China Identifies AU’s Fisheries as Best in the World

The government of China has recognized AU’s Department of Fisheries and Allied Aquacultures as housing the premier program of its type in the world.

Out of that recognition has emerged a partnership between AU and the university housing China’s most prestigious fisheries programs.

AU Launches New Channel on YouTube

Auburn University in January announced the launch of a dedicated Channel on the widely popular video-sharing Web site YouTube, www.youtube.com/AuburnUniversity.

The Channel currently features more than 60 videos including various lectures and events as well as several student study abroad experiences. Among the most viewed clips are videos of AU’s beloved mascot Aubie and a promotional video featuring AU alumni reading the Auburn Creed.

“This through our relationship with YouTube, we are able to take our video content directly to where the audience is,” said Mike Clardy of AU’s Office of Communications and Marketing. “The huge benefit for us is that YouTube is an established entity and provides us another method for sharing information about Auburn.”

AU’s Office of Communications and Marketing manages the content on the university’s YouTube Channel and anyone can subscribe to the site, which will notify subscribers when new videos are posted. Viewers also have the opportunity to post comments about each video. Such features allow AU’s YouTube viewers to become engaged in the content while providing the university with valuable feedback.

Founded in February 2005, YouTube is the leading online video community that allows people to discover, watch and share originally created videos. YouTube allows people to easily upload and share video clips on www.YouTube.com and across the Internet through Web sites, blogs and e-mail.

AU’s partnership with YouTube marks the university’s latest new media initiative. Last semester AU announced the launch of AU iTunes, a partnership with Apple to provide a dedicated space on iTunes where faculty and campus groups can post information including presentations and lectures available for download. Last fall the university also launched an RSS feed and Wire Eagle, a subscription-based weekly e-newsletter.

The recognition is part of a Chinese initiative to establish educational partnerships with institutions worldwide that carry the distinction of premier universities in select fields, which China has deemed of major importance to the country’s economic and cultural development.

Following that designation and with funding support from the Chinese government, AU and China’s Ocean University are establishing a five-year exchange program for graduate students and faculty.

David Rouse, head of the Department of Fisheries and Allied Aquacultures in the College of Agriculture, said the Chinese government is investing heavily in its educational system. As part of its commitment, that nation’s government established a federal plan to identify 100 Chinese universities as tops in their disciplines and expand their international role through partnerships with the best universities in the world in those disciplines.

The Ocean University of China received national recognition for its work involving fish, shrimp, shellfish and similar species. Other universities across China have or will be chosen for fields of study ranging from business and engineering to the liberal arts.

Once a Chinese university obtains the prestigious designation, it receives funding from the country’s government to send graduate students or faculty members, or both, to the top university in the world in the selected discipline. As the top Chinese university in the fisheries area, Ocean University will send

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**Message from the President**

Dear Auburn Alumni and Supporters,

Auburn University has historically been a very safe place for students. Our faculty, staff, parents and students frequently choose Auburn because it offers a high-quality education in a close-knit, small-town atmosphere, one where crimes are rare.

So, when something tragic does happen, it is even more shocking to us. Everyone on our campus felt the pain and sorrow when Lauren Burk, a popular and beautiful young woman, was killed. We continue to pray for Lauren’s family and friends, and for our friends in Georgia where she lived, who experienced the loss of Lauren and another student that same week who attended another university.

Understandably, security questions arise in the wake of such a tragedy. AU and the Auburn City Police provide security escort for any student who requests one, and we provide security escorts from the library to the parking deck when students study at night. Our Campus Security Shuttle picks students up during the evening hours from anywhere on campus to get them safely home. We have surveillance cameras at locations throughout campus and are expanding this to a significantly sized and fully integrated closed-circuit surveillance system, something we started last fall due to the rapid growth on campus.

Earlier this year we reorganized our security office, hired a new head of public safety for campus, and hired a new director for emergency management. The Auburn Police Division regularly patrols campus, as does our own security staff, and they know many students by name.

We publish safety brochures and safety tips for students, informing them about the escort service noted above and advising them to never walk alone at night anywhere, not just on campus. In addition, we send e-mails with frequent reminders about these tips and provide links to them; our student support services office does an excellent job of getting the word out. We are currently publishing extensive new material that will provide additional safety information for all types of incidents, including fires, weather, bomb threats, violence and more.

I also want our alumni and parents to know we expanded our counseling support services area recently, too, in response to the tragedy at Virginia Tech. These services have been used by our students in the past weeks as we strive to give students the emotional support they need at such a time.

In addition, we have already adjusted our policy on our AU ALERT emergency response system to broadcast word, even if we do not have all the facts, to assure parents and students when a situation is being investigated and acted upon. If you have a student here, please be sure that you and your student have signed up for AU ALERT. Students may list a parents phone number as one of their contact listings. Please visit https://fp.auburn.edu/aualert/ to enroll.

I am very proud of the rapid response of the City of Auburn Police Department, and that a suspect was apprehended within three days of Lauren’s death. The police were confident in their assessment that there was no further danger to campus. As many of these officers have children or other relatives who attend school or work at the university, we know they have a strong, personal interest as well as a professional one in protecting all of us.

Safety has always been and will continue to be our highest priority. We will keep you informed as we expand programs to keep our community safe.

Sincerely,

Jay Gogue

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**AU Establishes Scholarship In Memory of Burk**

AU has established an endowed scholarship in memory of Lauren Burk. A graduate of Walton High School in Marietta, Ga., Burk was a freshman studying graphic design and art. She was also an active and admired member of the Delta Gamma sorority. The scholarship will be awarded to incoming freshman students majoring in graphic design with preference given to students from Cobb County, Ga. “As the Auburn community grieves the loss of one of its own, we are touched by the thoughtfulness of others,” said AU President Jay Gogue in response to the generosity of donations in Burk’s memory. “Gifts to the Lauren Ashley Burk Memorial Scholarship Endowment will be a permanent memory of Lauren’s tremendous spirit.” Donations can be made online at www.develop.auburn.edu (specify Lauren Burk Scholarship Fund) or send a check payable to the Auburn University Foundation to The Lauren Burk Memorial Scholarship Fund, $17 South College Street, Auburn, AL 36849.

**AAA Offers New Career Network**

Did you know your Auburn Alumni Association is now offering Tiger2Tiger...the newest, hottest and most exciting social and career network system exclusive only to Auburn alumni and members of the Auburn Alumni Association? This exclusive network went live in February.

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Faculty In The News

Lall Wins Grants From NSF and NASA

The National Science Foundation and NASA each recently awarded competitive grants to Pradeep Lall of AU’s Samuel Ginn College of Engineering.

Lall, the Thomas Walter professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering and associate director of the Center for Advanced Vehicle Electronics, will use the grants for research in integrated vehicle health electronics.

The NASA grant of $450,000 for three years will support Lall’s work in integrated vehicle health monitoring. That study focuses on indicators of potential system failure.

Hankes to Aid Planning for Olympics

Student Counseling Services Director Doug Hankes was invited to participate in planning for the on-site provision of sport psychology services at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Hankes, who is also a sport psychology consultant for the AU Athletic Department, went to the United States Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs in March for Olympic planning activities.

Architecture Institute Honors AU Prof

Behzad Nakhjavan, chair of the architecture program in the School of Architecture, was recently honored by the Alabama Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Nakhjavan was recognized for his design of Chewacla House in Auburn. The design was chosen from 35 entries.

Juan Gilbert Named CGS Fellow

The AU Center for Governmental Services, a part of University Outreach, has named Juan Gilbert of the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering as the center’s 2007-08 fellow.

As a CGS fellow, Gilbert will focus on implementing voting technologies such as the “Everyone Counts” online system, and he will continue work on other technology-based methods for improving participation in the election process.

He will also concentrate on developing information technology programs for municipalities and counties which will be implemented through CGS as part of its client support services.

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Tiger Transit Crosses 2 Million Mark

Tiger Transit reached a milestone in 2007 carrying more than 2 million riders, nearly tripling the number of riders the popular AU transit system carried only five years ago.

“More people are riding Tiger Transit than ever, and the numbers keep growing,” said David George, director of Parking and Transit Services. “Students, especially, have found that the buses are the best alternative for transportation to, from and around campus.”

Last year, the system carried 2,077,714 riders, up substantially from the 765,757 riders the system transported during the 2002 calendar year.

George cites several reasons for Tiger Transit’s success including improved service and reliability, more routes and shorter routes, additional buses and the installation of a GPS system, Trans-Loc. That system enables riders to monitor buses in motion and the routes in real time on a detailed map displayed on the Internet or a Web-enabled cellular phone.

“For many students, AU is really a commuter campus for all practical purposes. And we are trying to make that commute as painless as possible,” George said, citing service to parking areas and off-campus housing.

He said the university’s development of pedestrian corridors also has prompted many students to choose Tiger Transit instead of driving to campus.

“This has really increased the desirability of taking Tiger Transit because the bus will get you closer to campus than parking your car,” George said.

Tiger Transit came online in the late 1990s and began operating under Groome Transportation in 2000. Since that time, the system has seen incremental increases in ridership, which reached unprecedented numbers in 2007.

The Tiger Transit system operates a fleet of 42 buses on more than 20 routes from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. each class day during fall and spring semesters. On those days, the system operates a scaled-back night fleet to external campus destinations from 6:15 p.m.-10 p.m.

Tiger Transit offers an abbreviated version of its services during the summer semester.

“For the most part, the feedback has been very positive,” George said. “It is really nice to be part of something the majority of students like.”

Student workers for the transit system distribute surveys on various bus routes every day. George said riders’ feedback helps planners make decisions regarding the system’s future.

Academic Freedom

Family of George Folkerts Receives Award

The AU chapter of the American Association of University Professors presented its Academic Freedom Award posthumously on March 11 to George Folkerts, a longtime faculty member and advocate for the Davis Arboretum.

Folkerts, a professor in the Department of Biological Sciences for 38 years, died Dec. 14. At the spring University Faculty meeting, Folkerts’ wife Debbie, who is an assistant professor in Biological Sciences, and daughter Molly accepted the award on behalf of the family.

In the late 1990s, Folkerts, whose Ph.D. was from Auburn, led a successful communitywide campaign to force reconsideration of a plan to construct an art museum on the arboretum’s grounds.

The grass-roots campaign prompted planners to recommend an alternate site along South College Street. The university adopted that site, which was a more prominent location that won near-universal support.

History Professor Bill Trimble, president of Auburn’s AAUP chapter, called the campaign and its result a “win-win” situation for everyone. “The Jule Collins Smith Museum is the gateway to Auburn. And he saved the arboretum,” Trimble said.

Elsewhere, Folkerts’ colleagues described him as a renowned expert on the ecology of disappearing habitat types and declining species and said he was widely admired for his comprehensive knowledge of plants, invertebrates and vertebrates in the Southeast.
Gogue Cites Cuts Amid Successes; Seeks New Ideas

In his first State of the University address to the AU faculty, President Jay Gogue on March 11 noted several positive developments while expressing concern about funding.

Gogue, who assumed office in July, also solicited help from faculty on a major endeavor that he said is vital to the university’s future.

The AU president said the proposed education budget before the Alabama House poses a financial danger as the university prepares for the next fiscal year. Under that proposal, Auburn would receive 14.3 percent less in state funding in the fiscal year starting Oct. 1 than it has in the current year.

Adding to the potential financial harm, the reduction in state financial support would come in the face of increased costs to AU for health insurance and Retirement Systems of Alabama.

Noting a wide discrepancy in the proposed allocation of state education funds, Gogue said the average proposed cut for four-year institutions would be 14 percent, with two-year colleges receiving an 8 percent cut and K-12 schools receiving a cut of only 2 percent to 3 percent.

Gogue said AU officials are trying to impress upon legislators the unfairness and potential harm facing the state from the proposed budget. “We’re spending a lot of time on the phone and visiting with members of the Legislature, trying to talk about equity and fairness during this period,” he added.

If the Legislature votes for an equal cut in funding among all institutions, each would receive approximately a 5 percent decrease.

“Five percent is a bad cut but it is something we could live with. When you get into the 14 percent range, it is very, very tough to begin to look at what that means to an institution,” he said.

Even with the concern over funding, Gogue said he has seen a number of successes and the potential for still more at Auburn during his first months in office.

For instance, he said, an increase in contacts between AU administrators and members of the Legislature and federal officials seems to be making these officials more aware of the university’s impact on the state and nation.

Gogue cited strong financial support by alumni as another positive sign. In terms of alumni who give money back to their home institutions, Auburn ranks No. 1 in the Southeastern Conference and ranks in the Top 10 of schools nationally, he noted, adding, “Auburn has done an absolutely magnificent job with private fundraising.”

Another positive sign, he said, has been strong demand by talented students for admission to Auburn. The university received approximately 18,000 applications for approximately 4,000 spots in 2007. Not only is demand high but this year’s freshman class boasted an ACT average score of 24.8, an AU record. Calling the numbers “remarkable,” Gogue noted that good faculty and strong academic standards attract good students.

Referring to security concerns following the recent abduction and murder of Auburn student Lauren Burk, Gogue said security efforts are being stepped up and a security audit last fall will further aid the university and city in those efforts.

Citing several major aspects of the security audit, Gogue said one especially significant aspect involves ensuring that the university receives sufficient police coverage from the city of Auburn. Police quickly made an arrest in the murder case and have increased the number of security personnel on campus since the attack on Burk.

Discussing administrative vacancies, Gogue said several searches are under way. Positions to be filled by current searches include the vice president for research, dean of the graduate school, vice president for development and the provost.

The AU president said he is optimistic that a new provost will be in place by January and that a new dean of the graduate school and a new vice president for research will be in place by next fall.

Discussing post-tenure review, Gogue said the Provost’s Office reviewed the performance of 71 tenured faculty members this year. Of those, eight received exceptional reviews with a recommendation that those faculty members receive special recognition for their accomplishments, and six faculty were asked to produce development plans.

“The vast majority scored very well. A few were at the exceptional end and a few were at the end that needs additional work,” he said.

Noting that the University Senate has approved a professional leave and sabbatical proposal, Gogue said he considers such a program to be an important need. But, he added, “We’re going to have to figure out how we’re going to pay for it, and we’re working hard to find the resources necessary to do that.”

Gogue said the administration has a goal of 80 new endowed professorships by this time next year to honor faculty who have done outstanding work. He said the new professorships will help Auburn recruit and retain top faculty.

Asking the faculty to help him look to the future, Gogue asked for ideas on how to continue to move the university forward, especially in terms of improving Auburn’s academic standing among its peer institutions.

“There are many of the academic mechanisms used to look at the quality of an institution that Auburn needs to improve upon and we as a collective body need to be committed to looking at new ideas, new ways of thinking and new possibilities to see what it is that would make this university a better place,” he said.

“We need as a university to move in a dramatic way, and I think there are some opportunities for us to do that.”
AU Office Helps Students Find D.C. Internships

Auburn has launched a program to help students identify and land internships in the nation’s capital.

Headed by Heather Finch, the new Washington Internship Program helps students find and apply for internships in their area of interest in Washington, D.C. Internship possibilities include the White House, Congress, the judiciary and most federal agencies.

“Internships with the federal government are a great experience and career booster for students,” said Finch. “In the past, a lot of good students expressed interest in a Washington internship, and a number of students obtained internships. But many of them missed out on the opportunity because they did not know where to look or how to apply.”

She added, “We are here to give them that opportunity and to provide a support system that goes beyond applying for the position.”

She noted that the office helps students identify affordable lodging in the capital city and establish contacts with Auburn alumni who are working in the federal government.

Finch said internships are available in nearly every branch of the federal government, and many agencies like to hire students with academic majors in their areas of responsibility. “Practically every major can find an agency or branch of government that needs people in that field,” she said. “And a lot of internships are open to any academic major.”

Also, she said, students can sometimes find internships in or near their hometowns through congressional district offices and state or regional offices of federal agencies.

Since its start in November, the Washington Internship Program has helped more than 30 students apply for internships in the federal government for next summer and the 2008-09 academic year. While it is too early to know how many will be accepted for these highly coveted positions in the program’s first year, Finch said she would not be surprised to see 10 or 12 Auburn students serving internships with the federal government each semester in the near future.

“This is a way to match up some of the best and brightest students with federal agencies and congressional offices that are looking for outstanding talent,” said Brian Keeter, director of public affairs at AU.

“For students, an internship in Washington is a unique opportunity to learn first hand how government works,” he said.

Keeter added that Auburn has an extensive network of alumni in the Washington area, and many of these alumni are very supportive of Auburn students. He noted that Alabama’s congressional delegation also encourages students to apply for assistantships. A member of both groups, AU alumnus and U.S. Rep. Spencer Bachus of Alabama’s Sixth Congressional District, said, “A Washington internship offers a fun and educational experience for your collegiate career and provides leadership skills for a lifetime.”

Finch said students can improve their odds of earning an internship for 2009 by starting early to identify and apply for positions either in Washington or their home districts.

Information on AU’s Washington Internship Program is at www.auburn.edu/washington. Contact Finch by e-mail at finchhm@auburn.edu or by phone at 844-4784.

With the return to neoclassical architecture at AU, the Shelby Center in the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering provides a mix of geometric lines, as seen in this view across the center’s south courtyard. The engineering technology complex was designed in the style of AU buildings from the first half of the 20th century. The Shelby Center was dedicated on April 18.

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10 scholars per year for five years for fisheries study at Auburn.

Last June, officials from Ocean University visited Auburn and several other universities in the United States and around the world to evaluate the potential for partnerships. Afterward, they asked Auburn to form a partnership with their university.

Ocean University sought input from scientists of Chinese origin around the world. “Every one of them said Auburn was the one for fisheries, which was an even higher honor for us,” said Rouse.

AU President Jay Gogue added, “This appears to be a great opportunity to enrich students and faculty of both great universities.”

Rouse and John Liu, associate dean for research in AU’s College of Agriculture, visited China in August to meet with Ocean University officials. Liu, a native of China, is also a faculty member in the Department of Fisheries and Allied Aquacultures. Following that visit, officials from Ocean University and AU signed an official memorandum of understanding in December.

The first 10 Chinese students will be selected by fisheries faculty from both institutions and will arrive at AU in fall 2008. While some will be in the fisheries department at AU, Rouse said others will be in agricultural economics and poultry science.

In addition to sending Chinese fisheries scholars to Auburn, the Chinese government will pay for AU professors to travel to China to teach short courses. To kick off the program Ocean University will host AU fisheries faculty in May for meetings with faculty in China.
Miller Proposes AU Alter Policy To Keep Housing Affordable

With a new concept for student housing taking physical form on the west side of campus, the AU Board of Trustees in February began a discussion of a new approach to pricing policy for campus housing.

Informed that under traditional pricing formulas the new residence halls could cost students substantially more per semester than rooms in older buildings, Trustee Jack Miller of Mobile said the university will need a new approach to setting prices for student housing.

Miller, who championed the student village concept in which the new residence halls have an academic component, said he wants Auburn to avoid a two-tier pricing policy that could make the new housing affordable only to students from wealthier families. When the first buildings open next year, a price differential should not block students from participating in the learning communities, he said.

Miller’s comments came at a meeting in Montgomery as the board approved price increases for units in existing housing of just under 3 percent for most student housing and 6 percent for the Caroline Draughon Village Extension, effective this fall.

In other matters, President Jay Gogue informed the board that AU has a first draft of 62 goals for its new strategic plan. He said the number would be reduced by about half, or more in the following weeks. The university will fare better with about two dozen measurable goals in several major areas than with a few items that are too broad to measure, he said.

The proposals result from input by approximately 2,000 people in the university community, Gogue noted. To view the draft online, go to www.auburn.edu, and look for the “Strategic Planning” link in the Special Features section.

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Design Magazine Cites Auburn Programs, Professor

A leading magazine for design professionals has again recognized programs in two AU colleges and an Auburn professor as among the best in their fields.

In a recent edition, DesignIntelligence magazine ranked the interior design program in AU’s College of Human Sciences fourth among programs of its type in the United States. For the second year the department’s graduate program is also ranked among the top 10 programs nationwide.

The magazine also ranked the undergraduate program of the Department of Industrial Design in the College of Architecture, Design and Construction as fifth in the nation in its field and included Professor Tin Man Lau among 25 faculty members across the United States in the category of “2008’s Most Respected and Admired Educators.”

This is the second year Industrial Design’s undergraduate program was the top-ranked undergraduate university program of its type in the South. For the second year the department’s graduate program is also ranked among the top 10 programs nationwide.

Jocelyn Rugunda, owner of Umoja Fish Farms in Uganda, watches Sara Rademaker ’07 and AU researcher Karen Veverica add bamboo stalks into a tilapia pond. The bamboo serves as shelter and protection for the young tilapia as they mature in the pond. For more about Auburn’s efforts to improve fish farming techniques in Uganda, visit www.auburn.edu/fishtales.

In the band’s first trip abroad, Aubie led the AU Marching Band through the streets of Dublin on March 17 as special invited guests for the International St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Approximately 200 band members traveled to Ireland for the festivities.
Philpott Remembered for Leadership In Pivotal Era

President Emeritus Harry M. Philpott, who died Jan. 28 at age 90, was remembered by friends, colleagues and former students as a beloved and pivotal figure in the history of Auburn University.

Philpott, the 11th of 18 AU presidents, was credited with leading Auburn during the late 1960s and the 1970s through its transition from a narrowly focused traditional land-grant institution with little national academic recognition into a nationally respected, comprehensive land-grant university with emerging international programs. The former AU president died Jan. 28 and was buried Feb. 1 in the city’s Memorial Cemetery, following a memorial service at Auburn First Baptist Church.

“Dr. Philpott was an inspirational leader and a champion for Auburn’s faculty,” said AU President Jay Gogue. “His focus on academics is still felt today and represents a substantial part of his legacy.”

Philpott came to Auburn in 1965 with a Ph.D. in religion and higher education from Yale and 18 years of classroom and administrative experience, mostly at the University of Florida. Over the next 15 years, he led AU through what was up to that time the university’s greatest period of growth in campus buildings. That growth, which began under his predecessor, Ralph Draughon, enabled Auburn to accommodate increasing numbers of students and academic programs. Auburn grew from offering 63 fields of study to offering degrees in more than 140 areas as enrollment increased 56 percent to 18,603 during Philpott’s presidency.

As president, he participated in the awarding of 53,806 degrees, or 55 percent of the total 98,316 degrees awarded at AU throughout history to that point.

Herb White, director of University Relations under Philpott, said the nationally respected educator was committed to enriching the value of an Auburn degree for every graduate.

As a sign of Auburn’s emergence on the national scene, Philpott was the first Alabama educator in the 20th century to be elected president of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges.

Known for his congenial manner, Philpott was often called a “people person,” and friends and colleagues describe him as accessible to and esteemed by faculty and students.

Auburn’s current president and first lady were among those students. “Susie and I received our degrees from Dr. Philpott, and we consider that a great honor,” said President Gogue.

“As president Philpott always considered faculty as professional colleagues,” said Professor Taylor Littleton, who was vice president for academic affairs under Philpott. “Uniformly, faculty members had a sense of trust in his administration.”

White, who was director of University Relations for all but the first few months of Philpott’s administration, noted that Philpott, came into office with extensive experience in the academic arena.

But more important than Philpott’s knowledge and experience, White said, was his temperament. “He was even-tempered and had a very healthy respect for the faculty. He often said that teaching was a calling more than a profession, and he enriched the quality of the faculty a great deal as president.”

For example, early in Philpott’s administration, AU created its alumni professorships program to retain and attract well-qualified faculty.

In the move toward a broader curriculum, Auburn’s ROTC program became optional instead of mandatory for male students. Meanwhile, rules were changed to allow women to live off campus, and a broader curriculum presented more career options for women. As a result, AU saw enrollment of female students rise from 28 percent in 1965 to 42 percent in 1980 and 49 percent today.

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AU President Emeritus Harry M. Philpott, who died Jan. 28 at age 90, displayed a unique style of presidential leadership through low-key interaction with constituents. This classic photo from the early 1970s, when students nationally were protesting the Vietnam War and AU students were protesting housing rules for women, shows Philpott’s effective use of such discussions to quell unrest and gain information for policy-making.
There are two words that give you a sense of belonging even when you are far from home. And when you hear them, you know you’re with family. Two simple words. “War Eagle.” Tom Yelvington, ’71 enjoyed a War Eagle moment when he received this photo “from the end of the world” from his daughter, Jaime, a University of Colorado graduate, and friend Jason Seehafer, a 1994 AU graduate. If you have any interesting War Eagle moments, please send them to moment@auburn.edu. To see War Eagle moment commercials, go to www.wareaglemoment.org.