



### Employees of Year

President Jay Gogue joined four AU staff members in displaying \$500 checks they received on May 6 as the university's Employees of the Year for 2008. Shown from left are Walter Gould of Information Technology, Rachel Wierenga of the Office of Development, Gogue, Flora Gibson of Building Services and Sylvia Bishop of the Office of the Registrar.

## AUM students to take classes in Auburn facilities in 2008-09

Approximately 100 Auburn University Montgomery students will attend late afternoon and early evening classes at Auburn this fall under a pilot program for prospective transfer students.

Under an Auburn Montgomery program called Seamless Admission, the AUM freshmen will take up to 30 semester hours of coursework this fall and in spring 2009 in Auburn classrooms. AUM faculty will teach most or all of the classes, with an assist from graduate instructors in some AU departments for laboratory sections.

AU Provost John Heilman said the AUM classes would enable Auburn to make more efficient use of facilities that are underutilized in late afternoon and early evening. AUM will reimburse the main campus for costs associated with use of the facilities.

In recent remarks to the AU Senate, Auburn Montgomery Chancellor John Veres said the program will provide an option for students with good high school grades and an ACT average in the 22 to

23 range who did not make the cutoff for admission to AU's freshman class.

Instead of following the common practice of attending a two-year college for a year and transferring into Auburn as sophomores, the select group of AUM students will become acclimated to university-level academic requirements as well as the Auburn campus, he said.

Students may transfer to Auburn from another institution after they have completed 30 hours of academic credit and have at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average. Those students replace some of the approximately 300 AU students annually who do not return for their sophomore year.

The AUM chancellor said the Montgomery campus will benefit financially from the increased enrollment, especially out-of-state students, who pay three times the in-state tuition. The program could benefit the main campus by providing a steady pool of capable transfer students, he said.

## Weaver to lead Program for Students with Disabilities

Provost John Heilman has appointed Sarah Weaver director of AU's Program for Students with Disabilities.

The appointment, effective May 5, followed a search to replace Kelly Haynes who is retiring at the end of May.

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academic duties for one-quarter-time during the two-year trial period.

The search committee will narrow the pool of applicants to a maximum of three persons, who will participate in an open forum, followed by

Weaver, who holds a Ph.D. in psychology from the Illinois Institute of Technology, previously served as director of disability services at the University of Missouri Columbia for 10 years and in a similar position at the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign for seven years.

recommendations to the Executive Committee of the University Senate.

For details about the position and the application process, see the Web site [www.auburn.edu/academic/provost](http://www.auburn.edu/academic/provost).

## Upcoming Events

Monday, May 19

**FIRST** AU Report of summer term; published every two weeks during summer

Thursday, May 22

**FIRST DAY** of summer term (full 10-week semester and mini-semester)

**FARMERS MARKET** The Market at Ag Heritage Park, 3 p.m.-6 p.m., West Samford Avenue across from Athletic Center

Monday, May 26

**HOLIDAY** Memorial Day, offices closed, no classes

Thursday, May 29

**FARMERS MARKET** The Market at Ag Heritage Park, 3 p.m.-6 p.m., West Samford Avenue across from Athletic Center

Monday, June 2

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### Faculty Staff Campaign

Leaders of the Faculty Staff Campaign were guests of honor Thursday at the AU-LSU baseball game. The campaign gained a 58 percent participation rate in faculty and staff financial support for university programs, first among SEC institutions. Shown are 13 members of the leadership team, which included 81 team captains.



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## Four AU faculty members enter new leadership training program

Four AU faculty members have been named Academic Leadership Development Program fellows for the coming academic year by the Office of the Provost under a program developed by the Southeastern Conference Academic Consortium.

They are Kathryn Flynn of the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences, Gary Martin of the College of Education, Bruce Smith of the College of Veterinary Medicine and Paula Sullenger of AU Libraries.

The program is part of an effort by consortium member institutions, including Auburn, to offer training to tenured faculty members who are interested in future administrative positions such as graduate program chair, department head or chair, assistant or associate dean or other administrative positions.

The ALDP fellows will attend two workshops during the 2008-09 academic year. The first will be in October at the University of South Carolina, and the second will be in February at the University of Arkansas.

Flynn, who is Mosley Environmental associate professor in Forestry and Wildlife Sciences, is chair-elect of the University Senate for 2008-09 and will become chair of the senate next March. She served as senate secretary in 2005-06.

Martin, a professor in the Department of Curriculum and Teaching, served in the Office of the President during spring semester as AU's first presidential faculty fellow. In addition to teaching in the College of Education, he directs the TEAM Math teaching enhancement partnership of AU, Tuskegee University and 14 area school districts.

In the College of Veterinary Medicine, Smith is an associate professor in the Department of Pathobiology and scientist in the Scott-Ritche Research Center. Sullenger, head of acquisitions for AU Libraries, is a former secretary of the University Senate.

## Murphy named association's Outstanding Educator

McWhorter School of Building Science Head John Murphy was named Outstanding Educator at the 44th annual Associated Schools of Construction national conference in April.

The award is given annually to a faculty member of a four-year ASC member school, and recognizes the faculty member's contribution to construction education, excellence in teaching, service to the ASC and dedication to the construction profession.

## Faculty gain promotion, tenure

The Office of the Provost has released the names of faculty receiving promotion, tenure or both in 2008. Those faculty members are:

### Tenure

William H. Daniels, Fisheries and Allied Aquacultures; Gobena Huluka, Agronomy and Soils; Song-Yul Choe, Mechanical Engineering; Kevin R. Gue, Industrial and Systems Engineering; Charles Alan Israel, History; Constance K. Smith Hendricks, Nursing; and Margaret K. Keiley, Human Development and Family Studies.

### Associate Professor and Tenure

Wheeler G. Foshee, Horticulture; Omar A. Oyarzabal, Poultry Science; Jeffery S. Terhune, Fisheries and Allied Aquacultures; Norbert L. Wilson, Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology; Mark J. Bertus, Finance; Sheri J. Brock, Kinesiology; Jada Kohlmeier, Curriculum and Teaching; Mark Byrne and Mario R. Eden, Chemical Engineering; Dong-Joo Kim, Materials Engineering; Levent Yilmaz, Computer Science and Software Engineering; Edward F. Loewenstein and Yaoqi Zhang, Forestry and Wildlife Sciences.

Barbara Bondy, Art; Seihill Kim, Communication and Journalism; Guy Rohrbaugh, Philosophy; Carole B. Zugazaga, Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work; Allen L. Landers and Minseo Parks,

Physics; Sang-Jin Suh, Biological Sciences; Jishu Shi, Anatomy, Physiology and Pharmacology; Frederik W. van Ginkel, Pathobiology; and Julie G. Waldrop, Clinical Sciences.

### Librarian III and Tenure

Robert Buchanan, Library, Reference.

### Professor

Diane Hite, Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology; Joseph M. Kemble and J. Raymond Kessler, Horticulture; Cynthia Reed, Educational Foundations, Literature and Technology; David J. Elton, Civil Engineering; Martin A. O'Neill, Nutrition and Food Sciences.

Pamela V. Ulrich, Consumer Affairs; John E. Winn, Communication and Journalism; Ellen N. Behrend, Clinical Sciences; Kenneth Nusbaum, Bruce F. Smith and Vicky L. van Santen, Pathobiology; and David M. Tillson and James G.W. Wenzel, Clinical Sciences.

### Associate Research Professor

Gregory J. Hartwell, Physics.

### Associate Clinical Professor

Embry A. Burrus, Communication Disorders; and Allison M. Chung, and E. Kelly Hester, Pharmacy Practice.

### Clinical Professor

Martha W. Wilson and Elizabeth Zylla-Jones, Communication Disorders.

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### How Auburn Stacks Up

Colleges at Auburn awarding most bachelor's degrees

1986-87	Degrees
Business	764
Engineering	690
Liberal Arts	671
Education	431
Sci & Math	207
2006-07	Degrees
Liberal Arts	985
Business	866
Engineering	417
Education	402
Sci & Math	347

Source: *Institutional Research and Assessment*

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FOR THE FACULTY AND STAFF OF AUBURN UNIVERSITY

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## Auburn launches search for first ombudsperson

The Office of the Provost is accepting applications from tenured professors at Auburn for the new position of university ombudsperson.

The three-quarter-time position will be for a trial period of two years, starting fall semester. A search committee will begin reviewing applications on June 2.

The position was recommended by the University Senate to provide someone to help faculty and staff with conflict resolution. According to the job description, the ombudsperson's duties will include "serving as an advocate for fairness and providing impartial and confidential advice, information, intervention, mediation and referrals to ensure that employees receive fair and equitable treatment..."

The ombudsperson will report to the Executive Committee of the Senate, including the provost.

For consideration, a candidate must be a tenured full professor or retired faculty member. The person selected will continue to perform his or her regular

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### Family Fun Day

The inflatable slide was one of the most popular entertainment sites for children of faculty and staff at AU's 12th annual Family Fun Day on Wednesday. The festival at the President's Home drew hundreds of families for the annual celebration of the conclusion of another successful academic year. More Family Fun Day pictures are on page 4.

## Trustee nomination goes to last day of session

The Alabama Legislature was heading into the final day of its 2008 session on Monday with the nomination of a new member for the AU Board of Trustees among numerous items awaiting consideration.

Raymond J. Harbert from Birmingham was nominated on May 2 by the Auburn University Trustee Selection Committee to fill an at-large position on the AU Board of Trustees.

If confirmed by the Alabama Senate on Monday, Harbert will join the board immediately and participate at its next meeting. If not, the appointment will remain on hold until the next legislative session.

The committee nominated Harbert to replace Earlon McWhorter from Anniston, a trustee since

2001. McWhorter, a former president pro tempore of the board, completed his term at the end of 2007, but members may serve for up to one year pending Senate confirmation of a successor.

Harbert is chairman and chief executive officer of Harbert Management Corp. He graduated from AU in 1982 with a degree in industrial management. In addition to his business interests, Harbert serves on the board of directors of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra and the Children's Hospital of Alabama.

The Birmingham-based international business leader has long family ties to Auburn, and Engineering's Harbert Center is named for his father, John M. Harbert III.