

### Teaching awards

President Jay Gogue, left, and Debbie Shaw, right, vice president for alumni affairs, congratulate recipients of the Auburn Alumni Association's 2007 Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Awards. Recipients, starting at second from left, are Mark Byrne of Chemical Engineering, Elizabeth Brestan Knight of Psychology and Phillip Zenor of Mathematics and Statistics.



## Education has sharp rise in scholarship aid

The AU College of Education recently awarded 118 undergraduate and graduate scholarships and assistantships totaling more than \$210,000 for the 2007-08 academic year, an increase of more than \$60,000 from last year.

The funding includes four new scholarships and assistantships awarded this year: The Alabama FFA Officers Alumni Association Annual Scholarship; Sandra Bridges Newkirk Endowed Scholarship; Harold and Shirley Patterson Annual Scholarship; Continuous Improvement Graduate Assistantship and the G. Dennis Wilson Endowed Graduate Award.

Dean Fran Kochan said the presentation ceremony, held annually since 2002, is as much about recognizing the investment in education made by donors as it is about the achievements of the students. "Identifying and assisting so many deserving students is paramount for our college," said Kochan, "and is made possible by the generosity of donors. We are delighted to honor those who have helped create an enduring legacy through the support of these student awards."

## Carter biographer to discuss legacy of former president

Frye Gaillard, author of a recently published book on former President Jimmy Carter, will present a public lecture at AU on Wednesday.

Gaillard will discuss his book, "Prophet From Plains: Jimmy Carter and His Legacy," at 3 p.m. in the Special Collections and Archives Department in Draughon Library.

Gaillard, author of more than a dozen books on subjects ranging from civil rights to southern music, first profiled the former president for the Charlotte Observer in the mid-1980s.

Expanding his research to survey Carter's role on the national and global stage in his post-presidency years, the new book interprets the former president's life and work.

David Carter of the Department of History in AU's College of Liberal Arts wrote the book's introduction and will join Gaillard in the presentation.

Student support is one of several major parts of Auburn's "It Begins at Auburn" \$500 million comprehensive campaign.

In addition to awarding record amounts in scholarships for the college this academic year, the College of Education has raised more than \$12 million since October 2001, more than doubling its campaign goal of \$5.75 million.

## Cater Lawn activity to highlight AU recycling program

To celebrate America Recycles Day, the AU Recycling Program will conduct its second "Landfill on the Lawn" event on Cater Lawn from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Thursday.

The event will focus on collecting material for the university's single-stream recycling program. Single-stream recycling means that all recyclables can be mixed in one recycling bin.

Auburn's single-stream recycling program, which started in 2005 with the help of SP Recycling in Atlanta, has collected more than 500 tons of recyclables, saving the university at least \$10,000 in disposal fees.

In addition to collecting recyclables, event organizers will be gathering data for planning purposes and for use in spring semester's Recyclemania Competition.

For more information on the AU Recycling Program, visit the Web site, [www.auburn.edu/recycle](http://www.auburn.edu/recycle) or contact the program by electronic mail at [aureuse@auburn.edu](mailto:aureuse@auburn.edu).



### Casting a spell

In this scene from Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Puck, played by Phillip Beard of the English Department, casts a spell on the First Fairy, played by AU student Natalie McCormick. Presented as a "jukebox musical" with songs from several decades and styles, the AU Theatre comedy continues Tuesday-Friday at Telfair Peet Theatre. For tickets, call 844-4154.

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