

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is the second Newsletter in which I have had the good fortune to send you regards from the Executive Committee and inform you of some of the activities of your Alumni Association. I hope that this Newsletter finds you in good health and prosperous.

This year the Executive Committee has created the beginnings of a Memorial Fund which will be handled by "Buddy" Branch. We hope that this Memorial Fund can become a permanent part of our organization and will be another aid in providing support to the Department of Forestry at Auburn. Please contact "Buddy" at his Montgomery address for information on the Memorial Fund.

A great deal of effort was put forth by alumni the past year on solicitation of funds for the addition to the existing facilities at our Alma Mater. We have finally reached our goal and have sufficient money to complete the building of a new wing on the present Forestry Building. If you have visited Auburn recently, you will see that construction has already begun and the tangible results of your, the alumni, efforts. I am sure that all of you feel a certain degree of pride in this. Congratulations on a job well done. Space does not allow me to thank individuals for their aid, but there has been a great deal of hard work that has gone into getting this building financed.

At our annual meeting in Mobile, we decided that we needed to take a good look at our By-laws, and these By-laws have been completely overhauled through the able direction of Ted Hazen. You should soon receive a copy of the changes for your approval or disapproval.

We are still attempting to bind together our alumni, both professionally and socially, to a greater extent through the efforts of our class secretaries and area representatives. Some vacancies still exist and we ask that you cooperate if you are called upon to handle one of those jobs.

Your president had the good fortune to attend the annual awards banquet held in Auburn on March 8 and to meet some of the students. Also I represented the Alumni Association in announcing the Alumni Association award to the outstanding senior. This year's award goes to John R. Rice, who will be presented with a handbook and cash award at our annual meeting. It was good to be at Auburn and have the time to go over the recent changes on the campus

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and talk with members of the Department. I hope that you will at every opportunity stop by and take a look at the things that are being done at our Alma Mater.

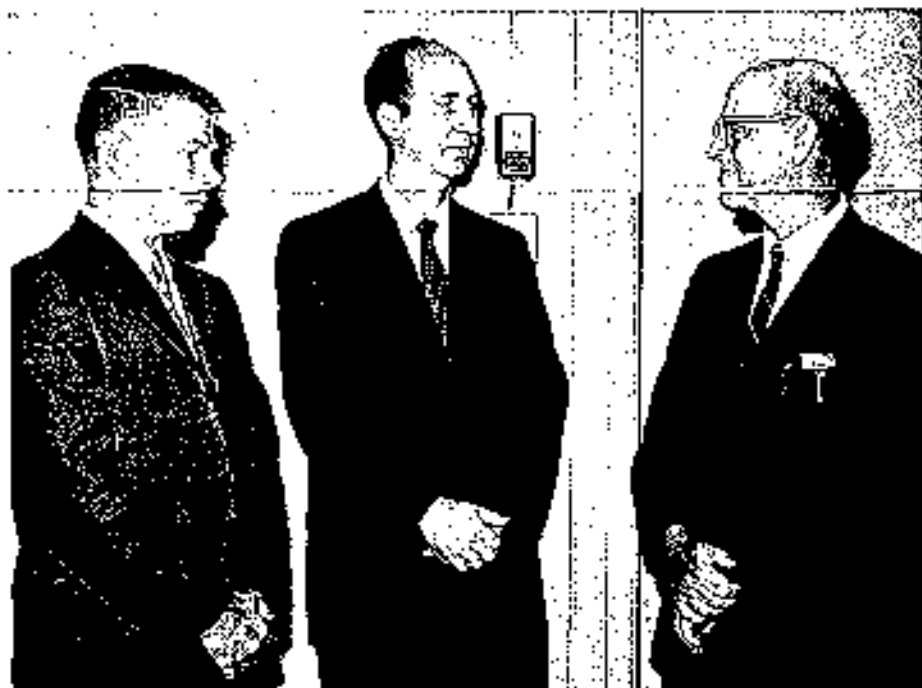
In the near future we will be determining our new slate of officers and you should receive a ballot early this fall. Please give adequate thought to this choice of officers and I encourage you to develop a greater interest in your Alumni Association.

Now that the completion of the drive for the new wing is at hand, the Association will be making a more determined effort to solicit funds for the Auburn Forestry Foundation. Through the efforts of the class secretaries and area representatives, it is felt that we can definitely push ahead and develop more money for use by the Foundation. We need a great deal more active participation by our alumni. The amount which you contribute or obtain from other sources is not nearly as important as your participation. There is a very definite need to build up the Foundation funds as quickly as possible and individual participation is the key.

ALUMNI SPEAK AT CONVOCATIONS

Several alumni have been invited to speak at convocations of the forestry student body by the Department of Forestry. Such invitations have given alumni an opportunity to renew old acquaintances on campus.

In the spring of 1969, Nathan Byrd (Class '50) employed by the U. S. Forest Service spoke on the topic "People Pressured in Developing Forestry." Larkin Wade (Class '61), extension forester in Alabama talked about his experience "Working with People in the Interest of Forestry", in the winter of 1968. In the spring of 1967, Virgil Willett (Class '50) McMillan-Bloodel Products, Inc., described "The Foresters' Role in the Development of a New Wood-based Industry." A panel of three alumni presented the program in the spring of 1966. They described the duties and responsibilities of the forester in state, federal and private employment. Speaking to these areas respectively were Edward Branch III (Class '59), Alabama Division of Forestry, Robert Farrar, Jr. (Class '57), Southern Forest Experiment Station and Rhett Mazingo Jr., (Class '57) Container Corporation of America.



Alumnus Nathan Byrd, center (Class '50) addressed the 42nd Convocation of Forestry Students. Looking on is Rodney Eike, Jr., left, and faculty member Dr. Earl J. Hodgkins.

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ALUMNI LICENSED

Since July 1968, 16 Auburn Forestry alumni became registered and licensed under Alabama Act 533. They were: James William Martin, Staff Management Forester, American Can Company, Butler, Ala.; Ben Marrett Rooko, Jr., Production Assistant, T. R. Miller Mill Co., Inc., Brewton, Ala.; George E. Gibson, Sr., Area Superintendent, American Can Company, Butler, Ala.; Dalton James Smith, Area Forester, Container Corporation of America, Brewton, Ala.; Douglas Alvin Smith, Forester, Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp., Childersburg, Ala.; Michael Hearn Stanford, Consulting Forester, Lexington, Tenn.; Joseph Earl Heath, Area Forester, Union Camp Corporation, Greenville, Ala.; Leighton Lafayette Skinner, Area Forester, Union Camp Corporation, Greenville, Ala.; William Bythwood Scott, Forester, Land Surveyor, Union Camp Corporation, Prattville, Ala.



Symbolizing the cooperative spirit in ground breaking ceremonies on November 4 for the Forestry Building addition are (L-R) student Bill Anderson, Faculty member W. B. DeVal, and Alumnus Larkin Wade (Class '61).

ALUMNI BRIEFS

1969 Alumni Association dues are now payable. If you have not received a membership card, then send your dues immediately to Jim Burns, Route 2, Box 900, Montevallo, Alabama 35115. A check for \$3.25 will cover your 1969 dues and while doing this also enclose a note about yourself and confirm your present address and class. Also include a contribution for the Foundation with your dues. You may include this in your dues check and Jim will forward this to the Department and the Foundation. If you are a 1968 or 1969 graduate and have not received a membership card, you are entitled to one year's free membership in your Alumni Association. Send your address and class to Jim and you will receive a card immediately.

The Alumni Association's next meeting will be during the Alabama Chapter meeting this fall. This is your annual meeting and we would like to have as many members as possible to attend. Come and greet your new president and executive committee at this meeting.

The Executive Committee would like to have any suggestions for improvement of the Alumni Association. Please take a more active part in your Association and any suggestions will be welcomed and appreciated.

Class secretaries should make immediate contact with classmates and local alumni concerning payment of dues and other important matters. Where class secretaries have been active,

ALUMNI RANKS GROWING

The first class taught in the four-year forestry curriculum at Auburn was scheduled for the fall quarter 1946. Twenty-one classes have graduated and 465 B.S. degrees have been awarded. Since 1952 the department has awarded 23 M.S. degrees. The first B.S. degree was awarded in the 1947-'48 academic year. The cumulative total of Bachelor's degrees exceeded 100 in 1950-'51, reached 200 in 1957-'58, totaled more than 300 in 1960-'61 and passed the 400 mark in 1964-'65. Based on the current enrollment at Auburn, it would appear that the 500 mark will be reached in 1969-'70. It is interesting to note that in the more than 460 degrees awarded through the last academic year only 59 have been in wood technology according to the records maintained by the Department of Forestry at Auburn.

the response of the alumni has been tremendous. Inactive class secretaries have resulted in negligence or procrastination on the part of the alumni. Dues are particularly important as they are used for postage, printing of membership cards, annual purchases of the handbook and cash presentation to the outstanding senior and for publication of this Newsletter.

ALUMNI SUPPORT BUILDING PROGRAM

A share of the enthusiasm, effort and support of the successful drive to raise \$150,000 for building an addition on the Forestry Building belongs to alumni. Two served as active members of the building fund committee appointed by the President of the Alabama Forest Products Association. They were George Wood, (Class '50) and Denton Cook (Class '50). The most recent tabulation at Auburn shows that 34 alumni contributed or pledged \$1,060. The new portion is scheduled for completion in October. A big job—renovation of the existing building—remains to be done. The architects have estimated the cost of this work at \$130,000. If all construction is completed on schedule, alumni returning to the campus for the homecoming game on November 8 will have an opportunity to inspect the new facility.

DO YOU KNOW THAT —

—Forestry enrollment at Auburn has increased about 9% a year for the past four years?

—The Department of Forestry is an equal opportunity employer?

—The Auburn Forestry Alumni Association was responsible for the creation of the Auburn Forestry Foundation?

—All graduating seniors in forestry receive a complimentary membership in your association for the balance of the year in which they graduate?

—There is now a new, 10-story building on campus (The Haley Center)?

—Auburn now enjoys a coliseum for sports and other large-crowd activities that will seat 15,000 people?

—Permanent facilities to house the teaching and research activities of the department have not been expanded since 1948?

—A doctoral program in Forestry was approved for implementation in September 1968?

—Forestry endowments at Auburn now total about \$341,000?

—Scholarship stipends for freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors are now \$400, \$500, \$600 and \$700 respectively?

—Of the teaching staff on the job in 1946 to launch the new, 4-year curriculum in forestry, two are still employed after 23 years? (Christen and DeVal)

—There are 21 professional people on the staff of the department? Twelve of these have been at Auburn 10 years or more and five have passed their twentieth year. Thirteen hold the Ph.D. degree.

FORESTRY CONCLAVE

The most noteworthy accomplishment of the Club for the past year is the hosting of the 12th Annual Association of Southern Forestry Clubs Conclave. Young foresters from 11 Southern States were on the Auburn Campus April 11th and 12th for this meeting. This is a time when members of these eleven Clubs come together for fellowship, competition and the discussion of mutual ideas.

About 300 students and faculty advisors competed in time-honored loggers' events such as axe throwing, log rolling, pole climbing, and cross-cut sawing. Less strenuous events included timber estimation, pole classification, and compass and pacing. There were 17 different events in all. The students competed on an individual and team basis.

In addition to the team from Auburn there were teams from Stephen F. Austin College, Nacogdoches, Texas; Oklahoma State University, Stillwater; Arkansas A & M College, Monticello; Mississippi State University; University of Georgia; University of Tennessee; University of Florida; Clemson University; North Carolina State University; and VPI.

An Awards Banquet on the night of April 12 in the Auburn Union Ballroom climaxed the Conclave. Mr. A. F. Killian, Auburn Registrar, was the featured speaker, and Tom Fell, President of the Association, was Master of Ceremonies.

The Auburn Forestry Club came in second in the overall competition. This was accomplished by taking a second in the technical events and a third in the skill events. Individual winners were Herman Jagers, 2nd place, Axe Throwing; Al Tarleton, 2nd place, Bow Saw-

AUBURN FORESTRY CLUB

WOODCHOPPER'S BALL. Twice each year, in the Fall and in the Spring, the Club holds a Woodchopper's Ball. At this function a picnic is held and then a time for dancing, sing-along, etc., is provided. Usually some type of wild game is barbequed and available for all those who so desire. This past Fall the Ball was held on the backwaters of Hotwalka Creek and a good time was enjoyed by everyone.

AWARDS BANQUET. It is the privilege of the Forestry Club to conduct a banquet each Winter Quarter at which time Department and Alumni Awards are presented. This past winter the Banquet was held at the Auburn Elks Lodge. The guest speaker was Mr. Jason Kutuk, Development Supervisor, International Paper Company, and he spoke on the topic of "When I Studied Forestry." Among the guests attending were Dean and Mrs. E. V. Smith, Dean of School of Agriculture; Dean and Mrs. C. F. Simmons, Assistant Dean of School of Agriculture; and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Plummer, President, Forestry Alumni Association. The awards given included "Outstanding Senior", and "Most Improved Grader". Also the Forestry Club Sweetheart, Miss Donna Meadows, was introduced to those attending. Tommy Fell, President of the Forestry Club, was the Master of Ceremonies.

ing; Robert Bacon, 1st place, Bait Casting; Harry Prince, 2nd place, Chain Throwing; Tom Fell, 1st place, Pole Classification; John Hatley, 2nd place, Compass and Pacing; Pat Boldrick, 2nd place, Wood Technology and 1st place, Dendrology.

Summer Camp, 1968, was referred to as the "Big Four Summit Meeting". The class consisted of William Anderson, Chester Billie, Michael Ducitt, and John Rice. Charles Warnke and Steve Cain vacationed with the Big Four for short periods.

Overall the camp was a big success since many enjoyable hours were spent relaxing along the flowing streams with their cool breezes and overhanging branches. (Would you believe an average temperature of 130 degrees in the shade, a wind speed of minus 21ch, and MANY pines?)

Five courses were taught and many interesting facts were absorbed.

Alabama Industries: Bill was a huge success while visiting a coffin factory. Apparently it's an enjoyable challenge to "fit" shorts.

Engineering: Mike was a wonderful sentinel for detecting the presence of yellow jackets. (How high can you jump, Mike?)

Measurement: The computer demonstrated how to inventory thousands of cords of elm in a pine plantation after tallying only one elm tree.

Regeneration: Much valuable information started to flow at Blueberry Hill after a few tall glasses of tea (totally enjoyable ale).

Site Evaluation: Who stole those beautiful falls that were near DeSoto State Park?

It might be added that the Big Four really functioned as a threesome. Chet was on "cloud nine" all summer after getting hitched, and you cannot cruise up that high.

XI SIGMA PI

The activities of Sigma Chapter of Xi Sigma Pi for 1969 began with the initiation of new members. The ceremonies took place in the Faculty Dining Room of the War Eagle Cafeteria early in winter quarter. The initiates were John Rice, Rodney Eike, Jerry Johnson, Forrest Fields, Robert Bacon, and John Walker, undergraduates, and Dr. S. I. Sonberg, a faculty member.

The current officers of Sigma Chapter are John Walker, Forester; Jerry Johnson, Associate Forester; Robert Bacon, Secretary-Fiscal Agent; and Rodney Eike, Ranger.

Professor H. C. Posey is currently representative of Sigma Chapter to the Executive Council. The current chapter roll contains 15 faculty members, 2 graduate students, and 10 undergraduates.



Auburn Forestry Club members and the club's sweetheart attended the Awards Banquet which climaxed the Conclave. The Auburn club placed second in the competition.