AU United Way campaign seeks $125,000 goal by Thanksgiving

The United Way campaign for 2003 is under way at AU with a goal of $125,000 to assist more than 30 charities and social service organizations in East Alabama. Susie Hall, executive assistant in the Office of Administrative Services, heads the campaign. The AU campaign began in September and is part of the Lee County United Way campaign, which has a goal of $865,000.

Over the past three weeks, volunteers have distributed pledge cards and information packets to faculty and staff throughout campus. By Oct. 1, the campus campaign was nearing the midpoint of its goal with more than $57,000 in pledges.

Hall said the campaign can reach its goal by Thanksgiving if contributions continue at the current rate. However, she added, the campaign will continue into December if necessary to reach the goal.

The campus campaign is organized around leadership teams that reach out to all colleges, schools and other units at AU. Hall said the campaign asks all faculty and staff to support the local effort.

United Way contributions are important to the local community because most of the money goes to support the work of local charities and social service organizations, Hall said.

Of the money raised locally, more than 90 percent remains in the local area for services and financial assistance to the needy, the disabled, youth groups, sick or injured persons and others with special needs.

Donor support reaches these groups and individuals through such organizations as the East Alabama Food Bank, East Alabama Services for the Elderly, Hospice of East Alabama Medical Center, local operations of the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army and more than two dozen other local charities and organizations.

Celebrating a museum
Auburn University opened its new Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art to the public Friday following two evenings of celebrations honoring members and donors. For more pictures, see page 3.
China province presents award to Guthrie for work at Hubei

The Hubei province of the People’s Republic of China has presented Auburn University College of Agriculture Associate Dean Richard Guthrie its prestigious 2003 Chime Bell Award.

For his work with the Chime Bell Award, Chinese officials said the award recognizes the mutually beneficial research, education and outreach partnership Guthrie has established between AU and the Hubei Academy of Agricultural Sciences over the past 15 years.

Hubei Governor Luo Qinquan awarded Guthrie the honor during a Sept. 29 ceremony in Wuhan, the capital city of Huiban. The ceremony was part of a weeklong national celebration of the People’s Republic of China’s 54th anniversary.

Guthrie, a soil scientist who received his bache- lor’s and master’s degrees from Auburn and his doctorate from Cornell University in the 1980s, joined the faculty at Auburn in 1983 as an agronomy and soils professor and department head. He served as acting dean of the College of Agriculture from 1985 until 1988, when he moved to his current position.

As coordinator of the college’s Office of Interna- tional Agriculture, Guthrie has emphasized the importance of bringing global perspectives and experiences to AU students and faculty and connecting the citizens of Alabama with people and institutions around the world.

The AU connection with the Hubei agricultural school has resulted in the exchange of valuable ideas, science and technology. As a recent example of the partnership, the academy sent the AU Horti- culture Department 18 varieties of winter-hardy citrus fruits and 100 ornamental plants that are native to China for research to determine whether these plants can be grown in Alabama.

Hubei gives the Chime Bell Award each year to individuals from other countries who have made exceptional contributions to and improved the lives of the people of Hubei. The award is named for Hubei’s most prized artifact: a 2,400-year-old, 5000-pound set of 65 bronze bells unearthed in the Hubei’s most prized artifact: a 2,400-year-old, 5000-pound set of 65 bronze bells unearthed in the Puci area of the People’s Republic of China.

Animal athletes get high-tech therapy

At Auburn’s College of Veterinary Medicine, orthopedic rehabilitation programs for animals often use the same equipment and principles that are applied to humans.

The physical rehabilitation facility is similar to a human physical therapy unit. Ultrasound, e-stim, whirlpools and other devices help restore animals’ normal movement and minimize discomfort.

“Physical therapy has proven its effectiveness in humans over the past two to three decades,” said Rex Montgomery, professor of orthopedic surgery. “Now we are also able to help man’s best friend with physical rehab.”

One unique piece of equipment at the facility is an animal motion analysis unit. The water supports a major- ity of the dog’s weight, allowing it to walk and rebuild muscles in greater comfort.

“Expected some benefit, but have been surprised how much a couple of weeks of physical rehab speeds recovery,” said Montgomery. “For some dogs, it makes an incredible difference in how well they ultimately recover from their injuries.”

Top priority for Montgomery is to teach veterinarians and veterinary students how to do physical rehabilitation.

“We are glad to treat dogs here, but if veterinari- ans in communities around the state could become familiar with techniques and treatments to do physical rehab then many more dogs can be helped,” he said. “A two-day program is available where we teach veterinarians how to do physical rehab, and there is corporate funding for the first 25 veterinarians who attend.”

Athletic animals also get back in shape through sports medicine. AU’s Metcalf Veterinary Sports Medicine Program, directed by Dorothy Metcalf of Oxford, Md., is designed for sporting dogs and horses.

Canine athletes include pointers, retrievers, rac- ing dogs, steed and search-and-rescue dogs. Sports that involve horses include racing, cross- country and competitive riding.

“We know when a human suffers an injury because he will mention the pain, but an animal is quiet and will keep from showing pain,” said Direc- tor Robert Gillette.

One way Gillette detects injuries is through motion analysis. He places reflective markers on the animal and digitally records the animal’s walking or running. A computer then compares the motion with normal movement.

Gillette said he hopes to add a lameness diagnos- tic service where veterinarians or individuals could videophone horses and then send their tapes to the laboratory for diagnostic evaluations.

“Sports medicine directly benefits athletic dogs and horses and, in turn, provides benefits to pets and farm animals that have the same types of injuries,” Gillette added.

United Nations Population Laureate to speak at Auburn

Werner Fornos, the 2003 United Nations Population Laureate, will speak Oct. 15 at 4:30 p.m. at Dixon Confer- ence Center.

Fornos, president of the Washington-based Population Institute, will discuss the impact of population pressures on industrialized and developing countries and the global environ- ment.

Fornos was recently honored as the winner of the 2003 U.N. Popula- tion Award in a ceremo- ny at the United Nations in New York City. The award committee selected Fornos in recogni- tion of his out- standing contribution to the awareness of popu- lation growth, said Tho- rayaa Obaid, secretary of the award committee and executive director of the U.N. Population Fund.

Fornos’ award was in the individual category.

Since 1982, Fornos has served as president of the Population Institute, a nonprofit organization with members in every U.S. county and 172 countries. The institute promotes U.S. and interna- tional support for vol- untary family planning.

The institute seeks a more equitable balance among the world’s pop- ulation and the environ- ment and natural re- sources.

AU Libraries Book Club to discuss “Fast Food Nation”

Two groups of the AU Libraries Book Club will meet Oct. 27 to discuss “Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All- American Meal” by Eric Schlosser.

Discussion groups meet at 11:45 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the systems classroom on the first floor of Draughon Li- brary. Discussions are open to anyone who has read the book, and any- one interested in the topic.

In “Fast Food Na- tion,” which is on The New York Times best- sellers list, the author documents the rise of the American fast food industry and ties it to issues such as obesity, classiness and environ- mental devastation.

Schlosser uses a jour- nalist’s style to raise questions about the practices and the food used by fast food and restaur- ant chains.

Literary critics have compared the book to muckraking classics of the early 20th century such as “The Jungle,” which led to federal reg- ulation of the meat-pack- ing industry.

“Fast Food Nation” is available for purchase from the University Bookstore for 15 percent off the cover price. For more information, contact Stephanie Morgan at 844-1714 or e-mail at stephanie@auburn.edu.

Museum opening

The Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art is open to the public, following three days of celebrations last week. Members, donors and guests celebrate- ed the opening with dinners, tours and activities concluding with a grand-opening ceremony on Friday. The ice sculpture at right was one of the special touches at a Wednesday dinner for members. Museum hours and information are online at www.julecollinssmithmuseum.com

Wit wins award for outstanding academic advising administrator

AU College of Sciences and Mathematics Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Larry Wit was recent- ly named an Outstanding Advising Award winner by a national organization.

Wit was one of only six administra- tors nationwide to receive the Outstanding Advising Award during the 2003 National Academic Advising Association’s National Awards Program in Texas. He won in the academic advising administra- tor category.

“I am grateful for this award,” Wit said. “I have had the ideal climate for this to happen, and I say ideal because I have had the unabashed support of Dean Stewart Schneller, the tireless efforts of the advising staff and the superb COSAM students with whom we work. Although I received the award, it is really an award for COSAM.

NACADA is a non-profit organization that pro- motes quality academic advising and professional development of its membership to ensure the educa- tional development of students. The organization, consisting of more than 6,700 members, presents the advising award each year to honor individuals who make significant contributions to the improvement of academic advising.

Wit is an advocate for advising, advisors and stu- dents in every possible way, said Beth Yarbrough, a student advisor administrator at the college. "Dr. Wit has a personal, as well as professional commit- ment to each student and employee at Auburn. That personal concern is one of his greatest strengths and is the foundation of his achievement," she said.

The associate dean has given untiring, unselfish and creative leadership not just by directing others in advising, but also advising students himself, Schneller said.

“Dr. Wit is a one-of-a-kind, special and highly respected administrator who has been a leader in advising on our campus and is particularly deserving of the award,” he said.

After graduating from the University of Missouri with a doctorate in zoology, Wit joined the Auburn University faculty in 1976 as an assistant professor. He was promoted to associate professor in 1982 and to full professor in 1988 in the Department of Biological Sciences.

“Dr. Wit is a wonderful leader and administrator. He is also a great teacher and an honest and forth- coming advisor,” said Auburn alumnus Brian Brun- son. "The first thing that comes to my mind, though, before all these, is that he is a true friend to his stu- dents. The concern and care he has for COSAM’s students is undeniable,” Brunson added.
Women faculty study leadership at summer higher-ed institute

Middleton, who is also an associate professor in the Department of Counseling and Counseling Psychology, recommended the institute to Department Head Holly Stadler, who attended in 2002. Following their example, Myers attended the institute last summer.

“I have always tried to maintain a broad perspective toward higher education, but there are a lot of things, such as finance and development, that I am not exposed to on a daily basis,” said Stadler. “The institute provided exposure to those fields and more from people who work in high levels in those areas every day.”

Stadler drew upon knowledge gained in the sessions and relationships there as she prepared a development proposal several months after returning from the 2002 institute. “I had not prepared a proposal quite like that before, but I felt confident working on it,” she said.

Myers, AU’s representative this year, is director of social work programs in the College of Liberal Arts, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Criminology/Criminal Justice and Social Work. “I found out about the summer institute from Renee and Holly Stadler,” she said. “I thought the summer institute would help me in my work as chair-elect, especially with issues on campus, and it is already doing so.”

Myers said she was surprised by both the intensity of the sessions and the breadth of the material. “I certainly expanded my vision, and it provided me with resources and associations that I didn’t have before,” she said.

Information about the Summer Institute for Women in Higher Education is online at www.brynmaw.edu/summerinstitute. Contact the Office of the Provost for sponsorship information or to apply for the 2004 session.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, October 8

• Theatre Discussion: “Full Frontal, Carson McCullers, Ethel Waters and the Broadway Production of ‘The Member of the Wedding,’” 6 p.m., Jan Dempsey Center for the Arts, 222 Drake Ave.

• AU Theatre: “The Member of the Wedding,” 7:30 p.m., Jan Dempsey Center for the Arts. Also Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Thursday, October 9

• Interactive Telecast: “Got Sustainability? Plan for it,” sustainability issues in agriculture, economic development and land use, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Dixon Conference Center. Sponsored by AU Sustainability Task Force.

Friday, October 10

• Mid-semester.

Monday, October 13

• Next AU Report.

Tuesday, October 14

• Public Lecture: “Gaining People, Losing Ground,” Werner Fornos, president of the Population Institute in Washington, 4:30 p.m., Dixon Conference Center. Sponsored by the colleges of Human Sciences and Architecture, Design and Construction.

Thursday, October 16

• Alabama Humanities Foundation Speaker: Jeff Frederick, “Old Fashioned Power Politics: George Wallace in Alabama, 1963-72,” 3 p.m., Archives and Special Collections Section, Draughon Library.

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Online voting would replace absentee voting in which faculty who have classes or are occupied with university business at the meeting time must submit a written request with justification to the Senate secretary at least 10 days before the election. Propos- itions of online voting called the absentee process cumbersome and a barrier to faculty participation in elections.

Opponents of online voting argued that it would further reduce attendance at the spring faculty meetings, which may not significantly increase the number of votes cast in the election.

Pending administration and board approval, curricula and information technology will work with the Office of Information Technology to develop a secure online voting program in time for the next election.

Sullenger said a program tested well in an online poll to measure faculty priorities last spring. Most faculty participants with auburn.edu electronic mail addresses were able to vote without a problem, but those on some college file-servers had to take extra steps that made voting more difficult, she said. Sul- lenger said the problem should be resolved in time for a vote on faculty officers next spring.

With online voting, faculty will no longer be able to nominate candidates for faculty office from the floor at the spring meeting. Instead, a committee will recommend nominees at least 21 days before the election, and individuals may submit other nom- inations to the Senate’s Executive Committee with a petition bearing the names of at least 10 faculty members at least 14 days before the election.

If no candidate receives a majority vote, the Uni- versity Faculty will hold a runoff over the next five days and announce the winner on the sixth day fol- lowing the spring meeting.
Welcome Week
New and returning students signed up and participated in a variety of activities for Welcome Week earlier this semester. The Division of Student Affairs organized the week of activities to ease the transition of new students to the Auburn campus.

Week of activities
Student Affairs launches program to introduce new students to AU
To ease the transition to campus life for new students this fall, Auburn’s Student Affairs Division initiated a weeklong series of activities designed to bring new and old students together.

The Welcome Week program, which had a “Tiger Tracks” theme, included events ranging from ice cream socials and comedians to student-organized workshops throughout the week of activities to introduce new students to AU.

“This is a great time on the campus of any college or university.”
- Wes Williams

Birmingham agencies, AU unit create new center
The AU Center for Architecture and Urban Studies in Birmingham, Alabama, was recently recognized by the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham and the Regional 2020 planning organization to create the Center for Regional Planning and Design in Birmingham.

Organizers say the new center, which is in the historic Young & Vann store building in downtown Birmingham, will be a resource center for people who want to build better communities. The building also houses offices for the center’s three founding organizations.

“The vision is to create a working environment that is collaborative, and in order to do that, you need to make it cost effective.”
- W.C. Bowden

Jill Healey named to board of vet association
Jill Healey of the AU College of Veterinary Medicine was recently named to the board of directors of the Association of Avian Veterinarians.

She will also chair the scholarship program for the international association, which has more than 3,300 members from 43 countries.

“For example, you may have cases where the legitimate researchers determine that some herbal supplement appears to improve eyesight — findings that supplement manufacturers may have cases where their findings in peer-reviewed journals of specialty. Some scientists have begun publishing their own journals. Some even offer grant money to legitimate researchers, but with the broad scope of interests, says Robert Keith, a professor of nutrition and food science in the College of Human Sciences.

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“We have scientists in universities and clinical settings employing rigorous research methods. But, generally speaking, the supplement industry does not employ these kinds of methods. Their research not only is lacking in rigor and high standards but is seldom published in peer-reviewed, refereed journals.

On the other hand, industry-related research findings associated with supplements may occasionally turn up in abstracts presented at professional meetings — findings that supplement marketers then pass off as published research, Keith said.

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Panel to discuss issues in play

The AU Department of Theatre will present the panel discussion preceding Thursday’s presentation of the Carson McCullers play “The Member of the Wedding.”

The play, which started last week, runs Wednesday through Saturday at the Jan Demsey Center for the Arts at 222 East Drake Avenue, with all performances at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday’s panel discussion at 6 p.m. is “Full Frontal: Carson McCullers, Ethel Waters and the Broadway Production of ‘The Member of the Wedding.’”

Participants in the panel discussion include Penelope Ingram of the AU Department of English, Dyann Robinson, emeritus professor of theatre at AU, and Daydrie Hague, the play’s director. Ingram will discuss McCullers’ treatment of race, gender and “otherness.”

Robinson will examine the ground-breaking career of African-American actress Ethel Waters, who starred in the original Broadway production of “Wedding” in 1950. Hague, a member of the AU Theatre faculty, will speak on the troubled efforts of McCullers, a native of Columbus, Ga., to convert her acclaimed novel into a Broadway play.

The Jan Dempsey Center for the Arts is located behind the Frank Brown Recreation Center on Opelika Road.

For tickets to “The Member of the Wedding,” contact the AU Theatre Box Office at 844-4154.

Institute at AU accepting grant proposals for water resources research from faculties across Alabama

The Alabama Water Resources Research Institute at AU is accepting research proposals for its 2004 State Water Resources Competitive Grants Program.

Research faculty from all public and private colleges and universities in Alabama are eligible to submit proposals. Deadline for submissions is Nov. 21.

The grants program is funded through the U.S. Geological Survey. One-year grants of up to $25,000 each are available for proposals that show the most potential for addressing quality, supply and management problems facing Alabama’s ground- and surface water resources.

Information and guidelines for submitting proposals are available on the Web at www.auwri.org, or from Dennis Block at 844-5075 or by e-mail at blockdh@auburn.edu.

The AU Environmental Institute administers the Water Resources Research Institute. The AWRRRI, operating under the federal Water Resources Research Act of 1964, encourages and supports research by scientists at Alabama colleges and universities on water problems of the state and region.

Barkley named director of marketing services at AU

Camille Barkley has joined AU’s Office of Communications and Marketing as director of marketing services.

Barkley, a 12-year veteran of magazine and book publishing in New York, will be responsible for coordinating AU’s institutional marketing strategies.

“The talents in these areas will be of significant help as she chairs the university’s Integrated Marketing Committee, which will be convened in coming weeks,”said John Hachtel, AU’s assistant vice president for communications and marketing. “Her expertise on finding novel ways to engage Auburn’s many constituencies.”

Barkley holds an M.B.A with concentrations in marketing and entrepreneurship, from Wake Forest University.

Her career posts include eight years in marketing and promotions at Random House and Simon & Schuster publishing houses.