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STAFF CHANGES

Dr. Evangelos J. Biblis, a native of Greece, who earned his master's and doctor's degrees from Yale University, has taken the research position in wood technology vacated by Dr. Denn B. Richards. Dr. Richards went to the University of Kentucky in early 1965. Dr. Biblis's research area is the mechanical behavior of wood and design of wood structures. At present he is working on two projects begun by Dr. Richards: determination of the mechanical properties of various southern oaks and testing of the suitability of wood chips as aggregates in cement for lightweight panels.

Two new staff members are now engaged in genetics research and one former research member has left. Dr. Annelie C. Blyth, who obtained her education at Ohio State University and the University of California, is a plant anatomist and a skilled microscopist. She is attempting to develop improved techniques for measurement of xylem cells to facilitate studies of within tree variation of cell anatomy.

Arthur G. Hunter, who received his master's degree from Auburn, joined the staff as an instructor in January of this year. He is providing technical assistance in Alabama's forest tree improvement program, and doing research in forest tree breeding. These were some of the responsibilities handled by Dr.

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Clayton E. Posey, who left for Oklahoma State University in September, 1965.

FUTURE BUILDING ADDITION

An addition to the Forestry Building is to be a part of the current physical expansion of the University pending completion of financial arrangements. A departmental committee collaborating with architects has developed preliminary plans for a new wing which will cost approximately \$450,000. Of this amount all but \$131,000 is now available or assured.

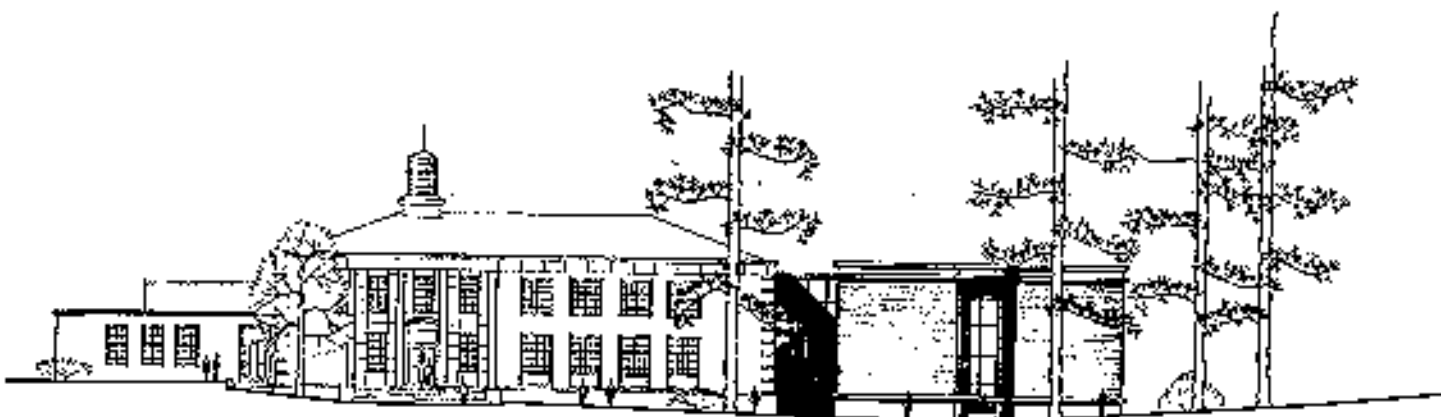
The new wing will be a two-story air-conditioned structure situated just south of the present building with the long dimension running east and west. It will nearly double the space presently

available in the old building exclusive of the wood utilization laboratories in the rear. Schematic plans call for allocation of the new space to a large classroom, a photogrammetry-measurement teaching laboratory, a complex for physiology and one for genetics, a wood technology and wood anatomy research complex, several staff offices, two graduate student office-laboratory rooms, a seminar room, and a new student reading room.

Some renovation of the present building has been included in the plans. The desired improvements, which are dependent upon available funds, include air-conditioning, an administrative office complex in the space presently occupied by the lobby and existing student reading room, and alteration of the second floor classroom to provide new staff offices and a student calculator room.

THE ENROLLMENT PICTURE

Forestry enrollment progressively declined from a recent peak of 213 in 1960 to 102 in 1965, or from 43% to 17% of the School of Agriculture. However, current indications are that enrollment is leveling off and may soon begin to rise again. The Department of Forestry is keeping in close touch with the new state junior colleges now becoming established, and these are expected to begin furnishing students within another year.



Proposed Addition to the Forestry Building.

ALUMNI NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This third issue of the Newsletter finds our alumni affairs in good order. We have a reduced treasury but have a good past year under our belt. Last year's alumni activities include a special issue of *Alumni Personalis* in addition to our usual alumni Newsletter. They also included work in support of the Auburn Forestry Foundation, presentation of a copy of the Forestry Handbook to the outstanding senior in the Auburn Department of Forestry, a year's free membership to the Association for all graduating seniors, and being host to thirteen selected forestry seniors at the alumni luncheon held in conjunction with the SAE section meeting in Mobile.

This year's alumni activities got under way with a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association on March 3 at Tuscaloosa, Alabama. This committee is the governing body of the Association and consists of the Association President and Vice President and three appointed members. Appointed members for the present term of office are: William S. Baggett, William J. Koier, and William T. Ogletree. Upon request, Harry Dunn, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, also attended and participated in the meeting.

As part of the business conducted at the meeting, the Committee voted:

- (1) Publication of this Newsletter under the same stipulations and with the same format by which the others have been printed.
- (2) Continued support of the Auburn Forestry Foundation.
- (3) Increased use and support of class secretaries.

Five alumni have been appointed to act as parliamentarians at Association meetings during the next two years.

The alumni are:

Name	Class
Larry Clements	1960
Bob Farrar	1957
Danny Nolen	1960
Tom Paul	1959
Bob Pipkin	1951

These men have been furnished copies of the Association By-Laws and requested to become familiar with their contents. It is hoped that at least one of these parliamentarians will be present at all Association meetings and that they will keep our business meetings in line with Association regulations and prevent loss of time in discussions, and possibly approval, of courses of action

which are contrary to the By-Laws.

Incidentally, a limited supply of these Association By-Laws is on hand. Any alumnus desiring a copy can obtain one by writing Harry V. Dunn, Secretary-Treasurer, 49 Mayfair, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Another need of the Association which is becoming evident with the growing accumulation of records is for an Association Historian whose duties would be to act as custodian of records which warrant saving and to keep a record of current Association activities which will be of future value. The addition of a Historian as one of the Association offices will probably be submitted for your vote on the next Association balloting.

One final word—If you have any suggestions for improving our Alumni organization, any beefs about it, or general thought on any phase of our activities, please let me know them. They will be welcomed and will help make the Association an expression of what you want it to be.

I trust that the coming year will be a good one for each of you. I look forward to seeing you at our annual meeting to be held as a dinner meeting on the night of September 15, at the Thomas Jefferson Hotel in Birmingham.

TREASURER'S REPORT

With the change of officers in January 1966, the balance in the AFAA Treasury was \$92.37. There has been a deposit of \$24.25 representing 1966 dues from five members and \$8 for a special fund. The Class Secretaries have received \$43.10 for postage leaving a balance of \$73.52.

OFFICERS

Officers elected to serve the Auburn Forestry Alumni Association for the two-year term of 1966 and 1967 are:
 President—George Wood
 Vice President—Ted Hazen
 Secretary-Treasurer—Harry Dunn

Re-elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Auburn Forestry Foundation were incumbents Bill Black and George Wood. Term of office of Board of Director of the Foundation is for six years, with two positions on the Board expiring and being refilled every two years. The Board of Directors of the Foundation is elected by the entire voting membership of the Auburn Forestry Alumni Association.

1965 ANNUAL MEETING

The 1965 Annual Meeting of the Auburn Forestry Alumni Association was held in conjunction with the meeting of the Alabama Chapter of the Society of American Foresters at Admiral Semmes Hotel, Mobile, Alabama, on September 16, 1965. Present were thirty-one alumni, staff members, and students of the Auburn Department of Forestry.

In recognition of being the outstanding senior graduating from the Auburn Department of Forestry during the 1964-'65 academic year, John C. Brown '65 was awarded a copy of the Forestry Handbook.

It was announced that Vice-President Bill Baggett '60, with the assistance of the class secretaries, had prepared a bulletin and directory of alumni news, and that the bulletin would be mailed when the alumni treasury was sufficiently increased. Eugene Sample '54 pointed out the the Association, being a non-profit organization, was eligible for mailing at reduced bulk rates and recommended that the Association investigate this possibility for savings.

Bill Black '51 gave a summary of the Association's drive to promote membership in the Auburn Forestry Foundation. He brought out that the Association's efforts to solicit the support of the alumni as the first goal in the drive had met with only limited success but that these efforts would continue. He urged the active support of all alumni in this drive.

A report on the activities at the Auburn Department of Forestry was given by Mr. DeVall. Mr. DeVall also stressed the need for mailing addresses of alumni and requested the cooperation of all alumni on keeping the Association and the Department of Forestry informed on changes of addresses.



John C. Brown (left) Recipient of 1965 AFAA Award and William Baggett.

Auburn Forestry Foundation

The organized effort by forestry alumni in 1965 to increase membership and contributions was very successful. It was the best year for the Foundation since formation in 1961. Contributions increased by more than 200 percent over 1964.

The Foundation was formed to receive and manage contributions. It provides financial assistance to the Department of Forestry for operational maintenance expenditures and manages the Endowment Trust Fund. All contributions are supervised by the Board of Directors. The University treasurer and the President of the Auburn Forestry Alumni Association are members of the Board.

The following men are members of the Board of Directors for 1965: Paul Allen, W. B. Black, Jack Crouch, W. T. Ingram, Treasurer, Bernie O. Moore, Wendell Vickery and George Wood, Jr.

Foundation membership is growing. There are now approximately sixty (60) members. Most members are Auburn Forestry alumni; however, membership is open to individuals, groups, companies or others who are interested in promoting forestry at Auburn.

All contributions are important no matter how small they may be. Support the Foundation by mailing your check to: Auburn Forestry Foundation, Department of Forestry, Auburn, Alabama, 36830. The University treasurer will receive your gift and manage as directed by the Foundation Board of Directors.

ALUMNI PERSONALS

A twelve page issue of Alumni Personals giving available news and addresses of all alumni was published by the Auburn Forestry Alumni Association last fall and mailed to all alumni. It had become evident with the first issue of the Newsletter that that publication would not have space enough to give coverage of personal news of alumni. Association officers thought that news of individual alumni, letting each know what his classmates were doing, was one of the primary interests of alumni in the Association, hence, the decision to publish an issue of alumni personals.

Bill Baggett, working through class secretaries, collected and edited the Alumni Personals. His wife, Lu Vonn, did all the printing and mimeographing. The Association herewith expresses its appreciation to Bill Baggett and especially to his lovely wife for a very large job creditably done.

Appreciation is also expressed to



President Jim Hynes (left) pays dues to Secretary George Woods.

these class secretaries who "came through" when called on for news of alumni in their classes. Class secretaries are important elements in the structure of our alumni organization. As noticed elsewhere in this publication, they are being called upon to play a larger role in alumni activities this year.

Present thinking is that an issue of *Alumni Personals* such as was printed last year should be published every three to five years. (Alumni, make your wishes known on this.) With better contact of alumni by some of the class secretaries and better response on the part of the alumni to their secretary's request for information, future publications of *Alumni Personals* should present the latest news of a good segment of our alumni.

ALUMNI BREAKFAST

An impromptu breakfast meeting was held by the Auburn Forestry Alumni Association in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 14, 1966. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Southeastern Section, Society of American Foresters meeting at the Dinkler Plaza Hotel.

The informal affair was enjoyed by some 18 alumni, staff members, students, and guests to exchange greetings, renew old friendships, and partake of some enjoyable bacon and eggs as well as some rather strong coffee.

After all present had introduced themselves and told of their location and employment, a report of the activities at the Auburn Department of Forestry was given by Mr. Wilbur DeVall.

The meeting was adjourned with

everyone reminded to keep in touch, and if possible, be present for the Auburn Forestry Alumni Association Annual Meeting in Birmingham on September 15.

Class Secretaries take on new significance

In an effort to maintain a more personal touch among the continuously increasing alumni, the eighteen class secretaries have been given added responsibilities. In the near future, if not already, they will bill each member of their class for 1966 dues, request news of members, attend to certain other aspects of Alumni business and channel dues and news back to the Secretary-Treasurer. In many classes this will be no small job and each alumnus is urged to give his Class Secretary the fullest co-operation.

Since the last Newsletter, six new Class Secretaries have accepted appointments: El. L. Phillips, Jr. '48, Eddie Gibson '53, Neil Crosby '54, Robert Britt '56, Bill Baggett '60 and, Ben Rook, Jr. '65.

1966 ANNUAL MEETING

The 1966 Annual Meeting of the Auburn Forestry Alumni Association will be held in conjunction with the Alabama Chapter, S.A.F. meeting at the Thomas Jefferson Hotel in Birmingham, Alabama, on September 15, 1966.

A dinner meeting is planned to accommodate a large number of alumni expected to be present. Make your plans now to attend.

FORESTRY CLUB

The Auburn University Forestry Club is a student organization with the primary aim of bettering the relationship among the students enrolled in Forestry at Auburn. The club sponsors the annual Winter Awards Banquet, the Auburn delegation to the Association of Southern Forestry Clubs' Conclave, and the Forestry Department's exhibit at the Village Fair. Membership in the Forestry Club is open to all students 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 Winter Awards Banquet was held on February 25th in the Banquet Room of the Swan Restaurant. Professor Sam Lyle served as emcee and "Rock" Killo, local entertainer, provided after dinner entertainment. The following awards were presented at the banquet: Jamie Ashe received the E. A. Hauss Scholastic Improvement Award; Robert Shaffer was the recipient of the Marathon Southern Award for Cartographic Excellence; and Lurry Murphey received the L. M. Ware Outstanding Senior Award.

The club raises money each year to sponsor the Auburn Delegation at the A.S.F.C. Conclave. During Football season last fall the club raised money by selling football programs at all home games. In addition the club plans to conduct a raffle to raise additional money for the conclave.

The club has been successful in its sports program. The club participated in both football and basketball intramurals.

As we look back over the year we can see that the Forestry Club was successful in fulfilling its purpose of promoting fraternal relations among the students enrolled in Forestry at Auburn University.

XI SIGMA PI

The national headquarters of Xi Sigma Pi has been located at Auburn since July, 1965, when it was moved here from West Virginia University. At the time of the move Professor Henry G. Posey was elected National Forester while Dr. Harold E. Christen was elected Associate National Forester and Mr. W. B. DeVall, National Secretary-Fiscal Agent. In July of this year the headquarters will move to the University of Missouri for a two-year period.

During the time the headquarters have been at Auburn some very significant events have taken place in Xi Sigma Pi. Four new chapters have

been added to the Fraternity, giving it a total of 26 active chapters. They are located at Southern Illinois University, University of Illinois, Clemson University, and Iowa State University.

The Fraternity voted to become International and a committee is at work on suggestions for implementation.

The constitution has been extensively amended and the broad concept of Forestry has been adopted by the Fraternity. The rituals have been shortened and modernized and secrecy in initiations has been abolished. The By-Laws have been amended to bring them into agreement with the constitution and with current practices.

In February, the Fraternity became a full-fledged member of the Association of College Honor Societies. This Association has an excellent program and has considerable prestige among college administrators.

The Fraternity is currently considering establishing a technical paper awards program on a National competitive basis.

The question as to whether the office of National Executive Secretary should be established or whether the office of Regional Forester should be created will be raised before the National office passes to Missouri.

The local chapter has not been as active as one would expect it might be with the National Headquarters at the school. However, it did initiate nine individuals. There were five undergraduates (Book Brantley, Kenneth Davenport, Thomas McMillan, Henry Miller, and Billy Terry), two graduate students (Cheng-Fan Lo—from Taiwan—and Edwin White), and two faculty members (Dr. Arnelie Blyth—the first woman initiated into the local chapter, and Dr. Terry Davis). It is expected that another election and initiation will take place this quarter for the ranks of the undergraduates will be heavily thinned by graduation by next fall and the organization must be kept functional.

SUMMER CAMP

Summer camp 1965 will be long remembered by all participating students, professors and cooks because of the rivalry between the "Hot Shots" and "Crew #2." The "Prof. Christen Memorial Turnpike" and the "Hot Shot Road" are two examples of the effect of teamwork and rivalry between the two crews. There were no pots at summer camp this time other than "Bugger Zivkovic" and a little chap named "Mouk." Hats were the status symbols this time; the cowboy type dominated the scene but Prof. Christen's rusty-

brown derby was voted number one. All of the students enjoyed surveying in the rain; poison oak, sumac, and chiggers; volley ball; McGowan's coffee, ice cream and stomping the locals in softball.

VILLAGE FAIR—1966

Auburn University's Village Fair was held on April 2nd. The theme for the Forestry Club's exhibit was "Forest Management for Everything from A to Z." It was illustrated with pictures showing different uses of forests and forest products, one illustration per letter of the alphabet. Well! Almost every letter!

A display of Partridge Wood products, as designed and built by Dr. Terry Davis, was also presented and was well received by all who visited the Club's exhibit.

Thanks to the effort of the Committee Chairman, Kenneth Davenport, and his hard-working assistants, the Forestry Club's exhibit helped win third place for the School of Agriculture in the campus-wide judging. Approximately 275 people visited the Forestry exhibit.

CONCLAVE

The 9th annual Association of Southern Forestry Schools was held at Steven F. Austin in Nacogdoches, Texas.

Seventeen students represented Auburn at the conclave. Auburn placed in dendrology, compass and pace, log biding, and pole climbing. In overall competition, Auburn placed sixth among the nine competing schools.

Next year's conclave host will be the University of Georgia.



"Cow's & Cows" Summer Camp, 1965.