

## **New Dining Plan**

Auburn University's New Required Participation Dining Plan Effective beginning with the fall semester 2008, first-year incoming undergraduates are required to participate in an on-campus descending balance or debit dining program. The program will be phased in to all Auburn University main campus undergraduates over the next four academic years. But for academic year 2008-2009, required participation will be limited to the first-year incoming class. The required participation dining program enables its participating students to purchase meals, food, beverage products and dining services utilizing their personal student photo-ID card, the TigerCard, at any and every on-campus dining venue, including the seven new venues opening in the new Student Center in August 2008, up to the dollar level of their required contributions. Students residing in on campus residence halls will be required to participate at a minimum level of \$995 per semester. All other first-year incoming students will be required to participate at a minimum level of \$300. Each participating student's University account will be assessed the appropriate level concurrently with the posting for the upcoming semester's tuition and fees. Each student's plan will activate for student use upon receipt of payment or no later than the day after the due date for tuition and fees. Once a student's incoming class participates in the program, the student is required to participate for every subsequent semester the student is enrolled at Auburn University.

### **Summer Terms and Roll-Overs within an Academic Year**

Students attending a summer term are not assessed a required participation amount for summer. Funds from the minimum level not expended during a fall semester may be expended during the spring semester. Funds from the minimum level not expended during a fall or a spring semester may be expended during the summer term.

The minimum level of \$995 is not anticipated to cover all meal costs an on-campus resident student may incur during a semester. Auburn University students occasionally skip meals, dine off campus, and frequently go home for weekends. A student resident is not penalized under this debit plan for meals that a student does not consume on campus (the notorious "missed meal factor").

The minimum level of \$300 for all other students is anticipated to cover on-campus between-classes meals and snacks throughout the semester. It is not designed to necessitate students residing off campus to return to campus in the evenings to expend those funds. Assuming a student is on campus only 56 of the 70-plus class days and exam days in a given semester, the student would have available an average of \$5.36 per day for a meal or snacks while on campus. Additional Deposited Funds Funds deposited in excess of the minimum level during a given semester do roll forward to all subsequent semesters or summer terms that the student is enrolled at Auburn University, and will be refundable upon graduation or withdrawal from Auburn University. Additional Questions Questions concerning Auburn University's new required participation incoming student dining program being unveiled for the Fall Semester 2008 should be directed to the TigerCard office, presently in Foy Student Union, but moving in August to the new Student Center, at 334 844-4507.