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FORESTRY CLUB

The Auburn University Forestry Club is a student organization, whose primary aim is to better relationships among the students enrolled in forestry at Auburn. The club sponsors the annual Forestry Banquet and the Auburn delegation to the Association of Southern Forestry Clubs Conclave. Membership in the club is opened to any student enrolled in forestry and to members of the staff. One staff member is appointed as faculty advisor to the club each year. Dr. Harry S. Larsen is serving in this capacity for the current year.

The Forestry Banquet this year was held in the banquet room of the Auburn Student Union Building. Professor Peter Zivkovic, Assistant Professor of English and camp manager of last year's summer camp, served as emcee. Mr. Biever, a graduate student in Agronomy, provided after dinner entertainment on the guitar.

During the course of the evening, awards were presented to junior and seniors in the department. Larry Murphey was awarded an E. A. Hauss award for Scholastic Improvement and Austin Easterling and Ben Ingram received E. A. Hauss Award for Scholastic Consistency. Ed King was presented a two year St. Regis Paper Company Scholarship and George Edwards received the L. M. Ware Outstanding Senior Award.

Various means of financing our club's participation in the annual A.S.F.C. Conclave at North Carolina State have been undertaken. Thanks to the efforts the trip was a real success; Auburn taking first place in two events, making good showings in several others and placing sixth in overall competition.

All in all it has been a successful year for the Auburn Forestry Club and next year promises to be filled with even more activities and participation.

S.A.F.

Ten Auburn students were guests at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Section of the Society of American Foresters. The students were Ben Rooke, George Edward, Douglas Gray, Henry

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Miller, Larry Murphey, Edgar King, Dan Ozley, Emmett Mitchell, Billy Terry and Kent Hanby. This was the first time any Auburn students have attended a Southeastern Section Society of American Foresters meeting. Transportation to and from Mobile for the students was provided by Resource Management Service, Kimberly-Clark, and Great Southern Land and Paper Company.

The opportunity of seeing the "great society" in operation, and the meeting of many Auburn Alumni and other professional foresters was considered a very worthwhile and interesting experience.

The ten students that attended consider this a very valuable experience and certainly hope that other Auburn Forestry students will have the opportunity of attending a Southeastern SAF meeting.



George Edwards (right) recipient of the L. M. Ware Outstanding Senior Award, and Professor DeVall (left).

SUMMER JOBS

The traditional westward migration of Auburn students will be upheld this year by about 10 students. Robert Burk and Nathan Hogue will be working in Deschutes National Forest in Oregon; Boak Brantley in Snoqualmie National Forest in Washington as a forestry aid; Arthur Coleman and Ed Little will be working in Medoc National Forest in California; Veto LaSalle will be working as a brush disposal guard in Fremont National Forest, Oregon; Larry Murphey will be working in the Rout National Forest in Colorado; and Charles Parker will be working as a survey aid in Mount Hood National Forest in Oregon.

Back in the South Ed King will be working in Conecuh National Forest; Doug Smith will be working in Tuskegee, N. F.; Earl Wilkins and Allan Tarleton will be working in Bankhead, N.F.; David Simmons, Ron Davenport, and Jerry Snead will be in Talladega, N.F.; Wallace Horn will be working for Filtered Rosin Products Co.; and Billy Parrish, Tim Long and Jimmy Norris will be at R.O.T.C. summer camps.

CONCLAVE

The seventh annual conclave association of Southern Forestry Clubs, was held at Stillwater, Oklahoma in May of 1964. Auburn placed fourth among the ten competing schools. Ben Rooke won first place in compass and pacing, and Stewart Fuzzell also took first place in DBH estimation. Veto LaSalle and John Powers placed second in log rolling. Harry Stickney placed third in both chain throwing and knife throwing. Charles Parker placed third in pole felling and Mike Presley third in log birling.

This year's conclave will be held May 1 and 2 in Raleigh, North Carolina, with North Carolina State being the conclave host. We are sending twenty-two students and certainly hope that in next year's newsletter we will be able to report that Auburn performed well.

Department And Staff News

Regional Forest Site Classification

The Forest Site Classification Committee of the Society of American Foresters, Southeastern Section, under the direction of Dr. Earl J. Hodgkins of Auburn, has recently completed work on a map and description of site regions for the combined areas of Alabama, Florida and Georgia. The committee's report, scheduled for publication late this spring, is the culmination of the shared efforts and accumulated knowledge of a number of experts and interested parties throughout the three-state area, in addition to the committee members themselves. The primary objective was to delineate and describe each area or region having common environmental bases for later productivity classification. Descriptions are in terms of topography, parent rock materials and physical properties of the soil profile, and are couched in the simplest terminology consistent with accuracy and clarity. Thus this system of classification should be useful to practicing foresters as a beginning point for local site classification as well as to research for basic studies of site productivity and a broad range of ecological studies.

ARBORETUM PLANNED

An unimproved section of the campus south of the President's home, amounting to about 7 acres has been set aside for a future arboretum. The first plantings may be made this fall. The planning is being done jointly by a committee comprised of members from several departments in the School of Agriculture including Forestry. Dr. Earl J. Hodgkins is the committee member from Forestry. The arboretum will help to serve certain teaching objectives of each of the departments involved as well as adding a desirable new attraction to the campus for visitors and students alike.

An accurate topographic survey and present tree cover map of the area have been completed. Chemical control of the low plant cover is planned and a water system must be installed. Eventually the entire area will be fenced.

Each interested department has submitted a list of desired plants. No intensive efforts will be made to establish and maintain plants greatly alien to this region of the country, but those from neighboring regions, or which simply do not occur locally, will be introduced in the arboretum. This new facility should increase teaching effectiveness in dendrology.

CURRICULUM CHANGES

Several changes aimed at a strengthening of basic preparatory background and a broadening of upper level technical education will become effective in the forestry curriculum during the 1965-66 school year. In place of the present two-quarter mathematics sequence, which is being phased out by the Mathematics Department, students will take a more intensive one quarter course, covering approximately the same material, and a quarter of analytical geometry and calculus. Furthermore, pending the necessity of taking a refresher course before starting the new sequence, students will also take the second quarter of analytical geometry and calculus. Space was created in the curriculum for the additional quarter of mathematics by eliminating the second quarter of physics which covers electricity and light. Those judged not ready for the new mathematics sequence, based on their ACT test scores, will take a general course in algebra first and will not be required to take the second quarter of analytical geometry and calculus.

Two new courses, Forest Recreation and Watershed Management, will be available on an elective basis to seniors

and graduate students. The Seeding and Planting course will be taught at summer camp in the future. A greater concentration of industry near the camp will permit wider observation of current practices for artificial establishment of forest stands.

STAFF CHANGES

Dr. E. B. Richards officially left the staff April 10 for a new assignment in Lexington, Kentucky. He will head up the Department of Forestry there and will be in charge of the pre-forestry teaching extension. He will be missed by all staff and many students, especially those whose major was wood technology. His family plans to join him in June.

A new member of the staff is Dr. Terry C. Davis. Dr. Davis holds degrees from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and West Virginia University. He is a trained forest pathologist and was employed as an assistant project leader to study wood aggregates in Portland cement products. He will have teaching responsibilities in forest pathology in the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology.

E. A. Hauss Endowment Increased

Nearly 100 students, undergraduate and graduate, have been the recipients of scholarship, awards, and fellowships made possible by earnings from the Edward A. Hauss Forestry Fund. Recently, an increment of \$100,000 was added, bringing the total fund to \$300,000 as was the intent of the late Dr. Hauss. Students will remember the generous efforts of Dr. Hauss, to assist students gain an education in forestry, as they observe his picture that hangs in the hallway of the forestry building.

Graduate Program Growing

Graduate enrollment in forestry has recently begun to increase as a result of a broadening of available fields of study and increased funds for assistantships and fellowships. Seven students are currently working for Master of science degrees: J. A. Burford, J. C. Reeves and L. H. Wade in forest economics; C. Fan Lo in wood technology; A. G. Hunter in forest genetics; J. W. Martin in tree physiology; R. C. Parker in photogrammetry. Two additional students have been admitted for the next academic year.

Although Auburn does not yet offer a Ph.D. program, Dr. E. J. Hodgkins is directing a dissertation problem in forest ecology for S. A. Gemborys, a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology.



Dr. Terry C. Davis

Alumni News

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This our second, 'Newsletter', I trust, finds you well and prosperous. The alumni group has had a good year inasmuch as work and depletion of the treasury. The work has been covered up fairly well, but you have been able to see how your Executive Committee has spent your money thru Newsletters, stationery and postage.

The big job has been the Foundation fund drive. This project is expected to require several years to complete. To carry over from one administration to the next, your Executive Committee, at a meeting in Tuscaloosa on March 12, set up the following organization: Bill Black as permanent fund chairman; Jack Crouch, Buddy Branch and Frank Jones as area co-ordinators. And too, to cover Alabama completely some twenty county chairmen were assigned to cover the state.

Our social function at Mobile this past January was most successful. We had a good group of 60 members and guests. In attendance were several alumni from Florida, Georgia and Mississippi who we don't see to often.

Our 1965 annual meeting will be held in conjunction with the Alabama Chapter, SAF in Mobile on September 16-17, 1965. Along with other business the nominating committee consisting of John Cook, Jim Smith and Roy Gamble will report at this meeting. If possible to schedule we will again try a dutch luncheon and too, I will start the business session earlier whereby we can have time to discuss all proposals. I am looking forward to seeing you in Mobil.—Jim Haynes, President.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The current amount in our treasury is \$124.92. The Association's expenditures since March 1964 have been: \$65.52 for printing of the 1964 Newsletter, \$62.90 for duplicating services, \$37.50 for postage, \$15.25 for a copy of the Forestry Handbook, presented to the outstanding senior of 1964, \$13.75 for being host to five selected students from the Auburn Department of Forestry at the January alumni dinner in Mobile, and \$221.86 for design and printing of stationery carrying the Association's letterhead. This is a total expenditure of \$417.33 as compared with an income of \$300.15 from Alumni dues.

BYLAWS AMENDED

During the past year alumni voted on two amendments to the Auburn Forestry

Alumni Association By-Laws. By unanimous vote they elected to make *The Auburn Forestry Newsletter*, as well as *The Auburn Forester*, official organs of the Association. They also voted 42 to 4, to add a third method of nominating officers, i.e. by nomination from the floor at the annual meeting.

A pool of alumni opinion on interpretation of Article III of the Bylaws relating to membership was taken. It indicated that a majority of alumni (52%) feel that payment of dues within the past year should be a requisite to active membership in the Association, and most of the remaining alumni felt that payment within the past two years should be a requisite.

Foundation Membership Grows

Alumni, friends of Forestry, agencies and organizations now identified as members of the Auburn Forestry Foundation are: Lewis B. Walker, Wendell W. Vickery, William B. Black, T. A. Gresham, Denton R. Cook, Jack E. Crouch, George W. Wood, Ernie O. Moore, J. R. Cathcart, Edward G. Branch, J. M. Smith, Paul L. Allen, William N. Crnsby, Hilburn Riggs, Harold Coan, L. E. Prouty, Thomas B. Kennedy, Robert O. Owens, John R. Cook, Walter G. Andress, Herman Ball, Verno Yow, Frank Jones, James W. Richardson, F. E. Stabler, John E. Graves, Alabama Forestry Council, Scott Paper Company, Y. W. Rainer, Frank Stewart, Roy Gamble, Glenn M. Plummer, Larry Clements, Dandeville Lumber Company, C. C. McCall, Knoll Van Cleave, J. R. Drinkins, William L. Koier, Mac R. Ayers, James Carpenter, and Donald E. Smith.

1964 Annual Meeting A Success

The Auburn Forestry Alumni Association held its annual meeting and luncheon at the Hotel Whitley in Montgomery, Alabama on September 11, 1964. Twenty-seven alumni and four faculty members were present.

It was announced that the winner of the Association's award to an outstanding senior in the Department of Forestry, Auburn, Alabama, for 1963-64 was Robert Clark Parker. Mr. Parker who could not be present at the meeting was mailed a copy of the Forestry Handbook.

The association voted that all seniors of the Auburn Department of Forestry, at the time of their graduation, be given a one year's dues-paid membership in the Auburn Forestry Alumni Association.

MEMBERSHIP

Seventy-two alumni paid dues to the Auburn Forestry Alumni Association in 1964. To date, in 1965, twenty-two alumni have paid dues. Not bad, in comparison with past records, but it's still less than 20% of all alumni. It is surprising to see the number of loyal alumni who are not paying dues. On the other hand, some alumni, including many on the west coast and in other distant states, are lending their support to the alumni organization each year.

Dues for 1965 (\$3.25) are payable now. Mail them to: George Wood, Secretary-Treasurer, Route 2, Box 14, Cottondale, Alabama.

NEWS BULLETINS STARTED

Due to the limited space, very little, if any, news of alumni can be included in the Alumni Newsletter. Each year, class secretaries will request news of each class which if received will be compiled, printed, and mailed to the class members. Anyone who has received a request for news, and has not sent the news to his class secretary, should do so immediately. The news of some classes will probably be distributed before this Newsletter, and the other classes within the next few weeks. Part of the annual dues received from alumni will be used to pay for the collection of news, and distribution of these annual news bulletins.

The position of class secretary is vacant for the classes of 1948 and 1958. If any members of these classes would volunteer for the job, please contact my officer of the association.

ALUMNI MEET IN DENVER

A good representation of alumni showed up at the National meeting of the Society of American Foresters in Denver, Colorado and were the luncheon guests of professor DeVall.

John Cook ('48) came out from Mobile to view the mountain scenery. Young Rainer ('49) was busy throughout the meeting since he is the business manager of the SAF. He selected the world famous Buckhorn restaurant for the luncheon. A. C. Levi ('50) and his wife Hilda toured across the plains all the way from Columbus, Georgia. Although arriving too late to attend the luncheon, but representing the West from Wyoming, was Herman Ball ('51). Bob Britt ('56) was interested in all forms of "wildlife" for comparison with

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things back home in Virginia. A special invited guest was Erle Kauffman, editorial consultant to the Journal of Forestry from Washington, D. C.

Perhaps another gathering of alumni can be arranged at the next national meeting in Detroit, Michigan. Professor DeVall extends a luncheon invitation to any who can attend.

Alumni Entertains Students

A total of 51 members and guests attended a banquet of the Auburn Forestry Alumni Association held in Mobile in conjunction with the annual meeting, Southeastern Section, Society of American Foresters.

Alumni from 13 classes ranging from 1948 to 1963 attended including the wives of six graduates.

Ten undergraduates attended as guests of the Association. Two members of the staff of the Department of Forestry, Dr. E. J. Hodgkiss, and W. B. DeVall, head of the Department, attended. Joe W. Graham, executive vice-president, Alabama Forest products Association, Montgomery, and an alumnus of Auburn, was a guest.

ANNUAL ALUMNI AWARD

Robert C. Parker of Decatur and a senior in the Honors Program in Forest Management received the outstanding senior award in 1964. A copy of the FORESTRY HANDBOOK constitutes the award that is presented at the Annual meeting of the Association. Past recipients of the award have been Robert Farar, Herman Nelswander, James Leow, Kenwood Nichols, Richard Mills and James Smith.

Each year a special Scholarship and Awards Committee of the Department of Forestry, that includes the department head, selects a senior on the basis of his activities in the Forestry Club or Xi Sigma Pi, his demonstrated leadership ability in these and other organizations, and his over-all academic average.

The recipient of the award to be presented in 1965 will be selected as previously outlined. He will be invited to the Association's annual meeting in Mobile in September.

Employment of Alumni Broadens

Have cruising, marking, and hand-line surveying had their day? Perhaps not, but alumni seem to be qualifying for and happy in assignments somewhat apart from the woods. This development is significant in many ways. One of the more important is the leadership the forester is giving to enterprises somewhat remote from pure forest



Electronic computers take their place among more familiar tools of forestry. Forest analyst William B. Black (left), class '51 works with the data processing supervisor.

management.

A random check of employers is sufficient evidence of this trend. Records in the Department reveal that among the so-called, non-forestry employers of Auburn Foresters are the Travelers Insurance Company, the Federal Land Bank, the Society of American Foresters, state utility companies, Southern Bell, Cape Kennedy, University of Alabama, the Central Intelligence Agency, and others.

ALUMNI LIST GROWS

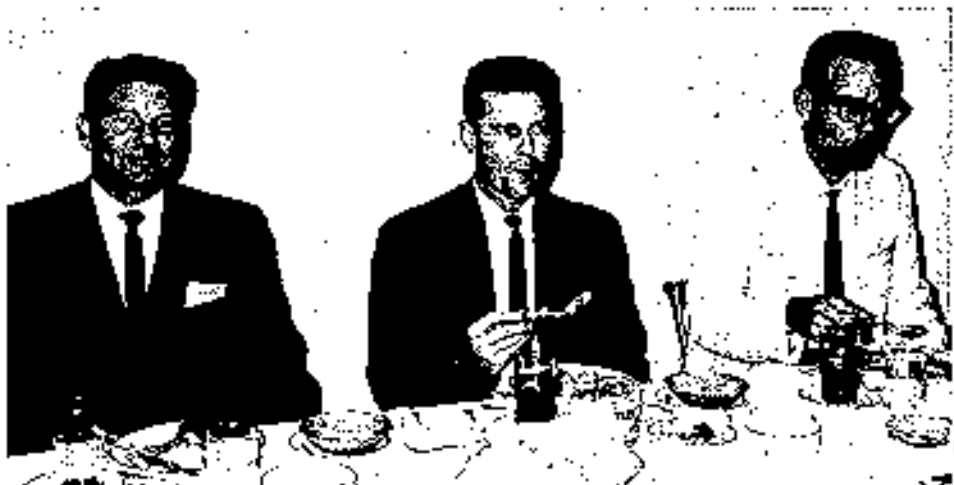
At the June 1965 commencement the 417th B.S.F. degree and the 15th M.S. degree will be awarded in Forestry since the first undergraduate degree was granted in June of 1948. Of the total undergraduate degrees, 50 have been in wood technology.

The maximum number of B.S.F. degrees was awarded in the academic year

1949-'50, when 56 men received diplomas. The low was reached in 1955-'56 when only 6 degrees were awarded to undergraduates.

Auburn Forestry alumni may now be found in more than 20 states, although the largest concentration is in the southeastern United States.

The Department of Forestry maintains individual files on all alumni. Especially important to both alumni and to the Department is the current mailing address of each man. The records now are about 90% accurate, or at least assumed to be. Communications go out to every graduate at least twice each year. One of the mailing includes this News Letter. Some, unfortunately, cannot be delivered. Addresses are solicited periodically from parents. In some cases these letters are returned marked "moved" or "deceased." Efforts continue to be made in behalf of increasing the accuracy of the mailing list for alumni.



Annual meeting presided over by (L-R) Jim Haynes, president; George Wood, Sec.-Treas.; and Bill Baggett, vice-president.