

AUM NIBUS

Chronicling the Campus Community and Beyond Since 1971

Summer 2014

Warhawk Issue - 14

Read, Discuss, Connect: AUM Common Reading Program

Morghan Prude

AUM Connected: Common Reading Program is an organization on campus unlike any simple book club. Throughout the year, the program offers an array of events and activities for students, faculty and staff to participate in. The goal of AUM Connected is exactly what the name implies: to connect the campus and the Montgomery community through selected and engaging reading material. Reading books does not only open the door for good discussion, but is

also a great venue for socialization and fun among others. For students interested in reading fun, thought provoking works and participating in the many academic experiences the program provides, it's never too late to join. This year, AUM Connected is posing a contest with their chosen book: *Big Fish* by Daniel Wallace.

In addition, the "Picture Me Reading" Contest challenges students to take photos of themselves reading *Big Fish* in a variety of settings and encourages them to get creative. Pictures will be posted on the AUM Connected Facebook page so others may vote on which one people like best; the winner will be determined by the AUM Connected committee, and the number of "likes" it receives.

AUM Connect welcomes unique photos that are also tasteful and appropriate. The deadline for the "Picture Me Reading" Contest is Aug. 1, 2014, and all photo submissions must be emailed to Dr. Lee A. Farrow at lfarrow@aum.edu.

Below are some of the AUM Connected events planned for the fall:

- Aug. 22: A Discussion on Homer's *The Odyssey* and Wallace's *Big Fish* led by Honors Program Director Donnie Nobles
- Sep 5: Showing of the film, partly shot in Montgomery, *Big Fish* and book signing
- Sep 26: Campus-wide discussion and breakfast

If you love reading and are looking for a fun way to get involved here on campus, AUM Connected is definitely the program for you.



Curtiss reading *Big Fish*, which is apart of the AUM Connected: Common Reading Program.
Courtesy of Kyle Lesinger

