to not only Korean students, but all students. They can better understand why Korean students behave in certain ways and better serve their needs.”

AJIN USA President Jung Ho Sea said his company is providing support for the project because more Korean families are likely to call the region home in coming years. Many employees of AJIN USA, a metal stamping company that supplies parts for Kia and Hyundai from its Chambers County facility, reside in Lee and Chambers counties. Sea said he is excited about the opportunity to help local communities through the company’s involvement in the Auburn-Opelika educational system.

John Dagley, who is co-director of the project and an associate professor in the Department of Special Education, Rehabilitation, Counseling/School Psychology, said the Global Initiative on Education Project sends a message to new members of the business community.

“If you want to affect the community, you do it through teachers,” Dagley said. “[Teachers] want to back up that caring with a deeper understanding. It’s another way for us to say to companies that we appreciate your locating here and we are going to serve your families.”

Suh said more than 30 Auburn City Schools educators attended the first informational meeting about the project, indicating a significant interest among teachers in the program. The 14 educators who will travel to Korea will be selected in November through a competitive process.

The 17-day trip to Korea, scheduled from June 26-July 12, will include visits to the College of Education at Ewha Womans University and exposure to K-12 educational settings. The local educators will attend four hours of classes each day in an effort to learn more about the Korean educational system, history and culture. At the end of their stay, the group will visit Jeju Island, a popular tourist destination.

— Troy Johnson

Namesake of national fair-pay law to speak at Auburn on Thursday

Lilly Ledbetter, whose name has become synonymous with fair-pay issues for women, will deliver the Women’s Leadership Institute’s Extraordinary Women Lecture at 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, in Telfair Peet Theatre.

The lecture, “The Lilly Ledbetter Story: Ensuring that Women are Paid Fairly,” will highlight Ledbetter’s historic leadership experience that resulted in the Paycheck Fairness Act of 2009. Ledbetter continues to advocate tirelessly for the Paycheck Fairness Act.

Lunchtime music series resumes at art museum on Thursdays this fall

The musical series “A Little Lunch Music” has returned to the Jule Collins Smith Museum on Thursdays at noon. Visitors to the museum can enjoy a free informal performance while enjoying the exhibits or dining at the Museum Cafe.

Thursday performances by the Woodfield Trio will continue until Dec. 16. The trio’s members are Patrick McCurry on woodwinds, Barbara Acker-Mills on piano and Charles Wright on cello.

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— Suhyun Suh

Spirit of Excellence

Auburn University Human Resources has announced the recipients of Spirit of Excellence awards for August. The awards recognize four staff members each month for outstanding performance. Recipients for August are, seated, Sarah Ferguson of Music and Theatre, and, standing, from left, Steven Barnard of Student Financial Services, Kevin Watson of the Office of Information Technology and Allen Flourney of Agricultural Land and Resource Management.
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Provost invites applications from faculty for 2011 International Travel Grants

Provost Mary Ellen Mazey has announced the availability of grants to help fund international travel by faculty.

The Faculty International Travel Grant Program is designed to enhance faculty members’ international understanding and awareness. The program is part of Auburn’s Strategic Plan as item 37: “Auburn embraces international experience for faculty and recognizes its importance in improving instruction, research, scholarship and creative endeavors.”

Requests for the funding must be submitted online no later than Nov. 15. More information is available on the provost’s website, www.auburn.edu/academic/provost/.

French language professor at Auburn honored in Quebec Parliament event

Samia I. Spencer, professor of French in Auburn’s College of Liberal Arts and Honorary Consul of France in Alabama, was admitted to the Ordre des Francophones d’Amerique, on Sept. 29, in the Quebec Parliament in the presence of the Quebec Minister of Culture, the Mayor of Quebec City and the President of the Conseil Superieur de la Langue Francaise — Quebec’s equivalent of the French Academy.

This honor is bestowed annually upon seven recipients: two from Quebec and one each from Eastern Canada, Ontario, Western Canada, the Americas and the other continents.

Engineering professor awarded Fellow status in international society

Bryan Chin, an Auburn Engineering professor, has been recognized for his contributions to the field of materials science and engineering by being named a Fellow of ASM International, the materials information society.

The 2010 Class of Fellows will be honored Oct. 19 in Houston.

Chin was cited specifically for contributions to the understanding of the relationships between composition, microstructure, processing and mechanical properties of ferritic and austentic steels for use in nuclear power generation.

“ASM Fellows are a unique group, not only for their outstanding achievements, but also for their ongoing contributions to the society,” said ASM President Frederick J. Lisy, Orbital Research Inc “The ASM Board of Trustees solicits their advice to help guide the society, and to suggest new technical directions. This guidance enhances the capability of ASM as a technical and professional society to serve the technical community of materials science and engineering.”

Lawson co-authors Canadian institute’s annual report on political economics

Canada’s Fraser Institute has released the annual peer-reviewed Economic Freedom of the World report, and Hong Kong retains the highest rating among 141 jurisdictions included in the study for economic freedom. Other top scorers include Singapore, New Zealand, Switzerland and Chile. America ranks sixth in the survey, ahead of the big continental European countries.

Since 1996, co-authors Robert Lawson, an associate professor of finance in Auburn’s College of Business, James Gwartney of Florida State University and Joshua Hall of Beloit College have created an annual index ranking countries around the world based on policies that are deemed supportive of economic freedom.

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