Glaze promoted in Office of Provost; AU Facilities placed under Mouton

AU Provost John Heilman has announced the appointment of Linda Glaze as associate provost for undergraduate studies. Also, interim President Ed Richardson has announced the appointment of John Mouton to lead all aspects of Auburn's construction and physical plant programs, including the Facilities Division.

The president and the provost said they expect the appointments and related changes to enhance efficiencies in undergraduate academics and facilities management.

Glaze, who was formerly assistant provost for academic affairs, has assumed additional duties, including supervision of Enrollment Management Services and academic areas formerly in the Office of Student Life, such as the Freshman Year Experience and the Student Success Center. Those functions were formerly in Student Affairs.

Heilman said the associate provost for undergraduate studies is the best administrative position to coordinate the operation of the two academic-related units with academic affairs offices in the colleges and schools. Other areas in Student Affairs continue to report to Vice President Wes Williams.

The provost also charged Glaze with reviewing all units that report to the associate provost and vice president for student affairs and to make recommendations on appropriate structure and reporting lines.

Glaze, a member of the Auburn faculty since 1979, served seven years as head of the Department of Foreign Languages in the College of Liberal Arts. She has served in various roles in the Provost’s Office since 1997 and was one of two coordinators of AU’s 2003 self-study for reaffirmation of academic accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Meanwhile, in announcing the appointment of Mouton over the Facilities Division, Richardson said the faculty member had demonstrated the
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Upcoming Events

**Art exhibit**

“Scapes,” works by Eileen M. Macdonald and Dana Hargrove, Biggin Gallery, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday, through June 17.

**Meeting**

University Senate, 3 p.m., auditorium, Broun Hall.

**Friday, June 9**

**Chairauquahn Echos**

“Walk About Puppet Show,” Robert Parsons, 6 p.m., Julie Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art.

**Monday, June 12**

**Blue Cross Blue Shield**

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

**Audio conference**

“Faculty Support for Online Course Development,” 1 p.m., Foy 205. Sponsored by Distance Learning and Outreach Technology. For course and registration details, see www.auburn.edu/outreach/dli/dliet_events.php?id=94.

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**Committee**

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Research helps clear way for use of chickens in fight against cancer

Poultry scientist Wallace Berry’s research into the reproductive processes of chickens has helped medical science clear a major hurdle in the fight against ovarian cancer in women. Berry, who is an assistant professor in AU’s College of Agriculture and a researcher at the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station, has established that commercial laying hens are valid animal models for ovarian cancer research.

Hens are good subjects for the research because they have a hormonal cycle and ovarian surface cells that are similar to those of humans and they have a high rate of naturally occurring ovarian cancer. In fact, by five years of age, 40 percent of white-leghorn laying hens spontaneously develop ovarian cancer. In fact, by five years of age, 40 percent of white-leghorn laying hens spontaneously develop ovarian cancer. The greater her risk of developing ovarian cancer.

“Animal models are crucial to understanding the causes of diseases and developing new treatments, but there have been no acceptable ones for ovarian cancer research,” said Berry, who collaborated in the research with oncologists at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

“Having the hen as a viable experimental model now allows us to study how the disease originates, how to detect it earlier, how to treat it more effectively and how to prevent it. Our main focus is early diagnosis and, ultimately, prevention.”

Ovarian cancer represents the fourth leading cause of cancer deaths in women in the United States, largely because it most often is not detected until it is in the advanced stages. Some 75 percent of ovarian cancer cases in the U.S. are not diagnosed until they have spread beyond the ovaries, and in those cases the chance of five-year survival is only about 25 percent. The American Cancer Society estimates 22,000 women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer this year; more than 16,000 women will die of the disease.

In general, the more ovulations a woman experiences throughout her life and the fewer pregnancies and other disruptions in her hormonal cycle, the greater her risk of developing ovarian cancer. Hens are a strong animal model, Berry said, because they ovulate 250-plus times a year, which is the equivalent to 20 years of ovulation for a woman.

In one phase of his research, Berry has found that administering progesterone to laying hens for a year and then temporarily interrupting the reproductive cycle lowers the rate of ovarian cancer in the hens from 40 percent to 25 percent. Proges-
terone is a female sex hormone used in birth control pills to prevent ovulation.

Berry is investigating the theory that inflammation of the ovaries due to such conditions as endometriosis, ovarian cysts and hyperthyroidism increases the risk of ovarian cancer. He is testing anti-inflammatory drugs to determine whether they, too, lower the incidence of ovarian cancer in chickens.

Berry, whose primary research at Auburn focuses on improving reproductive efficiency in broiler breeders, noted that commercial egg-laying hens are kept in production only until they are two years old and that malignant tumors rarely develop in hens that young. Berry’s ovarian cancer research involves hens three to five years of age.

AU scientist named to panel on food safety for Olympics

Auburn biosystems engineer Yifen Wang has been named to a 15-member international board that will play a key role in food safety and security at the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in China.

Wang is one of five U.S. representatives on the Beijing Olympics’ new Food Safety Expert Board, which also includes food-safety authorities from China, Australia and the European Union.

An assistant professor in the AU College of Agriculture’s Department of Biosystems Engineering, Wang has been designated as the U.S. liaison for the board.

The Food Safety Expert Board is charged with providing timely professional advice and scientific guidance on food safety for the Olympic Games and with helping develop, review and implement food safety protocol manuals for the games.

The board’s first meeting will be July 3-7 in Beijing and will include visits to the Olympic venues as well as agricultural facilities, food-processing plants and markets.