In a hole

The axiom, "When you find yourself in a hole, stop digging," does not apply in this case. As a flood-control measure, workers will place an enclosed detention basin in the emerging pit across Dormitory Drive from the Nursing and Pharmacy buildings. They will then refill and cover the pit. Dormitory Drive, also, is temporarily closed for infrastructure work.

AU growing ‘Baby Toomer’s’ oaks

Starting this fall, many AU alumni and friends will have a historic connection with the campus in their own yards. That connection will come through “Baby Toomer’s” oaks, which are seedlings grown from acorns of the historic oaks at Toomer’s Corner, site of campus celebrations for decades.

Faculty from the AU School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences have gathered acorns from the two iconic oaks at the corner where the campus meets downtown Auburn. From those seeds, students and faculty have grown approximately 800 seedlings that they will deliver or ship to donors this fall.

Forestry Professor Art Chappelka collected acorns from the large oaks last fall. Already approaching a foot tall under controlled greenhouse conditions, the trees will be at least twice as large by late fall, when they will be available for planting, said Sarah Crim, director of Forestry Student Services.

In addition to Chappelka and Crim, Forestry and Wildlife Sciences faculty members Mathew Smidt, Tom Gallagher and Steve Ditchkoff have been active in the project.

Crim said the “Baby Toomer’s” project started as an effort to grow trees for the eventual replacement of the large trees at the historic site. Although they are in no immediate danger, the trees are nearly 100 years old and have endured decades of unfavorable growing conditions due to their urban location.

By the time the new trees are needed, they should be large enough to be suitable replacements, she said. “Hopefully, it will be quite a few years before they are needed and they will be large enough to fit (See Baby Toomer’s, page 2)

Trustees to meet Friday at Dixon Conference Center

The AU Board of Trustees will meet Friday at Dixon Conference Center.

The board session is set for 1 p.m., but the starting time will depend on the length of committee sessions, which start at 8 a.m.

The board is scheduled to consider a tuition increase for next fall and discuss proposed budget guidelines for the 2004-05 fiscal year, which starts Oct. 1. Other matters include current and proposed construction projects and revisions of board bylaws.

Most agenda items are discussed in detail at the committee sessions, which are open to the public.
The outreach center for the College of Liberal Arts. Since 1948. Staff members recently moved the Review, a journal of state history published quarterly, to the new online encyclopedia and the Alabama Humanities Council, located in the new training facility.

"The relocation of the encyclopedia and the journal to Pebble Hill provides exciting opportunities for programming partnerships between their staff and ours," said Jay Lamar, interim director of the Center for Arts and Humanities. "Our respective missions differ in the particular content and delivery, but we share a commitment to promoting awareness and enjoyment of the humanities among the citizens of Alabama," Lamar added.

"Projects in the humanities, whether they be publications or public programming, draw on similar resources and face similar hurdles," said Jeff Jake-Houghton, associate professor of history and managing editor of the encyclopedia. "Working across the hall from the Center’s staff will allow us to share ideas and talents in meaningful ways. It’s a natural fit."

AU Human Resources office to present program on retirement planning

The AU Office of Human Resources will sponsor the program “Planning for Retirement” from 10 a.m.-11:45 a.m. June 23 in the new training facility on North Gay Street.

Baby Toomer’s (continued from page 1)

right in, but when the time comes, I think a lot of people will be pleased to have direct descendants of those oaks at Toomer’s Corner.”

Faculty and students soon found that many Auburn alumni and friends want to help carry on the Toomer’s Corner tradition at home. The sale of "Baby Toomer’s” oaks also provides a way for Auburn supporters to help students. Crim noted, "This is a great way for people to have a piece of Auburn history growing at their home, and at the same time, help our students with tax-deductible gifts.”

The trees are available for donors of $50 each, with $49 of that amount tax-deductible. The money will go toward scholarships for Forestry and Wildlife Sciences students and for support of activities of the Forestry Club and the Wildlife Society.

Promotional efforts by Forestry and Wildlife Sciences faculty and students will culminate with a special event during homecoming weekend on Oct. 8-9. The student clubs will then deliver or ship the trees to the donors. Each tree will include a certificate of authenticity as a Toomer’s Corner oak.

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For information or to register, see the Web page www.auburn.edu/administration/human_resource

Legacy trees

Forestry senior Katy Myers is among students and faculty caring for the descendants of AU’s historic Toomer’s Corner oaks.

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SummerStage to include two plays

AU Theatre will present dinner and a play at two SummerStage productions at Telfair Peet Theatre this month and July.

The university theatre company will present David Auburn’s Pulitzer Prize-winning production “Proof” June 30-July 3 and July 7-11 and “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown” July 21-23 and July 28-31.

Each event features buffet dinner in the Peet Theatre lobby at 6 p.m. and the play at 7:30 p.m.

Harbert donates works to art museum

International business leader Bill L. Harbert of Birmingham, a 1948 graduate of Auburn, has given 14 works by some of the top names in the art world to the Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art at AU.

The collection, appraised at $2 million, includes six works by Chagall, three by Renoir, two by Salvador Dali and one each by Picasso, Matisse and Joan Miro.

The collection was featured in the exhibition “French Masterworks from the Bill L. Harbert Collection” at the museum’s opening last October.

Pleased with the response of museum patrons, Harbert recently decided to make a permanent gift of the collection to the AU museum. “My collection has been in my home and in my office and nobody could see it,” he explained. “I donated it to Auburn so that other people could have an opportunity to enjoy it as I have.”

Harbert comes to Auburn often and plans to visit his collection frequently. “I think the museum is well-run and I like the people involved in running it,” he said. “Architecturally, the building and its galleries are beautifully designed.”

“The world-renowned collection ensures that the Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art will continue to be recognized as a source of pride and cultural enrichment for the Auburn community, the state of Alabama and region.”

Harbert, who has collected art for more than 50 years, found many of the works while establishing a large international presence for his construction businesses. Participating in the formation of Harbert Construction Corp. in 1949, he eventually purchased a larger shelter for victims of domestic violence in East Alabama.

In 2003, Safe House provided shelter for 106 women and children from Lee, Macon, Randolph, Tallapoosa and Chambers counties. However, 67 women and children were turned away from emergency shelter because of lack of space, said Executive Director Lisa Stephens.

For additional information on “Taste of East Alabama,” contact Safe House at 749-1515. The activities support efforts to raise funds for the Annual Event for Support of the Domestic Violence Intervention Center’s Safe House.