

# Aurora University professors face up to whipped-cream pies for charity

March 26, 2017--Aurora University professors volunteered their faces for whipped-cream pies from AU students at Thornton Gym Thursday, March 23.

The event was a sixth annual exhibition basketball game to benefit Hope D. Wall School in Aurora.

AU students and employees played against Wall's Rockets, a Special Olympics team.

Seated on folding chairs on plastic floor coverings, eight AU faculty members donned caps, goggles and plastic ponchos during halftime. Then students lined up to apply whipped-topping facials at \$1 each.



Wall cheerleaders assisted by AU students encouraged their Rockets.

Other highlights included a raffle, sale of mini-basketball-shaped cookies and a half-court shot contest.

North Aurora resident John Lloyd, AU biology professor and event organizer, served as the referee.

Sponsor was Mu Sigma Pi, a service club for students planning health-profession careers. Club goals include promoting public physical, mental and spiritual health and promoting one-on-one relationships with the physically and mentally disabled. Club adviser Kyle McElhoney, assistant professor of chemistry, assisted at the event.

Hope D. Wall is an Aurora public school operated by East and West Aurora school districts for about 200 students with severe and profound disabilities ages 3-22 years old.

## PHOTO CAPTION:

Pranking Professor--Aurora resident Mark Plummer, third from right, was among Aurora University professors who volunteered faces for whipped-cream pies from AU students at Thornton Gym Thursday, March 23. Plummer, associate professor of music, and seven other AU employees faced pies during halftime of Hoops for Hope, an annual noon exhibition basketball game to benefit Hope D. Wall School in Aurora. AU students and faculty played against Wall's Rockets, a Special Olympics team. (Al Benson photo)