Closing Thach
This rendering from Krebs Architecture/Engineering shows how traffic will be diverted when portions of Thach Avenue and Duncan Drive are converted to pedestrian ways. Streets are in blue. Work is slated to start on Thach Avenue this summer.

To reopen as pedestrian way

Thach Avenue to close this summer

AU will permanently close Thach Avenue through the center of campus this summer in the largest move so far toward making Auburn a more pedestrian-friendly campus.

The closing of Thach Avenue and Duncan Drive and other street alterations are part of a pedestrian-campus plan adopted by the university in 2001 and updated on March 19, when the AU Board of Trustees approved a $6.6 million budget for the five-year project.

Christine Curtis, who is coordinating the implementation for the Office of the President, said the plan is part of an effort to increase safety for students walking between buildings to class, re-establish a collegiate atmosphere within the core of campus and beautify the campus with more green space. Those and other needs were identified in a study by Hugh Darley of Idea Inc. in 2001 and a master plan by Sasaki Associates in 2002.

Thach, a major east-west corridor, will be closed from the west side of Ross Square at Foy Student Union to the west side of Haley Center at Duncan Drive. The area between those points will be converted into a landscaped, pedestrian plaza on which motorized vehicles will be banned.

The street closing will coincide with construction work on Thach this summer for installation of new utility lines for the university central heating system. Unlike most previous street closings, Thach will remain closed to all but emergency vehicles when the construction is complete.

Also, the north end of Duncan Drive will be permanently closed in the near future as the university begins site preparation for the new Transportation Technology Center. The first step in that project began two weeks ago with demolition of Noble Hall at the Duncan Drive-Magnolia Avenue intersection. The AU Medical Center will move out of Drake Center in December, and that building will be razed in early 2005.

Two other east-west streets will also be closed during class days by next fall. Roosevelt Drive, currently closed for construction of the new Science Center, will reopen in 2005 as a pedestrian corridor. On the south side of campus, Samford Avenue...
Human Sciences professor named Graduate Faculty Lecturer for 2004

The AU Graduate School has selected Jacquelyn Mize of the College of Human Sciences as the 2004 Distinguished Graduate Faculty Lecturer.

Mize, a professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies, will receive an award from the Graduate School and present the public lecture “Is the Medium the Message — The Significance of Relationships for Children” at 4 p.m., Tuesday, April 6, in Dixon Conference Center.

A member of the AU faculty since 1984, Mize holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Georgia and a Ph.D. from Purdue. Mize’s observations as a preschool teacher early in her career helped shape her studies and research in higher education.

Pedestrian campus

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will be closed in 2003 to most vehicles from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on class days. Samford will be open for through traffic at other times, but raised crosswalks will form passive barriers that force vehicles to proceed slowly.

Lem Morrison Drive will be rebuilt and traffic signals added at Donahue Avenue and Wire Road to accommodate east-west traffic that will be diverted from Samford Avenue.

At Auburn, her primary area of research has involved the relationship between social development of young children and their long-term well being. Mize and her graduate students have frequently examined aspects of child care, teacher-child and parent-child relationships and their influence on preschool children’s achievement and motivation. Mize and her students also examine children’s physical and behavioral responses to stress, social competence and transition to kindergarten.

Mize has directed more than a dozen dissertations and theses, and her research findings have been published frequently in peer-reviewed journals such as Developmental Psychology and Journal of Social and Personal Relationships. Also, she has been the principal investigator in studies funded by the National Science Foundation and the National Institute of Mental Health.

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By Richard Brinker, Dean.

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**Why were you interested in becoming a member of the Board of Trustees?**

I have a tremendous amount of pride in my institution, Auburn University, and I am always looking forward to the future. Auburn's future is promising, and I am excited to be a part of it. I believe that a university must be dedicated to educating tomorrow's leaders, and I am committed to helping Auburn University achieve this goal.

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Spirit of Excellence

Each month AU presents Spirit of Excellence awards to four staff members to recognize outstanding performance. Recipients for March were, clockwise from left, Cheryl Cobb of the College of Engineering, Dan MacDougall of the College of Sciences and Mathematics, Corbin Hambly of the Facilities Division and Sharon Huey of the Department of Health and Human Performance.

Charles Ball

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“I have one son who attended Auburn and a second son who will be enrolling this fall.”

“What do you think is most special about Auburn?”

“Auburn people are special. The atmosphere is special. Each time I visit Auburn, I tell my husband, ‘I feel like I am home.’ All Auburn people I know hold Auburn and the Auburn experience close in their heart. There is a bond between Auburn people that is very real and tangible.”

“What special memory do you have about your time at Auburn?”

“Some of my special memories would include the many all-nighters I spent at Dudley Hall finishing papers and other projects. I always had lots of company! And I always loved Auburn in the fall with the leaves changing and the smell of football in the air!”

Sarah Newton

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“Should Auburn continue to grow enrollment or remain where it is?”

“I want to see Auburn grow. However, the infrastructure is not such that we can accommodate more students at this time. We do not have the resources today to enhance facilities needed to increase enrollment.”

Do you have any children at Auburn?

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