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“DISCOVER AUBURN” SERIES KICKS OFF WITH PETRIE BIOGRAPHER

Mike Jernigan, author of *Auburn Man: the Life and Times of George Petrie*, will speak on August 23, 2007, at 3 p.m. in the Special Collections and Archives Department of Ralph Brown Draughon Library.

The talk kicks off a year-long series entitled “Discover Auburn,” which features programs on AU research, history and other topics of interest. The series is co-sponsored by the Auburn University Libraries, the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities in the College of Liberal Arts and the Auburn University Bookstore.

*Auburn Man* is the first full-length biography of the beloved professor who for 55 years played a seminal role in shaping the university. In addition to introducing football to Auburn, Petrie had a profound influence on how the college valued both liberal arts and outreach. He was the first faculty member at AU to hold an earned Ph.D. and as author of “The Auburn Creed” gave words to the ideal of the AU man and woman.

Other “Discover Auburn” programs scheduled for the fall include Geoff Hill on the search for the ivorybill woodpecker on Sept. 5, Gary Mullen on naturalist and artist Philip Henry Gosse on Oct. 4 and Lynn Williams on Alabama printmakers on Nov. 7.

Copies of *Auburn Man* will be available for purchase and signing. For more information on the program and the series, contact the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center at 334-844-4946.

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