Summer semester brings a lot of things. It brings humidity, laid back classes and hoards of Camp War Eagle participants.

Future Auburn Plainsmen and women spend three days in a unique-to-Auburn program which introduces them to the college experience.

Despite the heavy rains, spirits were not dampened and Camp War Eagle was successful.

“The camp counselors and parent counselors stepped it up, faced the challenges and stayed motivated,” said Melissa Sparrow, coordinator of the student portion of Camp War Eagle. She said that if anything, the challenge pumped everyone up even more.

According to Jamie Mantooth, coordinator of the parent portion of Camp War Eagle, ratings by campers and parents have been flattering. He guesses that 95% of returned surveys have put all components of Camp War Eagle in the “good” or “very good,” category.

While Camp War Eagle hasn’t changed a whole lot in the past years, some things were added this year. A campus tour was added in response to feedback from past participants. The campers are currently staying in the Quad versus the Hill dorms (which is where they resided in the past.)

“The Quad is a lot more centrally located,” said Sparrow.

According to Mantooth, there have been some changes in the parent program. A “sneak peek” of the new art museum has been added to the schedule as well as a dessert reception sponsored by The Exchange Apartments.

“It has been extremely well received,” said Mantooth.

“It helps retention rates and introduces students to Academic Support Services. Ultimately, the goal is to connect the student to AU.”

The community benefits as well said Mantooth. The weekly influx of
Fall 2003 enrollment projections:
- 23,200 total
- 3,700 incoming freshmen

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...campers and parents brings business to an otherwise, low-volume summer.

Adam Ray, waiter at Toomer’s Corner said that Camp War Eagle weeks are the busiest at the drugstore. “It’s crazy,” Ray said.

Camp War Eagle this year brought approximately 3,700 students to Auburn. In the past five years, it has brought between 3,600-3,800 students said Sparrow.

“The numbers are right where we want them to be,” Sparrow said.

Sparrow said that Camp War Eagle is especially useful for “students who have never been to campus, from out-of-state.”

“It’s a great introduction to the Auburn University family,” Sparrow said.

Camp War Eagle begins with a math placement test, introduction to student organizations, skits by Camp War Eagle counselors, a picnic, campus tour and pep rally. The next day, after a night full of activities such as movies, ice cream and recreational activities, campers are woken up for a 7 a.m. breakfast. They spend the rest of the day in college life sessions which talk about classes, time management and social aspects of college.

Future freshman than have many options to explore. They can go to the ROTC Nichols Center and learn about joining the Armed Forces. They can take tours of campus housing, meet Greek Life representatives and learn about community service options at Auburn. They can even get a tour of the library.

Local businesses set up booths and tables in the War Eagle Food Court for students to browse and student organizations and services set up tables in Haley Center—all for Camp War Eagle participants.

After registering and seeing a comedy act/pizza dinner, participants are ready to check out and go home the next day.

Slowing the flow: record enrollment control

After last fall’s record enrollment, Enrollment Management Services is trying a new approach to regulating the number of student enrolling at Auburn this fall.

The fall 2002 freshman enrollment was, 4,184. This increase came a surprise for EMS, which had predicted a much lower figure, said John Fletcher, assistant vice president for EMS.

“I think the real issue is how do you get into the mind of a 17 or 18 year-old who is at this point in his or her decision-making process,” Fletcher said. “We do a lot of work with predictive algorithms.”

Factors determining why or when a student decides to enroll at Auburn are as unique as the students themselves. Fletcher encourages EMS staffers to determine what factors played a part in determining college choice. Laughing, Fletcher said that the only reason he went to his alma mater was because his girlfriend went there.

According to Interim Provost John Pritchett, another reason that Auburn has become so appealing is the successful recruiting program developed by Student Affairs as well as the high-quality education available here.

Last year, Auburn received more than 11,700 applications to enter the freshman class. The waiting list for admission among qualified applicants had over 2,000 names. According to Wes Williams, vice president of Student Affairs, “We start from the top and work our way down.”

This upcoming fall, EMS predicts that there will be 3,700 incoming freshmen at Auburn. To help curtail overcrowding, EMS has set an earlier deadline for submission of a $200 deposit to secure a place in the freshman class.

Recruitment procedures, said...
Fletcher, will stay the same. Auburn has a detailed and complicated recruiting process. Auburn sends recruiters to college fairs and high schools. It responds to inquiries from prospective students, and targets special groups such as students who score high on achievement tests and minority applicants.

After the student applies, Auburn tracks communication with the prospective students through a software program called emas pro. The communications program includes printed materials as well as phone calls.

“We market the university to the student until they decide to enroll,” said Fletcher.

According to Williams, Auburn is constantly reviewing the admissions process in order to improve and admit the best.

New Director for Office of Greek Life

For the first time, the Office of Greek Life has a director, two of them in fact. Taunia Coe (director) and Jill Moore (assistant director) are now in charge of the largest Greek system in the state.

In the past, there have been individual directors for the IFC and Panhellenic councils, however never before has there been someone coordinating the entire Greek system.

“There are issues in Greek Life that needed to be tackled for years,” Coe said. Since taking the position, Coe has worked as an advisor for the Greek organizations on campus, meeting with the presidents and helping them organize events and programming.

“We do leadership programming, administration and training,” Coe said.

This fall, several things will be different in the Office of Greek Life. First, all registration for IFC and Panhellenic recruitment will be online for the first time. Students interested in joining the Greek system can visit one of the three Web sites, www.auburn.edu/ifc (IFC); www.auburn.edu/nphc (NPHC); or www.auburn.edu/panhellenic (Panhellenic).

Auburn’s Greek system is so well known that little recruiting is necessary said Coe.

“We get phone calls in February from students asking about where to register,” Coe said. “Little recruitment is necessary.” Overall, Auburn is 25 percent Greek, up from 17 percent last year.

Another change in the Office of Greek Life will be a partnership recently agreed to between the Office of Greek Life and the Center for Diversity. Coe said she’s excited about the partnership and she thinks it will be beneficial for both groups.

Coe has several goals for the Office of Greek Life this year.

“Dr. Wes Williams told me he wants to have the premier Greek program in the country,” Coe said. With an average GPA higher than the student body average, Coe believes that Auburn’s Greek organizations are well on their way to reaching that goal.

She also hopes to encourage student accountability and create a program to help Greek graduates market their skills to potential employers.

Coe has been so successful, that she received several awards in the past year. She received an award from the South East IFC called the Dr. Tom Shoemaker Advisor of the Year award. She received another award, the Alpha Kappa Order for her work on developing educational materials for their membership education program. Lastly, she received an award from Beta Theta Pi for Greek Advisor of the Year.

“This was the fourth year for our fraternity to give this annual award. She was chosen because of her work with international fraternities, North American Interfraternity Conference, and her help with the implementation of the Men of Principle Initiative,” said Will McClain, president of Beta Theta Pi.
STUDY PARTNERS- Summer semester may have fewer students, but the decrease isn’t large in the Study Partners program. According to Rachel Ebrecht, Study Partners student supervisor and tutor, the summer semester only brings about 10 fewer students per day in the Academic Support Services program.

“We get probably 25 students compared to 35 in the other semesters,” Ebrecht said.

Study Partners offers free tutoring to students. All a student has to do is sign up for a tutoring session and show up. Study Partners even accepts walk-ins on a first available basis.

STUDY PARTNERS has approximately 12 student employees during the summer compared to 18 during the fall.

“When hired, you make a list of classes you can help with,” said Ebrecht. “You can add or take away from that list if you want.”

Sarah Norman, a senior has been using Study Partners since her freshman year.

“There are quiet rooms which are actually quiet and if you need help, it’s right around the corner,” Norman said.

FOY STUDENT UNION- The search for the new Dean of Students, a position formerly known as Foy Student Union director, is beginning with development and approval of a job description.

“Overall, we will be looking for someone with progressively responsible experience in Student Affairs, specifically in the areas which will report to the position, who will continue the work Dr. Debbie Shaw and her staff began and also bring new ideals and perspectives to the position,” said Stuart Eddings of the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Eddings said that the position will be advertised nationally. Requests also will be sent to other vice presidents for nominations. Every application that meets the initial requirements will be forwarded to the Search Committee. Interview will involve students, faculty and staff.

Mike Reynolds, director of Financial Aid and Scholarships, has been the interim director of Foy Student Union since Shaw became assistant vice president of Alumni Affairs. Reynolds has said he will not be a candidate for the permanent position.

According the Eddings, it is too early in the process to predict when the search will be concluded.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT SERVICES- A new part-time job listing website for Auburn University students is an instant hit.

“Employers can post jobs and monitor responses from AU students on the university’s website,” said Katie Mantooth, a Career Development Services program advisor in the Student Affairs Division.

Employers can list jobs at no cost on the website, www.jobs.auburn.edu.

“We’ve had 1,375 hits in less than a month, which tells us the service is filling a significant need,” Mantooth said.

For more information, contact Mantooth at 844-3879 or mantokp@auburn.edu.

STUDENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR- George M. Richburg of Auburn, AL, a senior Auburn University student and University Beef Teaching Unit employee, was selected as the Auburn University and Southeastern Association of Student Employment Administrators (SASEA) Student Employee of the Year on April 15, 2003. Richburg was selected from 30 University nominations and from colleges and universities from SASEA’s 12 states.
Student Affairs
Annual Staff Picnic
One-Time Funding Distribution

With budgets fresh on everyone’s mind, Dr. Wes Williams, Vice President of Student Affairs recently had to decide who received one-time funding monies from University coffers.

According to Stuart Eddings, in the office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Williams received proposals for the coveted one-time funds for more than $640,000.

Proposals flooded in from Foy Student Union (primarily student activities,) Student Life and Enrollment Management Services.

Together, John Fletcher of Enrollment Management Services, Mike Reynolds, acting director of Foy Student Union and Nancy McDaniel of Student Life Services received proposals from their respective areas. After ranking the proposals, they turned the final list over to Williams.

“It was very difficult because all proposals submitted were important and needed,” said McDaniel. McDaniel said that she based her decisions on suggestions and after careful review. She was careful to point out that the proposals were all necessary and needed at Auburn University.

In the end, $405,432.80 was awarded to 14 different proposals. According to Eddings, “new positions will be created, new programs will be started, on-going programs will receive permanent funding, facilities improvements will be made and new technology will be purchased.”

Besides one-time funding, Williams also had to approve on-going funding for 10 positions. This funding totaled more than $540,000.

Meningitis shots recommended
Clockwise from top:
Caroline Fleming (front) of Memphis, Tenn., works on her schedule with Elizabeth Boone of Germantown, Tenn., during Camp War Eagle.
Jose Valenzuela of Auburn, Ala., looks through his registration information.
Adam Hill, Camp War Eagle counselor at Auburn University talks to incoming freshman about registration.
Aaron Comstock sits on the concourse at Auburn University and listens to camp counselor talk about registration for fall classes.