AU Pharmacy School to have branch at USA

Auburn’s Harrison School of Pharmacy will soon offer doctor of pharmacy degrees at the University of South Alabama in Mobile under an agreement signed last week by AU President Ed Richardson and USA President Gordon Moulton.

Classes are projected to start in fall 2007. Graduates of the pharmacy program in Mobile will receive a degree from the Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy at the University of South Alabama.

Richardson said the agreement enables the two institutions to work together to improve pharmacy care in the southern part of the state while making efficient use of state funds.

“Pharmacy students will receive the same high-quality education in Mobile as at Auburn, and residents of Mobile will soon see an increase in the number of well-educated, highly competent pharmacy graduates serving all of South Alabama,” Richardson added.

“The University of South Alabama is pleased that, through this cooperative program, we will be able to work with Auburn University to address

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Alabama restaurant hospitality associations honor two from AU

Susan Hubbard of AU’s College of Human Sciences and Hans van der Reijden of The Hotel at Auburn University won awards in November from the Alabama Restaurant Association and the Alabama Hospitality Association.

Hubbard, associate dean for academic affairs in Human Sciences, won the award for Hospitality Educator of the Year, while Van der Reijden, general manager of the AU Hotel, is Hotelier of the Year.

Hubbard helped develop AU’s undergraduate curriculum in hotel and restaurant management and the college’s master’s degree program in nutrition and food science, with an emphasis on distance education in hotel and restaurant management. Her previous honors include the AU Alumni Teaching Excellence Award, Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers and AU Panhellenic Council Outstanding Professor.

“She is the perfect example of an educator who goes above and beyond normal teaching responsibilities,” said Carol Dillard, who nominated Hubbard for the award.

Since 2003, AU has been an academic partner in hotel and restaurant management with West Paces Hotel Group, which operates The Hotel at Auburn University. In the college, Van der Reijden teaches classes in hotel and restaurant management.

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City’s 150th
Founded 20 years before Auburn University, the city of Auburn celebrated its sesquicentennial in 1986. One of the highlights of the year was a 150th birthday celebration at Toomer’s Corner, across from campus.

Part of larger upgrade
AU gets grant for airport entrance

AU has received a state grant of $946,000 to help finance construction of a new entrance road to the university’s Auburn-Opeikola Robert G. Pitts Airport.

The road will allow direct access to the airport’s planned new terminal building from Interstate 85, Glenn Avenue and Frederick Road. In addition to a new, modern terminal, the airport improvement project includes new aircraft hangars, taxiways and parking aprons. Site work for the new terminal will begin before the end of the year, and work on the new access road will start next spring.

“The upgrading the airport complements the region more attractive for industry and provides better facilities for the community and the university,” said AU President Ed Richardson, who thanked Rep. Mike Hubbard of Auburn for his assistance in securing the grant.

“Representative Hubbard has once again demonstrated his commitment to Auburn University,” he said. Hubbard, who previously helped secure $1 million for improvements at the airport said the facility is increasingly important to East Alabama. “The Auburn-Opeikola Airport is an economic engine for Lee County,” he said. “Funding for the new access road represents a wise investment in jobs and opportunity in East Alabama.”

Sesquicentennial Scene
Images from AU’s first 150 years

Auburn University was founded on Nov. 1, 1856. AU celebrated its sesquicentennial in 2006 with a yearlong series of events, activities, special lectures, classes, exhibitions, publications and other events that highlighted the history of Auburn University.

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A dmission to the Harrison School of Pharmacy program.

“Harris has done a tremendous job over the past three years to raise the service level of our property, and with that changed the perception of The Hotel at Auburn University,” said nominator Jorg Wesche, rooms executive at The Hotel at Auburn University. “He has expanded his relationships with the university and has driven our close cooperation with Auburn.”

Bioterrorism expert to speak

A n international medical authority on scientific responses to bioterrorism will speak Wednesday at the AU College of Veterinary Medicine as part of the Joy Goodwin Lecture Series.

Konrad Sachse of Germany’s Federal Research Institute for Animal Health will speak at 1 p.m. in Greene 121 on “Diagnosis and Epidemiology of Bacterial Zoonoses — A European Perspective in Times of Bioterrorism Threat.” A zoonose is a disease that humans may acquire from animals.

In some cases, AU pharmacy faculty will teach USA medical students and USA medical faculty will teach AU pharmacy students. USA will extend clinical pharmacy appointments to AU pharmacy faculty involved in education programs for student physicians, medical residents and other health care professionals. AU, in turn, will extend affiliate faculty appointments to USA faculty who participate in the Harrison School of Pharmacy program.

Lee Evans, dean of AU’s Harrison School of Pharmacy, said the agreement provides a flexible and cost-effective way to address the nationwide shortage of pharmacists. “The quickest and most cost-effective way to meet the shortage of pharmacists is for an established, accredited pharmacy school to establish a school that has an accredited medical program,” Evans said.

“The program will be identical to our program at Auburn, it will be taught by Auburn faculty, and we expect to teach the first students in the program next fall,” he added.

The impact of the AU pharmacy program at USA will be felt in the Mobile region, Evans said. “We are going to move quickly to help reduce the shortage of well-trained pharmacists, not just in the Mobile area, but all along the Gulf Coast, from the Florida Panhandle to the Biloxi area and beyond.”

Upcoming Events

This Week

ART EXHIBITIONS
Department of Art senior projects, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Biggin Gallery; through Friday

PERFORMANCE
AU Concert Choir, 7:30 p.m., Telfair Peet Theatre

Wednesday, December 6

GOOD LECTURE
Konrad Sachse of Germany’s Federal Research Institute for Animal Health, “Diagnosis and Epidemiology of Bacterial Zoonoses — A European Perspective in Times of Bioterrorism Threat,” 1 p.m.

PERFORMANCE
AU Jazz Band and Steel Drum Band, 7:30 p.m., Telfair Peet Theatre

Thursday, December 7

SEESUQICENTENNIAL LECTURE
“The President’s Home and Auburn’s First Ladies,” AU First Lady Neil Richardson, 2 p.m., Special Collections, Draughon Library; afterward, tours of President’s Home; transportation available

Monday, December 11

FINAL
AU Report of fall semester

Friday, December 15

GRADUATION
2 p.m., Coleman

Friday, December 22

HOLIDAYS
AU Offices closed for Christmas, New Year’s and other holidays

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Wednesday, January 3

OFFICES REOPEN
AU normal business schedule

Monday, January 8

First Day of classes for spring semester

Music Professor William C. Powell in AU’s College of Liberal Arts will be guest conductor this month for the 2006 Candlelight Procesional at Walt Disney World.

Powell will conduct a mass choir joined by a 50-piece orchestra and celebrity narrator Cuba Gooding Jr. to tell the story of Christmas.

He will conduct Candlelight Procesional performances on the evenings of Dec. 21-23. The Candlelight Procesional occurs each evening from Nov. 24-Dec. 24. In addition to Powell and Gooding, other guest conductors and celebrity narrators will be featured throughout the run of the event.

Rick Maxwell, music director for Walt Disney Entertainment, invited Powell to serve as one of the guest conductors for the 2006 Candlelight Procesional.

Muzell first consulted with Bob Radozek of Disney Youth Group Programs, who engaged Powell as a choral adjudicator for the 2006 Disney Homes Music Festival in April at Walt Disney World. At AU, Powell conducts the Concert Choir and Gospel Choir, and he teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in conducting, choral techniques and choral arranging.

Last spring, in addition to the April event at Disney World, he was featured in a debut conducting engagement, he led the 80-voice Northern Symphony Orchestra and a mass choir of singers from around the country, including students from Auburn, in a performance of music from Mozart and Haydn at Carnegie Hall in New York City.
Profiles in Excellence

Award-winning professor keeps history relevant for new generation of students

Career paths are seldom known in the ninth grade, but Joseph Kicklighter determined his future profession while tutoring Latin to fellow high school students. One thing he garnered from the sessions was that he “got the teaching bug pretty young and never really wanted to do anything else.”

After that start, the classically trained Georgia native never looked back. For most of a career spanning more than three decades, Kicklighter has been teaching history as a professor at Auburn, where he was honored this year as one of the university’s best teachers.

“I try to connect history to their lives.... With each generation come new things to teach.”
Joseph Kicklighter

Kicklighter at awards ceremony in September

Graduates regularly cite Kicklighter as one of their most memorable professors. For instance, in a recent letter, 1990 AU graduates Tripp Haston and Tad Lidykay wrote: “Over the past 30 years, Dr. Joseph Kicklighter has played a big role in why so many students consider Auburn University to be such a special place. Whether you developed an appreciation for history and learning in one of Joe’s legendary History 101 classes, got to know the humorous and selfless Joe during his involvement with numerous honor societies and student organizations, or you set two alarms so you wouldn’t miss the excitement of Dr. Kicklighter’s Greco-Roman or Medieval History classes, a smile surely must come to your face when you look back on your association with ‘Dr. K.’”

Kicklighter received his bachelor’s degree from the University of the South, and his master’s and Ph.D. degrees from Emory University. Beyond the classroom, he has written on medieval Anglo-French relations in Annales du Midi and the Journal of Medieval History. His current research interest focuses on Anglo-Papal relations in the 13th and 14th centuries, when the Anglican Church displaced the Catholic Church in England.

Among various awards for teaching and advising student organizations, he is a four-time recipient of the Student Government Association’s Award for Outstanding Professor. Over the years he has been the faculty adviser of numerous honor societies and other student organizations.

Vietnam and Watergate. Now, we are studying world religions, the history of Arabia, and the Middle East since World War I.”

Kicklighter has been teaching at Auburn since 1975, when the university enrollment was 16,000 students. Along with advising all undergraduate history majors and teaching world history in AU’s core curriculum, he teaches upper-level courses in Greco-Roman, Medieval and English history.

To help students understand the past, he often applies modern technology. “I love PowerPoint because this is a visual generation that has dealt with more pictures than words, so I like to illustrate history,” he said. “Today they depend more on television and other formats for news, and they have traveled more and will say, ‘I have seen that.’ Of course, I want to turn them into adults who will want to read about history.”

His current students are often the offspring of past students, who call him to request that their children be enrolled in his class. “It’s always wonderful when former students come back to visit,” he said. “I keep up with many of them, and sometimes we have reunions. When I started at Auburn, we would have a big group of students in my office, just chatting. I was new, and so were they.”

Alumni and friends of the History Department have established the Joseph A. Kicklighter Endowed Professorship in History to honor and preserve the legacy of this professor who has inspired thousands of Auburn students.

AU library extends hours for fall finals

Student Engagement; activities include committees, orientation, student life, etc.
* Averages from 2006 National Survey of Student Engagement; activities include committees, orientation, student life, etc.
Source: Institutional Research and Assessment