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Student Act renovation to bring needed student resource

In effort to provide a more suitable space for student gatherings, Facilities Management will begin a major renovation to the Student Activities Center next door to the Martin Aquatics Center.

The renovation is expected to provide a more suitable venue for medium-sized events, those too small for Beard-Eaves or the Auburn Arena and too large for the Student Center.

Built in 1984, the Student Activities Center was the precursor of the state-of-the-art Recreation and Wellness Center. The more than 100,000-square-foot structure houses gymnasium floors currently used for volleyball, classroom space and a small theater used for student events.

The estimated \$7 million renovation will build upon what the Student Act is already used for and expand it for future use.

"We have a lot of student events that have to take place off campus, and then the students have to pay for transportation," said Bobby Woodard, vice president for Student Affairs. "This

gives us an opportunity to increase our space for student events on campus."

The project will be split into phases. Phase I, expected to begin in October, includes replacing the 19,600 square feet of gymnasium floor with new athletic wood. Phase II will include renovating

about 34,000 square feet on the northern end of the center for a modern, multi-purpose event space. The theater area will include 1,200 seats, an expanded stage, modern equipment and better acoustics. Phase II will also include

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The area of the Student Activities Center where concessions will be built.

Simon Yendle named university architect



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Former Auburn University Interim University Architect and Director of Capital Projects Simon Yendle has been named to the full position of university architect.

Yendle joined Facilities Management in 2013 as a campus architect and was promoted to director of capital projects from 2014-17.

Before coming to Facilities Management, he practiced architecture in Birmingham as the vice president of Kahn South Inc., a branch office of Albert Kahn Associates Inc., where he managed the office as regional director of architectural services.

He was also the previous principal owner of SRW and Associates, an architecture and interior design firm, in

Birmingham

Yendle is certified through the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NGARB).

He graduated from Auburn University in 1990 with a bachelor of architecture degree and co-operative education.

He and his wife, Karen, have three daughters: Hayden, who is pursuing a graduate degree in structural engineering at Auburn University; Meghan, who is currently attending Mississippi College majoring in early childhood education, and Lauren, who is a sophomore at Auburn High School.

Congratulations, Simon!

September News Briefs



The September Construction Update was recently released. It features a cover photo taken inside the Harbert Family Recruiting Center and Locker Room Renovation.



The roofing shop's Clarence Moss recently changed his legal name to El Wajid Nowan Bey, and he would like to be called Wajid. Congratulations on the change!

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renovating and modifying current bathroom facilities and adding an area for concessions.

A temporary construction dumpster will be placed in a grassy area near Biggio Drive. Materials removed during demolition will be taken along a breezeway on the west side of the building. The sidewalk shared by the Student Activities and Martin Aquatics centers will be blocked off for repairing and renovating the outside concrete beginning Dec. 1 as part of Phase II.

"We are working with our contractor to minimize the pedestrian impact of this project," said Cale Simons, Facilities construction project manager. "The building will remain open to students

during the renovation, so as to not impact students who utilize the Student Act."

The renovation will bring one of Auburn University's hidden buildings into a new generation, all while providing students and patrons a brand new space they can call their own.

"The student experience is created through the countless opportunities of engagement we have here at Auburn," SGA President Dane Block said. "So to continue to grow and expand on these opportunities, we must have the facilities and resources."

The project is set for completion in the summer of 2019.

Gavin renovation celebrated



Auburn University's Samuel Ginn College of Engineering recently held a dedication ceremony for the completed renovation of the Gavin Engineering Research Laboratory. Landscape Services was onsite to complete final preparations for the event. The building has been renovated into a state-of-the-art research facility thanks to gifts of \$10.5 million made possible by Charles E. Gavin III and his late wife, Carol Ann. This project includes the renovation of the Gavin Laboratory, demolition of the Engineering Shops and L Building, and creation of the Carol Ann Gavin Garden. The garden will be completed in spring 2019.

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Facilities makes gameday possible

In the South, football is king, and Auburn is one of the most dynamic places to be on game day. It doesn't happen on its own, however.

Every home game day, facilities shows up in spades in efforts to make game day as special as possible for every person that calls Auburn and Jordan-Hare home.

Whether manning bathroom facilities across campus, emptying full garbage

cans or placing metal, plastic and concrete barriers in dedicated areas, facilities does the jobs that have to be done.

Each home weekend, more than 100 employees give their time to keep clean and maintain critical services required to make game day a success.

Administrators, maintenance, campus services and janitorial services work

together to make the campus as inviting as possible, particularly visitors both near and far.

In short, without facilities, game day would be impossible.

"Thanks for what you do for Auburn University," maintenance Assistant Director Bruce Arnold. "It makes a big impact for our game day experience here, and we appreciate it."





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Thanks to @AU_Facilities and @AU_Recycles for all of your hard work before, during and after game day. We are fortunate to have great partners throughout campus, the city and state that make @AuburnTigers Game Day the best in College Football. Let's do it again next week. #WDE

