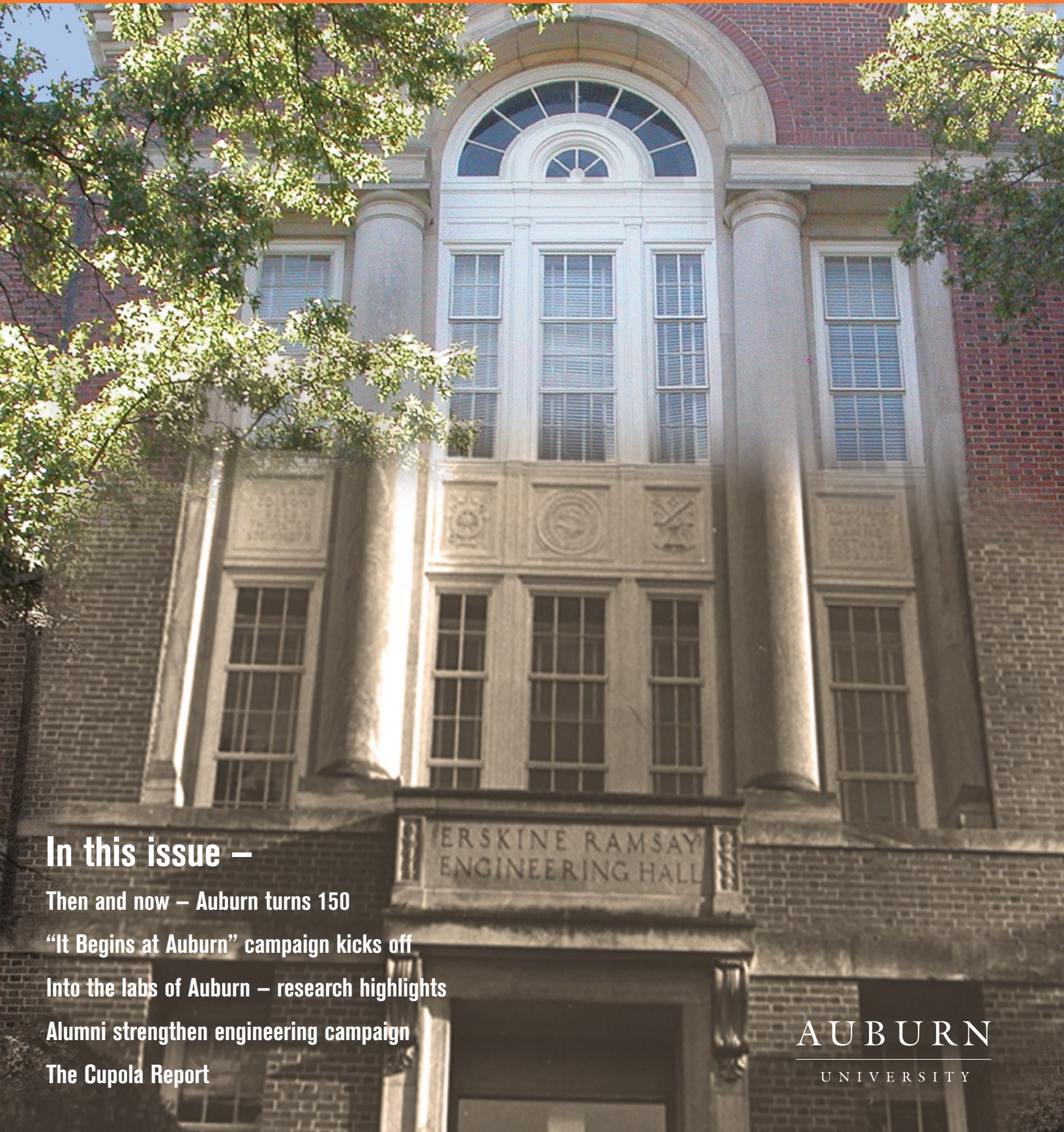


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On February 1, Auburn University kicked off a year-long celebration of its sesquicentennial with three special parties – a formal founder’s day ceremony, a kick-off gala for the “It Begins at Auburn” campaign, and an AU birthday bash and city block party that included a historical walking tour of campus, carnival games, music, displays, fireworks and the rolling of Toomer’s Corner.

“We were very pleased with the turnout for all off the founder’s week events,” says Deedie Dowdle, co-chairman of the sesquicentennial committee that is comprised of representatives from around the campus. “Although the weather was cold and blustery, the community turned out in force for the block party. The historical tour was so popular we hope to do it again later in the year.”

Chartered in 1856, the university opened in 1859 and became affiliated with the Methodist Church. Over the years, the institution has had four official names: East Alabama Male College (1856-72), Agricultural and Mechanical College of Alabama (1872-99), Alabama Polytechnic Institute (1889-1960), and since 1960, Auburn University.

Accounts since the 19th century show that, regardless of the official name, the state’s land-grant university has always been known as “Auburn,” a name taken by the Lee County community from the line in Oliver Goldsmith’s poem “The Deserted Village”: “Sweet Auburn, loveliest village of the plain.”

During the past 150 years, Auburn University has grown to be one of the top universities in the country and the City of Auburn a vibrant, fast-growing community. According to Dowdle, the sesquicentennial committee has developed a



AUBURN UNIVERSITY

CELEBRATES 150 YEARS

long list of events to celebrate the sesquicentennial, including the year-long lecture series “Auburn Through the Years” commemorating the university’s storied history. Held in the Special Collections section of the Ralph B. Draughon Library, the series is an opportunity for alumni and friends to share memories about the state’s largest and eldest land-grant institution.

To learn more about Auburn’s history, upcoming lectures and the many other special events planned in celebrating Auburn’s achievements in academics, research and outreach, please visit www.auburn.edu/communications_marketing/150.

It Begins at Auburn

On February 3, Auburn University publicly launched the largest fundraising effort in school history with the announcement of the \$500 million “It Begins at Auburn” campaign and the announcement that Auburn has already raised \$332.4 million, or 66 percent, of its campaign goal.

“As we look back during this Sesquicentennial year on all we have accomplished, it seems fitting to also look toward the future with this campaign,” says Ed Richardson, interim president. “With the momentum we have from last year’s record fundraising year and the enthusiasm of alumni, faculty and staff, I expect this campaign to be a tremendous success.”

The campaign encompasses all colleges and schools on campus as well as the library, athletics, Auburn University at Montgomery and the fine arts museum. Endowments for students, faculty, programs and unrestricted dollars

make up 58 percent of the campaign goal.

Benefiting the university community in perpetuity, endowment gifts are invested to generate a steady stream of income for purposes including professorships, scholarships, fellowships, lectureships and book funds. Donors may also create unrestricted endowments, which produce resources that can be used where the need is greatest.

“Endowments are vital to the future of any university,” says Samuel Ginn, Auburn Engineering alumnus, university trustee, and campaign co-chair. “They are what sustain the university in the long-term.”

The remaining 42 percent of the campaign goal is targeted toward research, current operations, facilities, equipment, and campus beautification.

Sesquicentennial
University Campaign

THE ENGINEERING CAMPAIGN

As part of the “It Begins at Auburn” campaign, the College of Engineering has set ambitious goals designed to move our instructional and research programs to new levels of excellence. These goals, which focus on the following four areas, reflect fundraising efforts that will assist the college in achieving the benchmarks associated with a top engineering program.

Facilities —

Campaign goal — \$5,000,000

Campaign progress — \$3,402,705

Vision goal — \$18,500,000

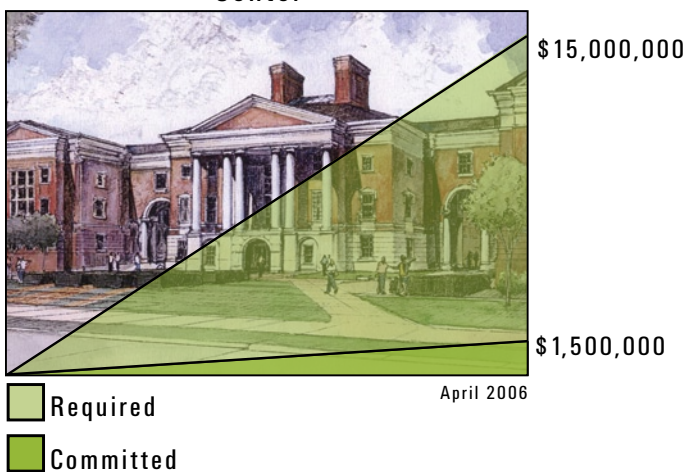
Vision progress — \$3,402,705

As the college’s reputation grows, so must its ability to create the finest learning and teaching environment. Outstanding faculty and students depend on the most advanced facilities, and the college is committed to providing state-of-the-art buildings, laboratories and equipment.

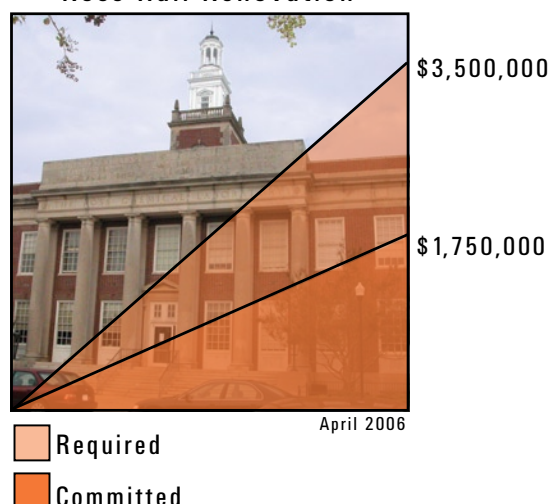
The college has developed a strategic facility enhancement plan that includes the renovation of Wilmore Labs and Ross Hall, as well as the construction of the new Transportation Technology Center (TTC). As the cornerstone of this strategic plan, the TTC will provide the facilities necessary to advance the college through state-of-the-art instruction and leading research.

This modern and innovative complex will enable the college to attract top researchers and students from around the world, enhance its instructional programs, and expand its reputation as a major research institution. Our \$18.5 million goal for facilities will help us establish an educational environment reflective of an elite engineering institution.

Transportation Technology Center



Ross Hall Renovation



Student Support

Campaign goal – \$21,600,000

Campaign progress – \$15,091,170

Vision goal – \$40,000,000

Vision progress – \$18,304,920

Students are the heart of Auburn Engineering. As we work to recruit the brightest students, we must build a scholarship and fellowship endowment that enables us to compete with other prestigious institutions. Our \$40 million campaign goal in this area includes \$20 million for undergraduate scholarship support and \$20 million for graduate student fellowships. Achieving this goal will enable the college to attract students who bring intellectual capability and leadership to our campus.

The goal to increase scholarship endowments also includes a vision for enhancing our ability to recruit National Merit Scholars – men and women who are highly recruited by universities seeking to build the caliber and reputation of their student body. These endowments provide a reliable source of funding and significantly enhance our ability to recruit and retain the nation's top students.

Faculty Support

Campaign goal – \$50,000,000

Campaign progress – \$5,640,970

Vision goal – \$50,000,000

Vision progress – \$6,540,971

Our engineering faculty are committed to providing students with quality instruction and hands-on engineering experiences. They drive knowledge, develop innovative technology and, most importantly, equip the men and women who will become tomorrow's leaders.

A major priority of the campaign is to strengthen our resources to recruit and retain leading engineering faculty and researchers with demonstrated academic achievement. It is essential that the college increase its endowments for faculty support by \$50 million during this campaign. These endowments provide a reliable source of funding for salary enhancements, research support, technological needs and professional development for faculty who have established themselves as leaders in their fields. Current goals for faculty enhancement include:

- 4 Named Endowed Presidential Chairs – \$6,000,000 each
- 6 Named Endowed Eminent Scholar Chairs – \$2,000,000 each
- 8 Named Endowed Distinguished Professorships – \$1,000,000 each
- 20 Named Endowed Professorships – \$300,000 each

Programmatic Support

Campaign goal — \$28,400,000

Campaign progress — \$39,011,577

Vision goal — \$45,000,000

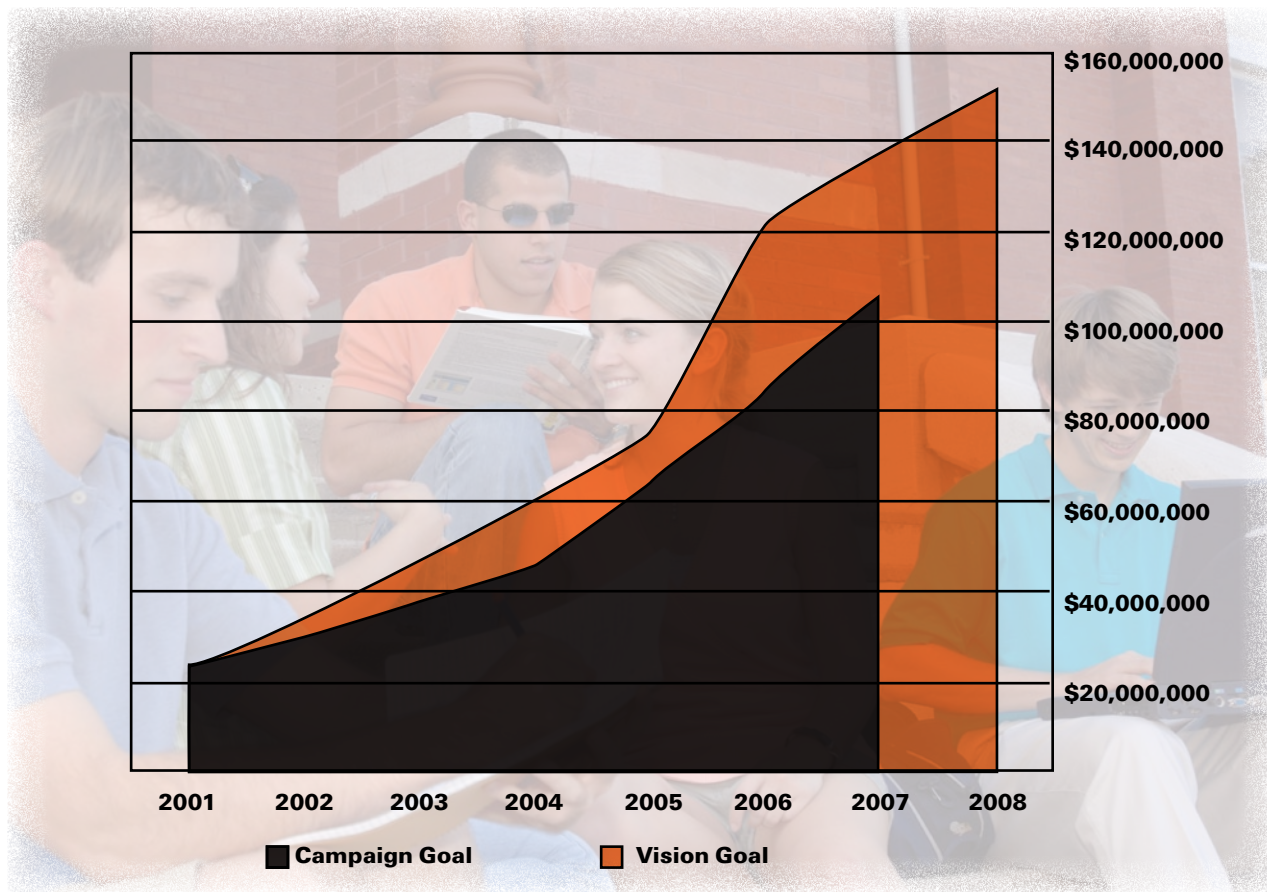
Vision progress — \$43,201,577

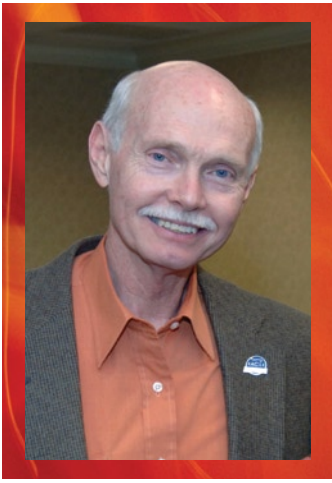
A solid, well-rounded education occurs both inside and outside of the classroom. Contributions to support program enhancement are critical to the college's ability to offer innovative educational opportunities that may not be anticipated as part of the regular budget. These funds, often in the form of unrestricted gifts, provide valuable resources for sustaining and enhancing creative programs in which students and faculty thrive.

The college's goal of \$45 million for endowed program support will provide approximately \$2.25 million annually for program enhancement, student support, student projects and competition teams, study abroad initiatives, faculty research and development, technology upgrades and start-up support for emerging opportunities.

A strong endowment that supports the college's programs will be especially effective in helping to uphold those programs that mark Auburn Engineering as a program of distinction.

Year-End Campaign Progress





It Begins at Auburn

I'm going to tell you what I mean by that, but first I would like to say a few things about our college. *Your college.*

Our students. They work hard and have fun, and many have been involved in all types of student competitions. They represent Auburn Engineering extremely well. Our faculty and staff strive to provide the best instructional and research program possible for them. A look at our Web site at www.eng.auburn.edu illustrates some of their incredible accomplishments.

Our alumni. You transcend the workplace – many of you have achieved top management positions or have become technical experts in your field. Or you look to become one, because you have just begun your career with all of the potential it holds as you seek to fulfill your vision.

We have a vision as well, for our college to be viewed as one of the top engineering programs in the nation. To make this happen, we have to put a lot of work into enhancing the quality of our facilities as well as providing incentives through scholarships, fellowships and professorships to recruit top students and faculty.

It is easy to look at such a daunting task and say that it is just a dream that can never happen. Under different circumstances I might agree with you, but not now. Now, the college has an opportunity to make this dream come true. I want you to hear me out on this, because this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity . . . and we need your help if we are to take advantage of the situation that lies before us. Four events have created this unique opportunity:

- In 1999 the university started a budget reallocation process which allowed the college to hire 22 additional faculty. A second component of this program provided \$10 million to begin the Ross Hall renovation project.
- In 2001 Samuel Ginn made a gift of \$25 million to the college. This allowed us to hire two additional faculty and establish the first wireless engineering degree program in the nation.
- In 2003 and through last year, Sen. Richard Shelby directed \$65 million to Auburn to be used for the construction of the Transportation Technology Center, a huge, \$108 million, five-building facility that will be used for a wide variety of purposes.
- In 2006, on February 3, the university entered the public phase of a \$500 million capital campaign. At the time of its announcement, more than 60 percent of the \$500 million goal had been met, including \$63 million of Auburn Engineering's \$105 million component.

Our vision goal – what we believe is going to be required to position the college to move into the top 20 rankings – is to raise \$153.5 million. This includes \$18.5 million for facilities; \$50 million for faculty endowments; \$40 million to endow scholarships and fellowships, and \$45 million for an endowment for excellence to provide the college the flexibility to pursue emerging opportunities and initiatives, to support student programs and projects, and to further enhance existing programs. It all comes down to one thing: to be competitive with our peers, who are working hard to increase their rankings as well.

We want the best faculty. We want the best students. And we want to give them the facilities they deserve – *the facilities that the best will insist on* – or we will never attract them to Auburn.

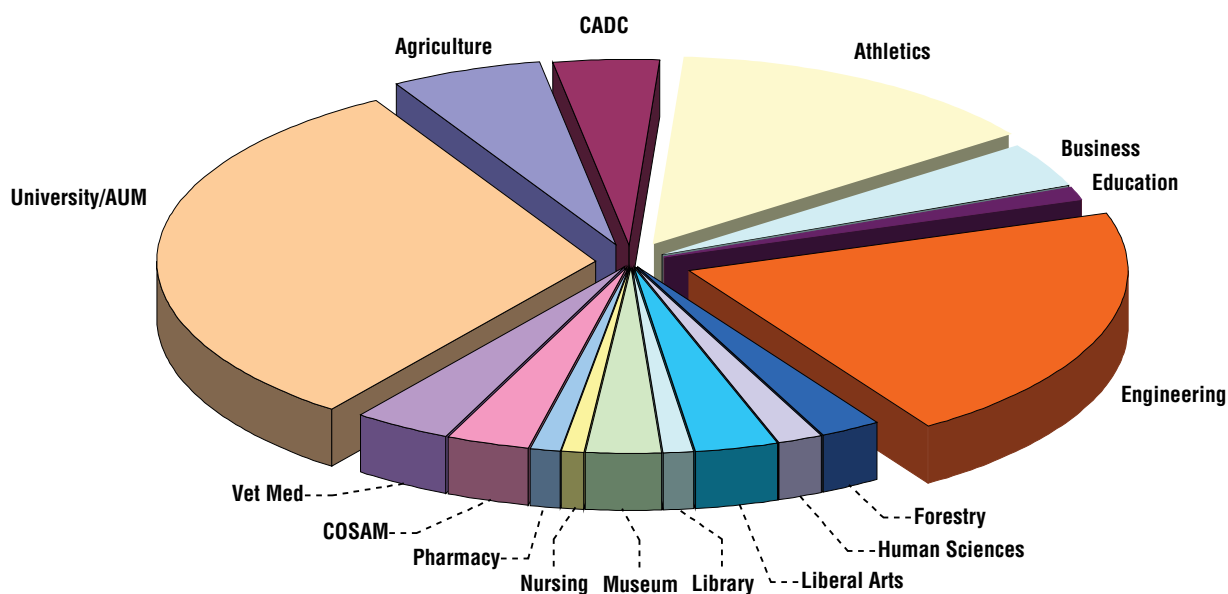
We have an outstanding College of Engineering but we want to be better; to aspire to greatness. The foundation is in place and the structure is taking shape. We need your help if the task is to be completed; we need your help if we are to take advantage of this opportunity. And, we need your help or at the end of this campaign all we will be able to do is look back and think of what might have been.

Our careers have hinged on our Auburn degrees – credentials that have been instrumental not only in defining our life journey, but in building our communities and forging the strength of our nation. I want the next generation of student engineers to have the same opportunity; to bring the best and brightest to Auburn will require the kinds of resources only you can provide.

I urge you to give strong consideration to investing in the future of your college during the course of this campaign. Please contribute now, because with everyone working together, we can do this. Together, we can make the dream come true.

How Engineering Compares

Constituency	Goal	Gifts & Commitments 12/31/05	%	Vision	Gifts & Commitments 12/31/05	%
Agriculture	\$27,700,000	\$20,464,561	74%	\$35,700,000	\$20,464,561	57%
CADC	\$20,000,000	\$11,640,517	58%	\$20,000,000	\$11,640,517	58%
Athletics	\$68,400,000	\$78,933,887	115%	\$90,000,000	\$78,933,887	88%
Business	\$19,400,000	\$13,666,345	70%			
Education	\$5,750,000	\$8,743,536	152%	\$10,000,000	\$8,743,536	87%
Engineering	\$105,000,000	\$63,146,423	60%	\$153,500,000	\$63,146,423	41%
Forestry	\$11,150,000	\$9,385,659	84%	\$15,000,000	\$9,385,659	63%
Human Sciences	\$8,200,000	\$4,302,532	52%			
Liberal Arts	\$15,000,000	\$9,124,391	61%			
Library	\$5,000,000	\$2,408,500	48%			
Museum	\$15,000,000	\$22,234,391	148%	\$25,000,000	\$22,234,391	89%
Nursing	\$3,000,000	\$1,498,040	50%			
Pharmacy	\$6,000,000	\$10,507,292	175%	\$22,350,000	\$10,507,292	47%
COSAM	\$16,000,000	\$7,826,129	49%			
Vet Med	\$17,000,000	\$13,845,217	81%	\$25,000,000	\$13,845,217	55%
University/AUM	\$157,400,000	\$54,744,601	35%			
TOTAL	\$500,000,000	\$332,472,021	66%	\$396,550,000	\$238,901,483	60%





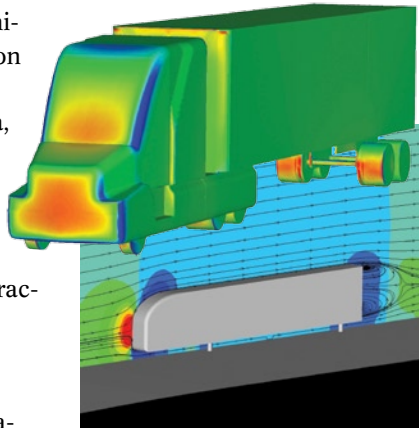
INTO THE LAB . . .

Research continues to be an increasingly important Rcomponent of the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering’s mission. As we seek to move into the top ranks of engineering institutions across the nation, contributions from alumni, friends and our corporate institutional partners help to initiate and continue research projects like these, that serve to advance the field of engineering and benefit our state, region and nation.

Aerospace

— improving fuel efficiency through aerodynamics

As part of Auburn University’s Transportation “Peak of Excellence” primary research area, the Department of Aerospace Engineering is working to apply aerospace engineering tools to tractor-trailer aerodynamics.



Auburn aerospace engineering research reveals pressure contours in the symmetry plane of a simplified tractor-trailer geometry, with red denoting regions of high pressure and blue, regions of low pressure. The arrows illustrate streamlines and the extent of flow separation in the time-averaged trailer wake. At left are pressure contours on the surface of a more realistic tractor-trailer geometry.

As the primary mechanism for transporting goods across Alabama and the nation, the more than two million tractor-trailers operating on U.S. highways consume approximately 26 billion gallons of diesel fuel each year. At typical highway

speeds, the majority of this fuel consumption goes toward overcoming aerodynamic drag. Even modest improvements to aerodynamic efficiency can reduce U.S. fuel consumption by billions of gallons per year.

Under a \$248,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Auburn aerospace engineering researchers are developing a framework for reducing the aerodynamic drag and increasing the highway safety of tractor-trailers. This framework incorporates computational fluid dynamics simulations, experimental wind tunnel testing, and aerodynamic optimization and is being developed in partnership with Digital Fusion, Inc. in Huntsville.

Biosystems

— capturing data through GPS innovation

New global positioning system (GPS) technology pioneered by biosystems engineers is being used to monitor manual agricultural and forest operations.



GPS-based dataloggers developed by Auburn biosystems engineers are being used to monitor productivity and improve the efficiency of herbicide application in Alabama forests.

Tiny GPS-assisted sensor and datalogging platforms developed at Auburn are being used on backpack sprayers and tree planting tools to record both time and location of work performed. This data assures landowners they are getting what they pay for and helps safeguard employees through an accurate record of work performed.

Chemical

— revolutionizing medication distribution to the eye

Auburn chemical engineering researchers have developed contact lenses that release medication at a constant rate for extended periods up to one week. The department says the sustained release will reduce side effects and lead to more efficient and effective delivery to the patient, and is a major improvement over conventional topical ocular medications such as eye drops and ointments that typically require multiple doses a day, often in high concentrations.

According to the department, the concept of releasing medication for extended periods of time from soft contact lenses is predicted within one of the first patents in the field issued in 1965, but the notion has not become a com-



Mark Byrne of the chemical engineering faculty is leading a team of researchers that has developed contact lenses that release medication to the eye. Compared to conventional medications, the department says the sustained release will reduce side effects and lead to more efficient and effective delivery to the patient.

anterior and posterior eye diseases, and molecules such as lubricants and wetting agents to increase user comfort.

mercial reality due to the inability to load a therapeutic amount of medication and release it in a controllable way. Of major importance in this work is the study of biology and biological processes to rationally engineer the design of the lens.

The Auburn team is applying the technology in therapeutic areas including antihistamines, antibiotics, anti-inflammatories, wound healing agents, drugs for various

construction conditions that are very challenging for concrete placement.

Based on the outcome of this research, six piers for one of the bridges at the project have been constructed with SCC, and it was concluded that this new type of concrete is feasible for use in congested drilled shaft applications and should minimize some of the problems associated with drilled shaft construction.

Computer science and software

— exploring pervasive computing

Through a National Science Foundation-sponsored Research Experience for Undergraduates project, the Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering is helping to advance pervasive and mobile computing, which means using computers in our everyday lives without realizing it.

Having participated in the project for three years and recently receiving a three-year extension, during the next three summers the department will host approximately 10 outstanding undergraduate students from around the nation for 10-week internships in which they will perform research under the guidance of CSSE faculty.

The project's major objectives are to promote interest in pervasive and mobile computing and develop interns' research skills as they provide new perspective, collaborate in the development of this technology, propose new applications and explore new capabilities.

Civil

— helping to improve concrete technology



Conventional concrete drilled shafts commonly used as

foundation for bridges and buildings contain coarse aggregates that may lead to segregation in concrete on either side of the shaft's reinforcing bars (bottom). Researchers in Auburn civil engineering have developed Self-Consolidating Concrete (SCC) that should minimize problems associated with shaft construction. Using color-dyed concrete in various locations in a shaft made with SCC (top) helps researchers assess flow patterns and behavior of the concrete.

Researchers in Auburn's Department of Civil Engineering have developed innovative drilled shaft concrete mixtures called Self-Consolidating Concrete (SCC) that, due to inherent workability, passing ability, resistance to segregation, and reduced bleeding can be designed to address problems associated with the construction of drilled shafts commonly used as foundation for bridges and buildings.

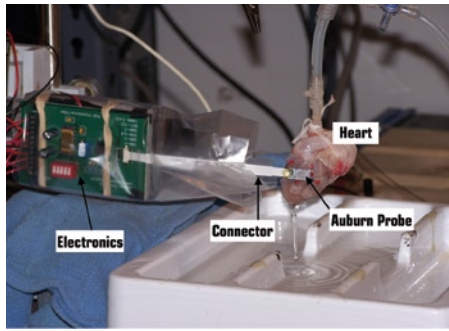
As part of a Federal Highway Administration program for implementing new technology, Auburn worked on an experimental project in which drilled shafts were constructed using both SCC and a more conventional concrete mixture. The SCC mixture performed very well under

Electrical and computer

— working toward the precision of heart measurement

Partnering with the Cardiac Research Group at the University of Alabama at Birmingham under a National Institute of Health contract, Auburn researchers are developing miniature electrical biomedical probes to measure the surface conductance of the heart. Involving technology to help understand the relationship between cell-cell conductance and heart muscle health, the research could also lead to earlier detection of cardiac failure.

The technology has allowed UAB researchers to accurately measure conductance through precisely spaced probes patterned on silicon substrates using advanced microelectronic processing. The probes, and the electronics used to amplify

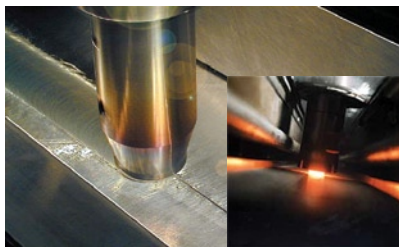


A silicon probe, associated connector and printed circuit board are sutured to an actively beating heart. Auburn electrical and computer engineering researchers are helping to develop and refine these miniature electrical probes in an effort toward more precise measurement of the surface conductance of the heart, research that could lead to earlier detection of cardiac failure.

ment is glass probes containing vacuum ports that allow a suction connection instead of the time consuming and heart-damaging suture procedure. Enabling many additional measurements per heart, the glass/vacuum technology will allow researchers to quickly reposition and view exact placement of the probes, as there is a limited time the heart will function after extraction.

Industrial and systems

— advancing the evolution of the welding process



As this friction stir welding tool rotates, its five-eighths-inch shoulder softens two metal pieces with friction heat, while beneath the surface the tool's quarter-inch probe stirs the metals together. Researchers in Auburn's Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering are studying this new welding process through a grant from the National Space Science and Technology Center.

Invented at The Weld Institute in the United Kingdom and patented in 1992 under research partly funded by NASA,

and filter the extremely small signals, were designed and fabricated by students supervised by the director of Auburn's Alabama Microelectronics Science and Technology Center microelectronics laboratory, housed in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Auburn researchers' latest refine-

ment is glass probes containing vacuum ports that allow a suction connection instead of the time consuming and heart-damaging suture procedure. Enabling many additional measurements per heart, the glass/vacuum technology will allow researchers to quickly reposition and view exact placement of the probes, as there is a limited time the heart will function after extraction.

Friction Stir Welding (FSW) is a relatively new industrial process that produces superior weld products in difficult to weld materials. Through a grant from the National Space Science and Technology Center (NSSTC), researchers in Auburn industrial and systems engineering will study FSW, whose benefits include producing no toxic fumes or solid waste and reducing noise pollution.

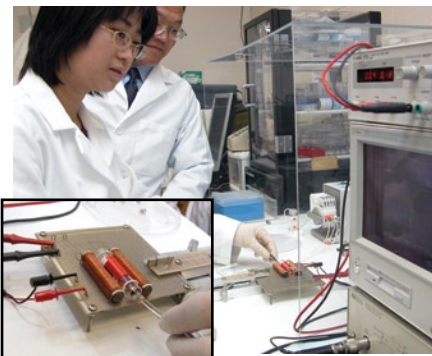
FSW entails placing two materials in an overlapping or butt joint fashion. Rotating at a high speed, a broad tool with a narrow pin on the end is inserted into the materials until the tool's wider "shoulder" makes contact with them. The tool then begins a traverse of the weld seam, deforming the material in its path and leaving behind a formed weld, during which the material does not melt.

Last year, Auburn University produced its first successful solid state FSW on its new mill, and an industrial and systems engineering graduate student designed and produced the first tools on the department's new lathe. The mill and part of the lathe were financed through the NSSTC grant, entitled "Metal Cutting Theory and Friction Stir Welding/Forming Initiatives at Auburn University for General Industry and Space Propulsion."

FSW is common in the aerospace industry and is being studied with increasing interest by the marine and automotive manufacturing industries. Auburn and the NSSTC hope to expand its use to all segments of the transportation industry.

Materials

— raising the bar on health quality standards



Faculty and graduate student researchers in Auburn materials engineering monitor the test of a magnetostrictive microcantilever biosensor, which they are studying in an effort to detect water-borne E. coli.

quality standards, and by observing them the increase or decrease of many pathogenic bacteria can be estimated.



Auburn industrial and systems engineering students monitor the surface temperature (340 degrees Celsius) near the Friction Stir Welding tool during a 6061-T6 full penetration weld, while a third student runs the HAAS TM-2 mill during the weld.

Researchers in Auburn materials engineering are working with the Water Resources Council on a joint grant to study the detection of water-borne E. coli using a novel biosensor. According to materials engineering faculty, the Environmental Protection Agency recommends E. coli as the best indicator of health

Although methods exist for identification of *E. coli* and many microbial strains in water, determination of the numbers of microbes in a sample remains a challenge when the microbes are at relatively low cell counts. The new technology is based on the magnetostrictive particle (MSP) as a sensor platform and an antibody as a receptor. The receptor captures target bacteria, resulting in a change in the resonance frequency of a wireless MSP sensor, a change that can be remotely or wirelessly determined.

The department says current technologies recommended by the EPA for determining the concentration of *E. coli* in water require more than 24 hours to test, and samples must be delivered to a lab for testing of the live culture within six hours of collection. But in addition to advantages including high sensitivity and low cost, the new technology would allow field testing within minutes.

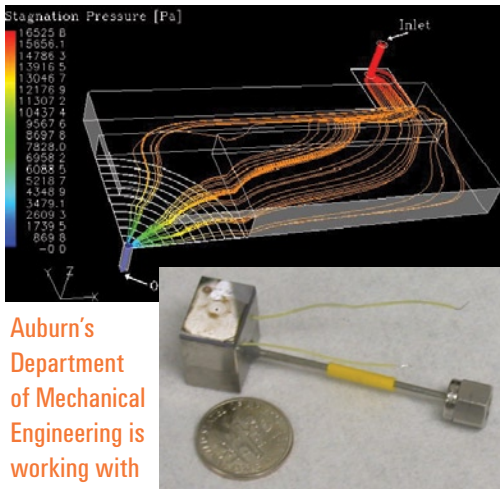
Mechanical

— helping NASA improve valve performance

Continuing a three-year collaboration with the MEMS Technology Group at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Auburn mechanical engineering is researching modeling of the complicated fluid flow within both gaseous and liquid microvalves.

In addition to micropropulsion applications, this class of piezoelectrically-actuated microvalves can have a number of other

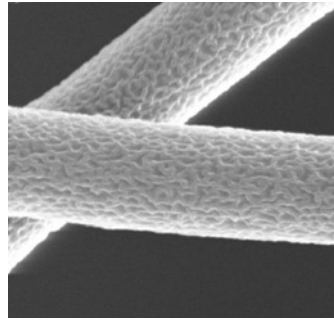
commercial applications, including DNA analysis, miniature drug dosing systems, lab-on-a-chip and total micro-analysis, precision gas and chemical flow control for semiconductor manufacturing, precision dispensing, micro fuel cells, and micro coolers for electronics.



Auburn's Department of Mechanical Engineering is working with NASA to improve fluid flow in microvalves. Above right shows a fully assembled and packaged liquid microvalve; above left shows paths of fluid particles entering and flowing through the microvalve's small passageways.

Polymer and fiber

— exploring the uses of bicomponent fibers



Through electrospinning, bicomponent fibers combine the properties of two polymers. Magnified 5000 times, these fibers show highly porous surfaces that can ease the integration of an active compound, such as a pharmaceutical drug, into the body.

Fibers from biocompatible polymers with diameters in the nano- to micrometer range are very useful for medical applications such as tissue engineering. Such fine fibers can be produced by electrospinning, which uses an electric field to draw a polymer solution from the tip of a capillary to a collector. Voltage applied to the polymer solution causes the polymer jet to be drawn toward a grounded collector in a whipping motion and deposited as a random web.

Auburn polymer and fiber engineering is exploring bicomponent fibers that combine the properties of two polymers in regard to the controlled release of an active compound, such as a pharmaceutical drug. As polymers, poly-L-lactic acid and polycaprolactone were spun from chloroform at different molar ratios and concentrations. The resulting fibers show highly porous surfaces which will ease their integration into the body or allow for release of an active compound.



The Power of New Ideas

SEEING STARS

aerospace students take flight through scholarships

Four men and Auburn University. They come from different backgrounds, different places, different generations, but for Richard Scott and Auburn aerospace engineering students Joseph Moore, Bryan Gunter and Chris Worley, their fascination with flight is the same, and an uncommon denominator connects the four.

It may seem unusual for a donor to give to a school he didn't attend, but for Scott's son Richard Scott Jr., establishing an Auburn Engineering scholarship in his father's name was a natural.

"Richard [Sr.] feels love and loyalty for Auburn, where not only do the students care about each other, but the professors care about their students," says his wife Cynthia, a '54 Auburn alumnus and retired teacher in whose name Richard Jr. established a scholarship in the College of Education. "We've always felt very fortunate to have attended Auburn University, and to benefit not only from its academic climate, but to become members of the Auburn family."

As three of the eight 2005-06 recipients of the Richard T. Scott Endowment for Presidential Scholarships in the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering, Moore, Gunter and Worley feel fortunate too.

"I am grateful from the bottom of my heart for this scholarship, and I'm glad there are people who want to award others for their academic success," says Moore, a junior from Opelika. "I would one day like to be in a position to help students. I can see from experience how any amount of money can help tremendously."

Whether it was Star Trek sparking Worley's interest in outer space, NASA captivating Gunter since childhood, the Discovery Channel helping an 11-year-old Moore determine his career, or Richard Sr.'s high school pastime of begging rides in airplanes, these four men are drawn to lift-off.

"Flying was and always has been first in his heart," says Cynthia of Richard Sr. "In high school he and a friend bought a Cub plane they were going to recover and have great fun flying. They had the wings on sawhorses in the yard, and one evening his friend called to tell him they'd blown away. They were able to locate and bring them home, but I think that was the end of that endeavor."

Worley, a senior from Six Mile, S.C. who plans to graduate in May and attend Auburn graduate school, wants to find



Aerospace engineering student scholarship recipients Chris Worley (above left), Bryan Gunter (above right) and Joseph Moore (working with an Apache helicopter during his co-op job with the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center in Huntsville).

the branch of aerospace engineering that needs him the most, helping not only the engineering industry but society itself, not unlike Richard Jr.

"In addition to the financial help," adds Worley, "this scholarship has helped me to strive even harder and show that Dr. Scott's money is being put to good use. Without it, I may not have been able to attend Auburn."

Richard Sr. transferred from Georgia Tech to Auburn Engineering after his freshman year and participated in the co-op program, working for Lockheed. Though in 1954 his love of flying led him to the Air Force cadet program before finishing at Auburn, and though he later earned his engineering degree from Texas Tech and the equivalent to a civilian master's degree from the United States Naval War College, he left his heart on the Plains.

"Richard felt that Auburn gave him a good engineering foundation and helped him recognize that it was the field of choice for him," says Cynthia, who herself transferred from Wesleyan College after getting hooked on Auburn during summer school. "Auburn helped us to grow in many ways, to recognize that establishing meaningful relationships takes work, to understand the meaning of self-discipline, to function as a team member, and to realize that we were capable of achieving our goals if we were willing to work for them."

Scholarship
Scholarship



To honor their love for Auburn, Richard Scott established two scholarships named after his parents, former Auburn students Cynthia and Richard Scott, shown left attending a Kappa Alpha celebration in 1953 (couple at right) and right at Richard Jr.'s 1979 wedding. Inset is Richard Sr. as an Air Force major in 1971.

That realization was not lost on their son, a reproductive endocrinologist and national leader in In Vitro Fertilization (IVF). Richard Jr. is an award-winning researcher and a founding partner of Reproductive Medicine Associates in Morristown, N.J., who serves on the board of directors of the nonprofit American Fertility Association and, at Wilford Hall Medical School in San Antonio, founded the first IVF program in the federal government.

"I am greatly indebted to Dr. Scott and thank him for setting a wonderful example of giving back to our society," says Gunter, a senior from Opelika who plans to graduate in May '07. "When I have the means, I plan to follow his example by providing another student with the same opportunities."

Cynthia says she and Richard were surprised and delighted by the establishment of the two scholarships and hope that they give students the opportunity to develop academically without as much concern for the cost of their education, making their journey to success more enjoyable.

In Moore, that hope is realized.

"Making good grades has always been a staple in my household, and I put a lot of pressure on myself to do well," says the high school honor student and member of the National Honor Society. "I came to college with no scholarships. Now I have five. With them, I can work less and my mother doesn't have to worry about the ever increasing cost of tuition at Auburn. I am always driven to do my best, but the scholarships give me even more incentive."

Gunter says sometimes graduation seems a million years away, but awards like the scholarship provide short-term

goals that help him stay focused. It also affords him more time for hands-on opportunities like helping one of his professors with aerodynamic research.

"It's rewarding to know that your hard work is not going unnoticed," he adds. "I believe that this scholarship has promoted my academic progress."

Gunter's advice to the next recipient: "Work as hard as you can to keep your grades up, but also try to do something in the engineering field you are not required to do – you will fully utilize the scholarship and your experience at Auburn will be greatly enhanced." He does this himself by tutoring in the Office of Engineering Student Services, helping other students work toward their goals.

Like Richard Sr., Moore participates in Auburn's co-op program; he's employed with the U.S. Army's Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center in Huntsville.

"The skills I've learned here are invaluable to my academic experience," says Moore, who plans to graduate in May '08. "The problem-solving is preparing me for the demanding semesters ahead, and interacting with other engineers on a regular basis teaches me how to take a leading role on group projects at school. I've also gained networking skills that I use to find study buddies and build open relationships with my professors. By the time I graduate, I will already have a year of relevant work experience."

Cynthia and Richard Sr. feel that the Scott scholarship recipients already have the work ethic for a productive career and hope they will take advantage of their superior Auburn education by continuing to pursue excellence.

"We believe a college degree opens doors and develops skills, but true success depends on determination, and to become well rounded and have a happy and successful life, one must truly enjoy their work," adds Cynthia. "I loved teaching and Richard loved flying and his work as an engineer. We hope that the students at Auburn will feel a true dedication to the work they have selected for themselves."

After a 28-year Air Force career with stations spanning from Rhode Island to Arizona to Hawaii to Korea, Richard Sr. retired in 1983 and took a manufacturing engineer position with Lockheed in Marietta, Ga., from which he retired in 1994.

"Now we are the token grandparents in our neighborhood," says Cynthia. "I help the kids with homework and projects, and many of the children come and visit Richard. He enjoys talking airplanes with them."

Growing up in his father's music store, Chris Roberts went through high school and off to college with every intention of becoming a musician. He didn't realize the skills he was building to get there would instead lead him to engineering. He says there's a correlation between the two professions, and he makes a good case.

"Teamwork, discipline, practice, are important to both fields and practicing rudiments and doing scales is quite similar to practicing basic calculations," explains the Auburn chemical engineering department chair. "Dedication to your work, being driven by it no matter the pay, having a love for what you do ... we've had a number of engineering students who are also good musicians based on these attributes."

Recognizing the need to reward faculty with that kind of passion, in 1994 Auburn alumni George and Dorothy Uthlaut established the George E. and Dorothy Stafford Uthlaut Professorship that Roberts has held since 2000.

"I am highly impressed with Chris's enthusiasm and the scope of his professional activities, both at Auburn and nationally," says George Uthlaut. "His relationships with

students are demonstrated by the high rankings and awards in teaching. His academic and management skills have been rewarded by his elevation to department chair while holding this professorship, where he is doing an outstanding job. I am amazed at the scope and breadth of his work and his ability to balance research, teaching and management."

Awarded for excellence in research coupled with a strong emphasis on teaching quality, the Uthlaut Professorship gave Roberts a boost of confidence that he was on the right track.

"I work very hard to maintain a balance of research and teaching, which I feel are intertwined," he says. "Receiving the professorship sent me a message that Auburn University appreciates what I'm doing and that this is the place I need

Strengthening the Vision through faculty support



Chris Roberts

to be. With that came a confidence to see what else we can do, to ratchet things up to the next level!"

That kind of initiative is shared by George Uthlaut, a 1959 chemical engineering graduate and Navy veteran whose career spanned engineering and executive posts with Exxon and Enron Oil & Gas Company. But the similarities don't stop there. Both men were driven toward chemical engineering by a fascination with chemistry and the potential for innovation that engineering holds. And both came to Auburn and fell in love, with the campus, with the town, and with their future wives.

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Professorship

"I received a Naval ROTC scholarship and chose Auburn over other highly rated institutions such as Princeton and Georgia Tech," explains Uthlaut. "The environment and atmosphere at Auburn suited me better, and I have never regretted my choice."

In addition to its reputation in engineering, Auburn has a persistent college classmate to thank for Roberts.

"My old classmate had visited Auburn when trying to choose a graduate school, and because of location chose elsewhere, but the whole time we were classmates he bragged about how great Auburn was," says Roberts. "So when I applied to Auburn and was called for an interview I had this guy in my ear, 'You've gotta go You've gotta go!' So I came down and interviewed and fell in love."

Now 12 years, three promotions, a professorship, a patent, and a bevy of publications and awards later, Roberts is still humbled by Uthlaut's praise.

"Coming from someone like him, very successful and very connected to this place as he's demonstrated throughout the years," says Roberts, "I'm honored to have Mr. Uthlaut's name associated with my work."

Roberts encourages the faculty in his program to work just as hard, including raising extramural research dollars to supplement insufficient state funds, which he says aren't enough to support faculty either.

"The message a professorship sends, that 'the Auburn family appreciates the hard work and the contributions you've made,' is a tremendous message, one that allows us to do things we wouldn't be able to otherwise."

He points to his department identifying biomedical engineering as an area it wants to strengthen, and a donor's endowed chair making it possible.

"We didn't have the resources to create a new position. This new endowed position is allowing us to hire a top notch faculty member with significant biomedical research experience to further enhance this area within our department," Roberts explains. "An entire line of research, an entire line of education is being added to the department via one new endowment, making a tremendous difference to the department and to the students in terms of what their exposure will be, especially in a cutting-edge area like biomedical engineering. That's a great example of what faculty support can do."

Uthlaut, who has also served Auburn through membership in the Auburn Alumni Engineering Council, Keystone Society, Eagles Society, and contributions to the 2002 renovation of Wilmore Labs and the Ross Hall renovation project scheduled for completion this summer, says the demand for top faculty requires support for retention and motivation through salaries, grants and bonuses that professorships provide.

"With the public sector experiencing expanding needs and providing declining resources, it is necessary that alumni step up to the plate for faculty support so their children and grandchildren can experience the same quality education they did," he adds. "Highly competent faculty bring a strong research capability that benefits both the students and the university. I would encourage everyone to support their educational institution in whatever way they are able, in order to create a legacy for future generations."

Roberts would one day like to establish a professorship of his own. When asked if it would be at Auburn, the alumnus of the University of Missouri and Notre Dame doesn't hesitate.

"I've spent my career here. My colleagues here are my friends. Even though this is a big state school, it feels like a little community. I've lived here longer than anywhere else and this is home. Auburn has given to me immeasurably, and in our department alone there are far more deserving faculty members than there are professorships, so my answer is yes."



Dorothy and George Uthlaut

As the college sets its sights on becoming an elite engineering program, one of its greatest challenges will be raising the funds necessary to achieve this vision. The college's 35,000 alumni and friends will be the foundation of these efforts. Our Office of Engineering Development works with alumni, friends, foundations and corporations to raise the private support required to position the college to move into the ranks of America's top engineering programs.

Please feel free to contact any of the development staff for information on staying connected to Auburn Engineering.



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AUBURN ALUMNI ARE LEADING THE WAY

Auburn Engineering is fortunate to have a group of alumni who have committed to help the college achieve its campaign goals. The 15-member Campaign Leadership Team assists the college in identifying potential donors and securing campaign leadership gifts of \$100,000 and more. Leadership gifts are financial commitments above and beyond ongoing support, solicited to address specific objectives identified as campaign priorities.

In addition to participating in regular meetings and conferences calls, leadership team members visit individuals, corporations and foundations on the college's behalf, creating opportunities to share the college's vision and goals with those who may be interested in financially supporting the college. Members have also demonstrated their own personal philanthropy by making leadership gifts totaling more than \$33 million to the college or one of its academic units. The efforts of the Leadership Team are vital to the college's fundraising efforts.

"During the course of this campaign, the Leadership Team will be a critical component of our ability to raise the private support we need to achieve our campaign goals," says Rob Wellbaum, director of development. "They are instrumental in helping us develop relationships with friends of the college."

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GIVING BACK TO AUBURN ENGINEERING

Engineers are trained to make things happen. This focus on the future and commitment to discovery and innovation enhances the quality of life for all of us.

It also makes them leaders in philanthropic giving. Auburn engineers understand that their gifts to the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering make a difference by helping to ensure academic programs remain relevant and strong in the face of unprecedented societal and technological change.

In recognition of this exceptional group of men and women, the college has established donor societies – including the Engineering Eagles Society and the Keystone Society – to celebrate and honor the generosity of our loyal supporters.



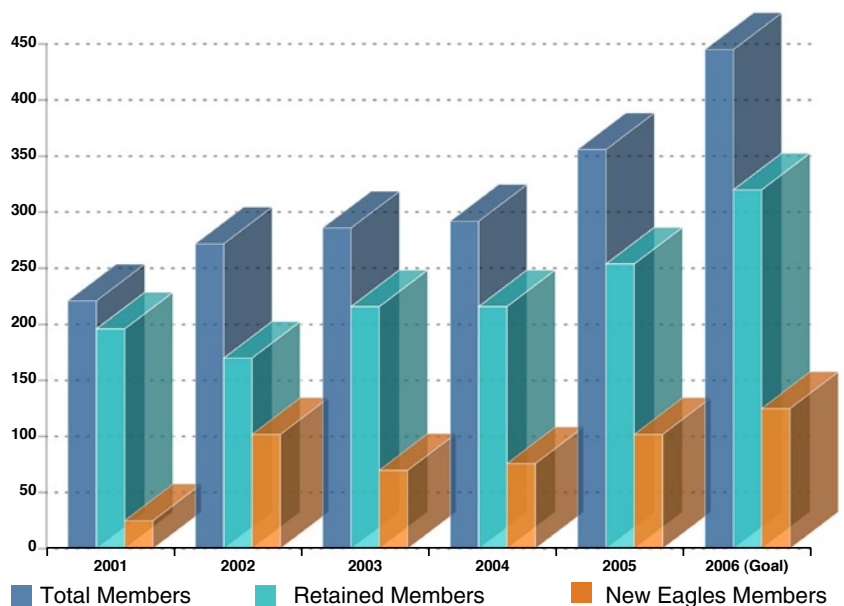
The Engineering Eagles Society recognizes alumni and friends who make annual gifts of \$1,000 or more to the college or its academic units. A gift of \$2,500 or more qualifies donors to become Executive Eagles.

These gifts set the bar high, helping to ensure the quality of the college's programs, providing vital resources that enable the college to pursue its vision of becoming a top engineering program.

Eagles gifts can be made to the college or to one or more of its programs, and can include corporate matching gifts. Combined annual gifts to engineering totaling \$1,000 or more given by a couple, or a \$1,000 pledge of support payable by December 31 of the current fiscal year, also qualify donors for Eagles membership.

These gifts can be unrestricted, for use at the discretion of the dean or department head, or designated for a specific use. Past contributions have helped fund start-up packages to attract world-class faculty, scholarships for students, the renovation of Wilmore Laboratories and Ross Hall into state-of-the-art facilities, and recruiting events such as E-Day, as well as opportunities for hands-on student learning experiences including senior design projects and competition teams, and student travel to professional meetings.

Unrestricted gifts are of particular value to the college. These valuable resources provide the college and its departments with the flexibility necessary to capitalize on emerging opportunities in today's fast-paced world of higher education. As state support has declined during the past 20 years, these gifts have become especially critical and are used on a daily basis where needs and opportunities are the greatest.



Giving Back

Eagles benefits include lapel pins, car decals, calendars, and recognition on the college's Web site, in publications and the new engineering complex atrium. Executive Eagles receive additional benefits including invitations to special events both on and off campus.



Gifts of \$1,000 or more given during five consecutive years qualify Engineering Eagles Society members to become part of the Dean's Circle, a group that once a year joins the dean for lunch to discuss educational trends, the college's vision for the future, and strategic plans to achieve that vision. In recognition of their commitment to continuous giving, Dean's Circle members receive additional benefits including invitations to special lectures and events hosted by the college.

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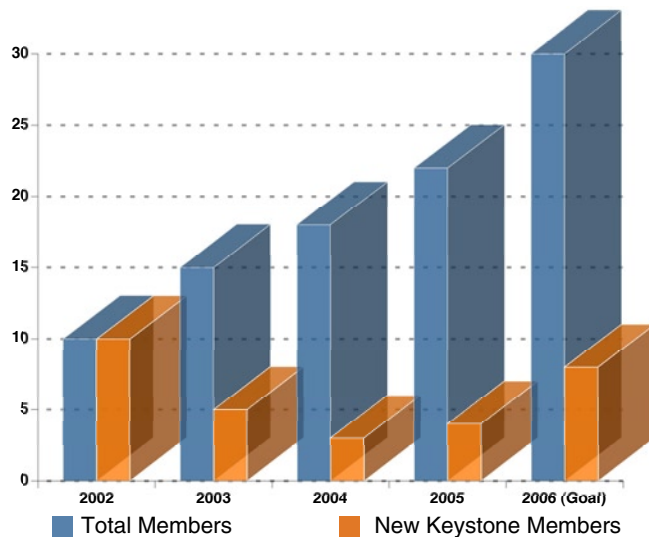
Young alumni add to the vitality of the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering. To encourage alumni who graduated within the past 10 years to make giving a part of their future, we invite them to become fledgling members of the Eagles Society with a gift of \$500, including corporate matching gifts. They can remain an Eagles member at this level of annual giving until they pass the 10-year mark.



There are many ways to give to the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering including fellowship and scholarship endowments and planned gifts.

Benefactors who have made the highest commitment to annual giving – an unrestricted investment \$50,000 over a five-year period to the college – become members of the Keystone Society.

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The Senior Class Challenge program is a gift campaign aimed at encouraging senior-level students to begin a lifelong relationship with Auburn University. Seniors are encouraged to give the dollar amount symbolizing their class year – \$20.05 from the class of 2005, \$20.06 from the class of 2006 – with an option to make a three-year pledge, adding \$50 the second and third years.

SENIOR Class Challenge

In support of the students' efforts, alumni, friends, faculty and staff can match their gifts. To find out more about the Engineering Senior Class Challenge please contact Kori Caldwell at 334.844.9130, caldwks@auburn.edu, or visit www.eng.auburn.edu/admin/development/ecc.

The Future Begins With You

Year after year, consistent support from alumni and friends has allowed the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering to maintain high standards for engineering education. These contributions strengthen our ability to serve students, faculty and the citizens of the state through scholarships, teaching innovations and new technologies.

We invite you to become a part of the tradition of excellence that is the hallmark of Auburn Engineering. Some donors make gifts and pledge payments by check, credit card or automatic bank draft. Others take advantage of the tax savings that come from giving appreciated assets such as real estate, stocks or mutual fund shares. To learn more, please visit www.eng.auburn.edu/waystogive or contact Heather Crozier at 334.844.1138 or vannhea@auburn.edu. To give online please visit www.eng.auburn.edu/givenow.

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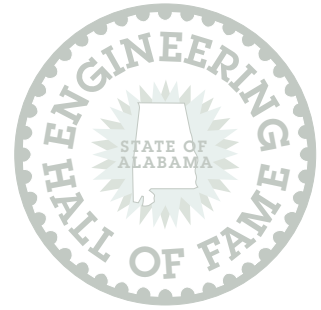
STATE OF ALABAMA ENGINEERING HALL OF FAME

The State of Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame was founded in 1987 to honor, preserve and perpetuate the outstanding accomplishments and contributions of individuals, projects, and corporations/institutions that have brought and continue to bring significant recognition to the state of Alabama.

Four of the six 2006 Hall of Fame individual inductees are Auburn graduates:

Charles D. Griffin '75
William B. Reed '50
David W. Scobey Jr. '78
Dwight L. Wiggins '62

The president of the only 2006 Hall of Fame corporation/institution inductee, LBYP, Inc. of Birmingham, is Auburn alumnus D. Dale York, '76.



From left: Auburn Engineering alumni – State of Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame board of directors chairman Michael McCartney and 2006 inductees David Scobey, Dwight Wiggins, Bill Reed, Charles Griffin and Dale York.

THE CUPOLA REPORT



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A Recognition of the Contributors of 2005
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THE KEYSTONE SOCIETY

The unrestricted annual support provided by Keystone Society gifts allows us to provide an unparalleled engineering education. Members invest \$50,000 that can be given as a five-year pledge to the unrestricted fund, giving the college the flexibility to respond to emerging opportunities.

The individuals who joined The Keystone Society in 2005 are:



Howard E. Palmes '60
Electrical Engineering
Vice President, Network Operations, retired
BellSouth Corporation

"I am glad to contribute to the future of the College of Engineering at Auburn University. I have the utmost faith in Dean Benefield and his team. The strategic planning and development that has been done give me confidence that the college will continue to grow and improve in the coming years."



William B. Reed '50
Mechanical Engineering
President, retired
Southern Company Services, Inc.
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"Auburn Engineering enjoys an excellent national reputation, but new technology and worldwide competition require increased expenditures for skilled faculty, facilities and research contracts to maintain this position.

Unfortunately, the state of Alabama is not providing the necessary funding to support these expenditures. I am pleased to be able to make a small contribution to assist the work of Dean Benefield and his staff.

For me, 'It did begin at Auburn.'"



KEYSTONE
SOCIETY



Paul J. Spina Jr. '63
Electrical Engineering
Owner and CEO
Spina Enterprises Inc.
Managing Member
Foresight Development, LLC

"Having earned my way through Auburn on the co-op plan, I can appreciate some students needing financial help to achieve their dream.

My experiences at Auburn literally changed my personality, self-confidence and, in fact, my life. My desire to give back in service and financial assistance is only one aspect of my deep love for Auburn University."



William J. Ward '55
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General Electric Company

"As a native of Auburn, I have always been proud of my heritage and education, which have held me in good stead throughout my life and my 42-year business career. I am pleased to be able to give back to Auburn through the Keystone Society and I encourage other graduates to use their company matching fund programs for this purpose.

Today's business leaders are looking for engineers with skill sets in technology, globalization, leadership, teamwork, and with a passion for their work and a strong desire to succeed. Our engineers must have these learning opportunities to assure that Auburn reaches its rightful place among the top engineering colleges in the country. The Keystone Society is an excellent way to support this vision."

The individuals who joined The Keystone Society prior to 2005 are:

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COO
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Chemical Engineering
Washington Representative, retired
ExxonMobil

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Chemical Engineering
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President, retired
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ENGINEERING EAGLES SOCIETY

Through a gift of \$1,000 or more, the Engineering Eagles Society brings together alumni and friends who help us educate the engineers of tomorrow. With its three levels of giving, the society recognizes Auburn alumni and friends who, like the wings of an eagle, lift the college to new heights and help expand on the tradition of excellence Auburn engineers provide to the state, region and nation.

The Engineering Eagles Society members of 2005 are:

\$1,000-\$2,499

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1934

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1936

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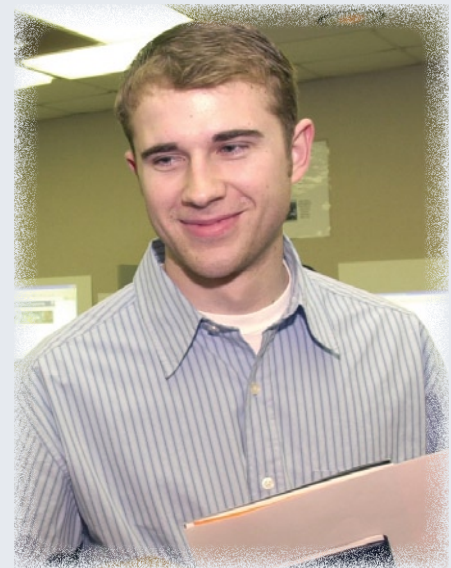
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