Many Auburn faculty, staff and students will join other Alabama voters Tuesday in a statewide referendum to decide the fate of a proposed state constitutional amendment that proponents and opponents agree could determine the future of Alabama.

The amendment’s chief architect, Gov. Bob Riley, spoke twice on campus recently, saying passage of the amendment would quickly move Alabama from last to first in education and economic growth while reforming a tax system that now benefits the wealthy at the expense of the poor.

The changes are opposed by agricultural associations, the Christian Coalition of Alabama and other groups which have traditionally opposed tax increases. These groups argue that Alabamians are already taxed too much and say the money would be wasted by government leaders.

Opponents have made their arguments primarily through a series of ads on Alabama television stations, while proponents have used public appearances such as the governor’s visit to Auburn on Aug. 26, to argue their case.

Riley, who spoke at a University Faculty meeting in Broun Hall and at a community meeting at Dixon Conference Center, said the tax proposals would reduce taxes for many citizens and would have little impact on most others. He said most of the $1.2 billion in new revenues would come from ending provisions in tax law that have favored a small percentage of the state’s wealthiest landowners under the 1901 State Constitution.

The governor said the package would produce the following benefits:

• Eliminate $650 million of a projected $675 million budget deficit in the 2003-04 fiscal year, which starts Oct. 1, and similar deficits projected for the following year.
• Fund programs to raise the quality of teaching in math, science and reading in Alabama’s public schools from among the worst in the nation to among the highest.
• Fund a scholarship program in Alabama colleges for the state’s high school graduates.
• Meet the state’s basic needs in education, law enforcement, corrections, health services, programs for the elderly and most social services.
• Improve basic services and education to make the state more attractive for industries that seek a trained workforce and good quality of life.

Riley: Tuesday’s tax vote could set future of state for next generation

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Gift to AU College of Education memorializes faculty member

Auburn alumni Earle and June Williams recently established the Elizabeth Williams Brazelton Fund for Excellence in the College of Education’s Department of Counseling and Counseling Psychology in honor of a former faculty member in the department.

Earle Williams, who is the president of the AU Foundation Board and is a past member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, created the fund with his wife June as a memorial to his sister, Elizabeth “Betty” Williams Brazelton. The couple established the fund with an initial gift of $200,000.

Betty Williams Brazelton was an Auburn alumna and a member of the faculty from 1989 until her death in 2002. Her final appointment was in Counseling and Counseling Psychology.

Department Head Holly Stadler said two themes permeated Brazelton’s professional life as a school psychologist. “First, as a researcher, she was always a collaborator with colleagues, students and practitioners. She thrived in the social context of applied research,” Stadler said.

“The second theme,” she said, is exemplified by the central tenet of her work — that all children deserve the highest quality services.”

Stadler said Brazelton was a champion of all children and passed on that perspective to the graduate students she guided into the profession.

“Her legacy will be sustained by all those she touched,” said Stadler, who was also Brazelton’s neighbor.

“We are very pleased and grateful for the support of Dr. and Mrs. Williams,” Stadler added. “The goal of the endowment is to support graduate students, which is in keeping with Betty’s commitment to promoting the success of the many graduate students who sought her support.”

Contributions to the Elizabeth Williams Brazelton Fund may be made through the AU Foundation. For more information, contact the College of Education Office of Development at 844-2949.

Nursing to hold Blue Jean Ball

The School of Nursing at Auburn and its counterpart at AU-Montgomery will hold their third annual Blue Jean Ball fund-raiser for scholarships on Sept. 20 at Crooked Oaks Hunting Lodge in Notasulga.

In addition to Cajun-style food, the event will feature dancing, horseshoes, mule-drawn wagon rides and other activities. The fund-raiser will also feature silent and live auctions.

For ticket information, call 844-6752.

Groups to discuss book set in Botswana

The AU Book Club will meet at Draughon Library on Sept. 18 in conjunction with the AU Center for Diversity and Race Relations in a discussion of Alexander McCall Smith’s “The No. 1 Ladies’ Detective Agency.”

The organizations will host discussion groups open to any interested readers at 11:45 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the library’s Systems Classroom on the first floor.

“The No. 1 Ladies’ Detective Agency” is on the Today Show’s Book Club list. Set in Botswana, the book follows the budding detective career of the country’s first female detective, Precious Ramotswe, as she searches for a missing child. Through descriptions of the detective’s life and journeys, the author also describes life in Botswana and investigates human nature.

The book is available for purchase from the University Bookstore. For more information, contact Stephanie Morgan at 844-2704 or stephanie@auburn.edu.

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Other state officials, including State Superintendent of Education Ed Richardson, have said defeat of the plan would mean:

• Cuts of 10 percent or more in already financially strapped government agencies, leaving the state unable to provide many basic services.
• Hiring freezes, possible layoffs and further reduction of services across the board in state government.
• Fewer state troopers on the highways and reduced staffing for overcrowded state prisons and mental facilities.
• Suspension or reduction of state support for programs for the elderly and poor.
• In K-12 schools, fewer teachers over the next two years, larger class sizes, possible reduction in length of the school year and loss of funds to keep many schools running.
• Deterioration of state schools in most national indicators of educational quality.
• Continued deterioration of quality of life for many Alabama citizens.

In an anti-tax campaign making heavy use of television advertising, opponents have disputed most claims by the plan’s supporters and charged that Alabamians are taxed enough already.

Proponents counter that Alabama residents would still pay less than residents of neighboring states, while opponents have stuck to their theme that taxes are too high already.

The governor will call the Alabama Legislature into session following Tuesday’s vote.

If voters approve the package, Riley has said the Legislature’s task will be simple because the state will then have the funds to meet most of its obligations in the 2003-04 budget.

If voters reject the new amendment, the governor has warned, practically every part of state government, including higher education, will face drastic cuts in spending the fiscal year starting Oct. 1 and the likelihood of additional cuts the following year.

Based on state budget projections last spring, Auburn has been preparing for a 6 percent cut in its state funding for the budget year starting Oct. 1, but later financial reports have pointed toward the possibility of steeper cuts.
After 25 years, Auburn will have new dean of students

Twenty-five years after the retirement of its last dean of students, Auburn is bringing back the long-mothballed position.

Auburn has begun a call for applications for its first dean of students since James E. Foy retired in 1978, said Vice President for Student Affairs Wes Williams.

AU’s student union is named for Foy, who was dean of students for 25 years.

“The dean of students will hold a major leadership position within Student Affairs and will report directly to the vice president for Student Affairs,” Williams added.

Debbie Shaw stepped down as director of Foy Student Union in May to accept the position of assistant vice president for Alumni Affairs. Mike Reynolds, director of financial aid and scholarships, is the interim director of Foy Student Union.

Williams said he would like to have a dean of students on the job when spring semester begins in January. He said Fred Kam, director of AU Medical Clinic, will lead the search committee.

Veterinary Medicine dedication

Hundreds of veterinary professionals and agricultural leaders from around the Southeast, many with their families, helped the College of Veterinary Medicine dedicate the new J. Thomas Vaughan Large Animal Hospital on Aug. 29. A nationally prominent authority on diseases and disorders in horses and other large animals, Vaughan, speaking above and in closeup at right, was dean of the college from 1977-95.

U.S. News places Auburn College of Business among nation’s top 40

Auburn’s College of Business is ranked 33rd nationally among public institutions and 53rd overall in the new U.S. News & World Report rankings.

The newsstand book, “America’s Best Colleges,” which contains the college rankings, went on sale in late August. Overall, Auburn University ranked No. 44 in the nation, the 11th consecutive year the university has attained a top 50 rating.

“The ranking of the College of Business is evidence of the commitment among faculty, staff and administration in the College of Business to continually evaluate and improve its programs,” said John Jahera, interim dean.

“We’re always pleased to be recognized for the successes that we’ve had here in the College of Business,” he said. “Much credit should go to the faculty and staff here in the college who are continually evaluating our programs and exploring ways they can be improved. Also our many alumni and friends who provide significant support to us have been instrumental in our success. We make every effort to truly deliver a quality education to our students.”

Auburn’s business undergraduate program was ranked No. 5 among Southeastern Conference-member institutions behind the University of Florida’s Warrington College of Business, the University of Georgia’s Terry College of Business, the University of South Carolina’s Moore School of Business and the University of Arkansas’ Walton College of Business.

Auburn finished in a tie with the University of Alabama’s Culverhouse College of Commerce and Business Administration overall and among public institutions.

The University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School was ranked as the nation’s top undergraduate business program and the University of California-Berkeley’s Haas School of Business was ranked best among public institutions.

With approximately 4,000 students, the College of Business is AU’s second largest academic college.

Meanwhile, programs in AU’s Samuel Ginn College of Engineering were rated 59th among the nation’s public and private universities.

Among SEC-member public universities, only the University of Florida ranked ahead of Auburn in engineering. No other engineering school from Alabama was included in the rankings.

Most of the rankings and some of the articles from the book are in the Sept. 1 issue of U.S. News & World Report, the weekly news magazine.

Outreach offers courses for learning, recreation to faculty, staff, others

The AU Outreach Program Office provides noncredit courses that are an educational and recreational outlet for faculty, staff and local residents.

Among course topics are languages such as Spanish, sports such as golf and hobbies such as photography. For information, contact Lydia Walls at 844-3108 or wallslw@auburn.edu.
International Quality of Life Award will go to musical group Alabama

Auburn’s College of Human Sciences will present its 2003 International Quality of Life Award to the music group Alabama on Dec. 8 in New York City. This will be the first time the college has presented the award to an entertainer or entertainment group for enhancing human well-being.

Presented annually since 1994, the awards recognize persons, and now a group, whose work reflects a dedication to pursuing innovative ways of bettering the lives of people and communities both locally and worldwide. Each year, to signify the international nature of the award, the college presents it at the United Nations headquarters in New York.

Past recipients have come from such diverse fields as economics, business, government and social justice. Former honorees include Millard Fuller, founder and president of Habitat for Humanity International; former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright; and Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa.

“This is truly a special year for the International Quality of Life Awards,” said June Henton, dean of the College of Human Sciences. “We are excited to celebrate Alabama’s rich and storied musical career as we celebrate IQLA’s 10th anniversary.

As artistic innovators, Alabama changed the face of country music. The foursome is noted for its beautifully crafted compositions, unique vocal harmony, superb instrumentation and energizing stage presence. The group’s broad-based style and rock-and-roll production techniques attract a huge fan following of varied ethnic backgrounds and musical tastes.

Alabama’s breakthrough came in 1981, when RCA Records released “Tennessee River,” the group’s debut single. The song shot to No. 1, the first of 40 Radio & Records chart toppers. The group went on to win the Academy of Country Music’s Artist of the Decade title for the 1980s and become the first group to be named the Country Music Association’s Entertainer of the Year.

Alabama has been honored with more than 150 entertainment awards including eight country music Entertainer of the Year honors, two Grammys, two People’s Choice Awards, 21 American Music Awards and a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Henton said the band has used its celebrity to give back to others in countless ways. She noted that June Jam, the band’s annual benefit concert in Fort Payne from 1982-1997, generated millions of dollars for area schools, charities and public service organizations. The impact of this event continues through a special June Jam escrow account and the June Jam Songwriters Showcase. In addition, lead singer Randy Owen has helped raise more than $200 million dollars for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis.

Route work, which started over the summer, continued into fall semester because of frequent rains that slowed construction.
Museum sculpture
Auburn graduate Jean Woodham, one of the nation’s most prominent sculptors working in metal, supervised placement of her work, “Spinoff, 1998” at the main entrance to AU’s Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art on Aug. 27. Woodham, shown in the two middle photos, donated the metal sculpture to her alma mater in memory of her parents. Unlike many of her contemporaries, who create a model and then entrust the final development of a piece to industrial fabricators, Woodham develops her sculptures in her Connecticut studio.

Ansell named interim director of new museum; grand opening set for Oct. 3

Joseph Ansell, head of the Department of Art in the College of Liberal Arts, has been named interim director of AU’s new Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art.

In announcing the appointment, interim Liberal Arts Dean Rebekah Pindzola said Ansell will hold the dual posts during the search for a permanent director of the art museum to replace Michael DeMarsche, who left in June to head another art museum.

Anthony Carey, associate dean of Liberal Arts, managed museum operations during the summer, and Ansell assumed the duties with the start of fall semester on Aug. 20.

The museum’s grand opening will be at 10 a.m. Oct. 3, following two days of events for members and patrons.

“Auburn University will soon open one of the finest university art museums in the country,” said Pindzola. “Professor Ansell is the ideal person to lead the museum through its grand opening and the first critical months of operation.”

“He has a broad knowledge of the art world, and extensive experience and skills in art administration,” Pindzola added. “With his leadership during this inaugural period, the next director will have a solid base on which to build for the future.”

Ansell is a co-chair of the search committee for a permanent museum director. The other co-chair is Dwight Carlisle, head of the Museum Advisory Board. Carlisle, who is the Alabama Revenue Commissioner, was recently nominated by the Trustee Selection Committee for a seat on the AU Board of Trustees.

A former dean of faculty and instructional programs at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, Ansell joined the College of Liberal Arts at Auburn as head of the Department of Art in 2001. Over the past two years, he has overseen the department during an upgrade of its Biggin Hall home from one of the most obsolete to one of the most modern academic facilities for art in the South.

Ansell, who earned a master of fine arts degree from George Washington University, has also taught at the University of Maryland.

**Upcoming Events**

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**September 9**
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**September 16**
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**September 17**
and agricultural sustainability “Achieving Sustainable Commu-

Researchers look to skies to bring reality to center’s field of dreams

Auburn researchers, a USDA scientist and an Extension specialist have built what they describe as their own field of dreams — 20 acres set aside for intensive studies of precision farming at the E.V. Smith Research Center.

The field, which is used for a corn-and-cotton rotation study, looks like a traditional farm plot to the casual observer. However, using technology that was little more than a dream to scientists in the past, the researchers have taken a 21st century approach to farming activities at the site.

Precision farming is a space-age approach to farming made possible by a global positioning system of 24 orbiting satellites. Through specially designed ground-based receivers, farmers are using the system to collect information about their crop-land that typically includes detailed soil maps and crop-yield histories.

By enabling producers to apply farm chemicals such as fertilizer, lime and nitrogen more efficiently, precision farming has led to significant reductions in farm operating costs. It also benefits the environment by limiting the levels of farm chemicals that ultimately wash into lakes and streams.

The researchers say they are still seeking the answers to some vital questions.

“The main thing we wanted to do was to put all the things we know about precision agriculture into a field to try and answer a few basic questions,” said Jose Terra, an agronomist with Uruguay’s National Institute of Agricultural Research who came to Auburn three years ago to earn his doctorate in agronomy. The experiment will form the basis of his doctoral dissertation.

In the process of answering these questions, the scientists try to determine how to merge all the elements associated with precision farming into one seamless, workable crop management system.

Global positioning Auburn scientists at the E.V. Smith Research Center are using global positioning satellites for studies to help farmers maximize their yields and profits. The program is a cooperative effort among AU’s College of Agriculture, the Cooperative Extension System and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"The beauty of this whole experiment is that it looks at some of the most pressing issues we have in Alabama and tries to integrate them into one system," said Paul Mask, an AU professor of agronomy and Alabama Cooperative Extension System agronomist who coordinates Extension’s precision farming program.

Also participating are Joey Shaw, an assistant professor of agronomy; Edzard van Santen, an associate professor of agronomy; and Wayne Reeves, a researcher with the USDA’s Agriculture Research Service.

Researchers have learned that conservation tillage, a system in which crops are grown with minimal cultivation of the soil, works extremely well with precision farming techniques, especially in areas of the field where productivity is low.

Just as the research has instilled the scientists with an appreciation for the advantages of this new technology, it has also provided them with a better understanding of what should not be done.

“It really has given us a grasp of limits,” Mask added. “When I got into this business, my idea was to take lower productivity areas, find out what’s wrong with them and make them productive.”

However, Mask said he quickly learned that the issue was far more complicated than he had first thought.

“We’re trying to match inputs with productivity,” he said. “In other words, if a soil is capable of yielding no more than 100 bushels of corn per acre, we shouldn’t be fertilizing it to produce 150. So you match these inputs with what you can do.”

This approach, Mask said, accomplishes two things: First, it helps farmers see the bottom line. Second, by lowering inputs in areas of the field where they’re not needed, it reduces potentially adverse effects on the environment.

Retirement planning program set for Sept. 18

The Office of Human Resource Development will present “Planning for Retirement” at 9 a.m. Sept. 18 at the Dixon Conference Center.

In the two-hour program, financial consultant Kathy Colquett will discuss available retirement income sources and the use of tax deferment programs to supplement retirement income.

To attend, submit the regular HRD course registration form or register at www.auburn.edu/-administration/human_resources/forms/index.html. For information, contact Heather Crozier at 844-4145 or vannheia@auburn.edu.

AU Libraries introduce new loan system for getting books

AU Libraries have introduced a more advanced Interlibrary Loan system.

The new loan system is fully integrated with the circulation system and the online catalog and AubieCat, and users may now request Interlibrary Loan materials directly from the catalog.

Under the new Voyager system, library patrons obtaining loan materials will receive courtesy and overdue notices via e-mail as with other items they might have checked out from AU Libraries.
Sustainability issues to be focus of new York Lectures

Two authorities on sustainable agricultural and economic development will speak at Auburn on Sept. 17-18, for the College of Agriculture’s Fall 2003 York Distinguished Lecture Series.

The York Distinguished Lecturers will be Joe Lewis, a USDA research entomologist who is internationally recognized for his work in ecologically based pest management, and his wife, Beth Lewis, a veteran educator who focuses on fostering community-based schools.

The Tifton, Ga., couple will present “Achieving Sustainable Communities: From Farmhouse to Schoolhouse and City Hall” at 7 p.m. on Sept. 17 at the Dixon Conference Center. The public presentation is based in part on the couple’s success in putting Tifton, where Joe Lewis is vice mayor, on the road to sustainable economic development.

The next day, Joe Lewis will discuss the long-term profitability that sustainable agricultural practices can bring to the farm. His technical lecture will be at 3:30 p.m. in Spidle 144.

AU established the E.T. York Distinguished Lecture Series in 1981 with an endowment from Auburn alumni E.T. York Jr. and his wife, Vam Cardwell York. For more information, contact Bill Hardy at 844-5620.

Forum to examine mass media’s role in times of crisis

Auburn will host a public forum, “Information vs. Propaganda: Role of Media in a Democratic Society,” on Sept. 19 to examine the role of mass media in a democracy during a time of national crisis.

Participants at the 5:30 p.m. forum in Broun 239 will include media authorities and professionals and advocates for changes in media coverage.

Primary speakers will be University of Texas faculty member Robert Jensen, who is a nationally known speaker and author on media and politics, and Paula Shapiro, a member of September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows.

Shapiro’s organization consists of people who lost family members in the terrorist attacks of 9/11 and now work to prevent their personal losses from being used to justify further violence.

Other participants include James Rainey, publisher of the Opelika-Auburn News; Marilyn Mitchell, managing editor of the Montgomery Advertiser; and Blaine Stewart, weekend WRBL-TV news anchor. William Dale Harrison, chair of AU’s Department of Communications and Journalism in the College of Liberal Arts, will moderate the forum.

Technology office advises computer users to be wary of hackers, viruses

Administrators and specialists in the Office of Information Technology have renewed their appeal for all computer users on campus to continue using precautions against computer viruses.

The Office of Information Technology has used the Ironmail and McAfee Viruscan software programs to protect most campus computers from introduction of the fast-spreading SoBig computer virus over the electronic mail network, says Dudley Dent, master specialist for application support.

Since April, OIT has used Ironmail, a software that runs on the network’s firewall, to check all messages sent to @auburn.edu addresses. The software removes infected attachments carrying the SoBig or other viruses and sends the messages on to their destination.

Many campus e-mail users have recently experienced a rash of messages from outside the university, with the messages saying their computers have sent infected messages to other addresses. Usually, the campus e-mail user does not recognize these addresses. Dent said most of the messages are fraudulent and advises campus e-mail users to ignore and delete them.

A popular trick of pranksters is to copy e-mail addresses and use those addresses when sending virus-carrying messages from other computers, Dent said. The practice is widespread and virtually impossible to prevent but it does not pose a threat to the person receiving the reply, he said.

The main threat individual computer users face comes from viruses that bypass the campus network, Dent said. He urges individuals to protect their computers by keeping their virus scanning software current with the latest updates. Even with the campus firewall protections, he said, computer users should remain skeptical of e-mail that is unexpected, looks odd or is unfamiliar, and they should avoid opening attachments that come with those messages.

For more information about protection from computer viruses, visit the Office of Information Technology online at www.auburn.edu/oit .

Group promotes diversity through music

The AU Center for Diversity and Race Relations will sponsor a free concert for students, faculty and staff by the Jewish-folk music group Klingon Klez at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, in Foy Student Union Ballroom. The group is part of a new generation of performers that is adapting traditional ethnic music to the latest musical trends.
Researchers identify link between lack of sleep and poor parenting

Child psychologists have long known that parents’ conflict can be emotionally damaging to their young children. Two Auburn researchers are finding that sleep deprivation is one of the most significant among those consequences, and they say the loss of sleep may be at the root of many other emotional and physiological problems.

Joseph Buckhalt of the Department of Counseling and Counseling Psychology in the College of Education, and Mona El-Sheikh of the Department of Human Development and Family Studies in the College of Human Sciences, have examined the effects of loss of sleep for two years. The husband and wife investigators say loss of sleep causes children to be more irritable, more prone to illness, more depressed and more aggressive, and that it impairs cognitive functions.

“What we have learned through our study is that sleep deprivation may be the leading factor in a multitude of emotional problems suffered by children from high-conflict homes,” Buckhalt said. “Moreover, some children seem to cope better and some worse than others.”

El-Sheikh has examined the effects of home conflict on children since 1988, with an interest in emotion regulation. Buckhalt’s focus has been on cognitive functioning.

“The sleep deprivation component is something new,” Buckhalt said. “It is something that we constructed together from what we had learned through our individual research.”

Jacquelyn Mize of the Department of Human Development and Family Studies also participated in the research.

The team launched their project with support from their departments and colleges and through competitively obtained grants from the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station Foundation and the Office of the Vice President for Research. They also have proposals pending with the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation.

This fall, they will study children ages 8-12 from some 80 families in four East Alabama school districts. Their objective is to develop intervention measures for helping children to better manage the negative effects of home conflict.

“We have seen that some children from high-conflict homes are able to more successfully manage than others,” El-Sheikh said. “Those children seem to be able to self-soothe, and we hope that by focusing our study on this, we may be able to develop intervention techniques that could be used to help children from such environments to better regulate their emotions.”

While the researchers’ interest is in learning how sleep deprivation caused by home conflict and its associated effects might be mitigated, they say that not all home conflict is harmful.

“It is good for children to see their parents resolve conflict,” El-Sheikh said. “This helps children learn conflict management. What can be harmful is when home conflict is an ongoing occurrence and the child never sees it resolved in a peaceful manner.”

The researchers say many areas need to be explored. Those areas include the effects of home conflict on sleep, other problems associated with sleep deprivation and factors that enable some children to manage the effects of home conflict better than others. Buckhalt said better understanding of the problems could lead to new methods of prevention and treatment.

New hub

Tiger Transit recently inaugurated the university’s new transportation hub south of Haley Center. Nearing completion, the facility provides a refreshment stand and shelter for bus riders. The building will also house the central dispatcher for buses serving campus.

Mechanical engineering society tabs

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers recently named Sushil H. Bhavnani of the AU Mechanical Engineering faculty as an ASME Fellow, the society’s highest elected grade of membership.

Bhavnani, an Auburn faculty member since 1987, was co-recipient in 1999 of ASME’s Curriculum Innovation Award for an internet-delivered course on thermal management of electronics.

He also has authored 65 refereed conference and journal publications and is associate editor of a professional journal.

AU’s Prorok appears on CNN show

Barton Prorok, an assistant professor in AU’s Department of Mechanical Engineering and researcher in the Detection and Food Safety Center, appeared live on the Hotwired segment of CNN Headline News Tonight on Aug. 26.

Prorok discussed the center’s development of sensors that monitor foods to assure proper temperature and detect biological or chemical contaminants.