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FOUNDATION GIVING
1971

Class	Number Giving	Amount
48	0	\$ 0
49	0	0
50	6	85
51	3	85
52	1	5
53	1	175
54	1	25
55	1	25
56	0	0
57	1	20
58	2	20
59	0	0
60	0	0
61	0	0
62	1	10
63	0	0
64	0	0
65	2	10
66	0	0
67	0	0
68	0	0
69	0	0
70	1	2
71	1	5

NATHAN BYRD ('50), Chm.
Promotion Committee



Ben Weathers (left) receives 1971 outstanding senior in forestry award from Association President Gene Sample ('54).

FOUNDATION NEWS

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors, Auburn Forestry Foundation, was held in Auburn on Saturday, April 1, 1972. In attendance were Virgil Willett ('50), President, Vice-Presidents Roy J. Gamble ('51) and George W. Wood, Jr. ('50), Secretary Walter C. Andress ('60) and Board members Bill Black ('51) and Eugene A. Sample ('54) who is serving as President of the Auburn Forestry Alumni Association. Professor Wilbur DeVall was also present to assist with the meeting and to report on matters of particular interest within the Department.

Foundation contributing members through 1971 total eighty-four with receipts for 1970 and 1971 totaling \$1,362.00. As a result, the Department was authorized to spend \$1,054 to supplement its budget. The balance of \$340.50 is to be invested in the Forestry Endowment and Trust Fund.

ALUMNI AWARD

Ben Weathers, Auburn University Forestry student from Lanett received the 1971 outstanding senior in forestry award sponsored by the Alumni Association. Gene Sample ('54), Association president, presented Ben with a check and a copy of the Forestry Handbook. Weathers was selected for the award by the Auburn faculty based on his outstanding scholarship and leadership. 1971 was the fifteenth year in which this award has been made.

President Eugene A. Sample, Jr. stated that the Alumni Association during his two-year term would again have a standing committee to actively promote the Foundation and solicit contributions from Alumni and friends of the Department.

Virgil Willett ('50)
President

ALUMNI NEWS

AFAA MEMBERSHIP

The purpose of the AFAA is to bind together the Alumni for professional and social purposes and to further the interest of the Auburn University Department of Forestry.

We now have 547 alumni of the Department of Forestry. Of these, less than 100 have joined the AFAA.

If you are not a member or know of someone who is not a member, please remit your 1972 dues of \$3.25 to Richard A. Cumbie, Secretary-Treasurer, P. O. Box 61, Ozark, Alabama 36360.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance January 1, 1971 \$257.06

INCOME:

Membership Dues \$373.00

Total Income \$373.00

EXPENSES:

Forest Handbook \$ 15.00

Senior Award 50.00

1971 Newsletter 84.50

Postage 45.44

Printing 16.91

Envelopes 4.82

Bus Insurance 104.00

TOTAL EXP. \$380.67

Balance January 1, 1972 \$249.39



Chester Billie ('69) left and Roy Price ('60) plan location of Special Projects for the Alabama Forestry Commission.



ALUMNUS HEADS URBAN PROGRAM

Barton M. Williams (class, '66) is currently serving as State Coordinator of the Alabama Forestry Commission's Urban Forestry Program.

Bart claims Conecuh County as home even though he was born in Mobile. After graduation from Lysell High School, he entered Auburn University

Forestry School. Following graduation from Auburn in 1966, he served an active duty tour with the Alabama Air National Guard. In 1967 he was employed by the Alabama Division of Forestry as a CFM Forester in Ozark, Alabama. He was promoted in 1971 to the Forest Products Utilization position in the Alabama Forestry Commission Headquarters in Montgomery.

While assigned to this position, he was given the responsibility of studying urban forestry programs of other state agencies and proposing a program guideline for the Forestry Commission's adoption of an Urban Forestry Program, he was reassigned to Chief of the Urban Forestry Section. He is responsible for coordinating the work of Urban Foresters assigned to Birmingham, Mobile, Huntsville, Montgomery and Tuscaloosa.

Bart is licensed as a Registered Forester in Alabama. He is a member of the Society of American Foresters and the International Shade Tree Conference.

COMPLIMENTARY MEMBERS

Your association has for a number of years awarded all seniors in forestry who graduate a one-year, dues-paid membership. Membership cards have been given to each graduate by Professor DeVall who explains the various projects sponsored by your association. The name and address of each graduate are sent to your Association secretary-treasurer who adds each graduate to the membership roll. These grads become dues paying members at the end of one year.

NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS

New graduate students include doctoral candidates Sanford W. Downs, Jr., T. Robin McIntyre, and Hugh R. Crowley. The master's degree students are Hung-Chin Fung and Wu-Chung Lee, both from Taiwan.

STUDENT NEWS

STUDENT CHAPTER STAYS BUSY

Since receiving its charter last year, the Auburn Student Chapter of the Society of American Foresters has become an active body, taking part in Society affairs, and in creating an awareness in forestry students of their profession. The officers for this year are Norman Burton, Chairman; Rick Zellmer, Vice-Chairman; George Martin, Treasurer; and Bob Sharp, Secretary.

This year at the Annual Meeting of the Society of American Foresters, the Auburn student chapter sent six representatives to take part in discussions with student delegates from the University of Georgia. From discussions between the student delegates, a list of proposals was presented by the student chairman, Bob Sharp, to the S.A.F. council for further action.

Continuing old traditions, the student chapter tries to sponsor at least one social event each quarter. At the end of fall quarter, we had a party at a small lake in Opelika, with enough drinks to create another large pond.

To pay for the parties and other events the student chapter cuts fire wood, and this year had made lab bottle holders for one of the departments on the campus.

This year the Awards Banquet was held on February 29, at the Holiday Inn on Highway 280. The faculty and private companies rewarded academic excellence and individual improvement, and the student chapter presented a few awards. Notably, Professor Christen was given a ten cent watch so that he could accurately time his tests.

The student chapter extends an invitation to any student in the Department of Forestry to attend our meetings, which are held twice each month.

XI SIGMA PI

Sigma Chapter of Xi Sigma Pi, the national forestry honorary fraternity, which has been active at Auburn since 1952, has worked this year to honor and encourage all forestry students to higher scholastic achievement. The fraternity sponsored a Forestry Honor Roll which recognizes those forestry students having a B average or better in the preceding quarter. Sigma Chapter also held its annual Homecoming Coffee before the

Auburn Homecoming game this year. We of Sigma Chapter enjoyed seeing all the alumni who came by this year and hope that each of you will drop by next year.

At this time there are only two active undergraduate students in the chapter, but we expect to initiate several new members this Spring quarter. This year's were: Forester, Walter L. Mills, Jr.; Secretary/Treasurer, Norman Burton.

The intention of Xi Sigma Pi is to honor the student who excels scholastically and who has a personality that would tend to make him successful in forestry work. It is the job of each member of Xi Sigma Pi to stimulate scholarship and fellowship among all forestry students.

THE RITUAL OF SUMMER CAMP

BY BOB SHARP

In the summer of 1971, twenty-two more young foresters were duly initiated into the brotherhood of summer campers. The ceremony lasted fifty-five days and included the traditional tests of timber cruising, land line surveying, logging road layout, map making, regeneration planning, recreational studies, and finally the grueling task of "Bluebird" riding. New exercises, or possibly just revisions of old methods, were also carried out quite capably in beer chugging, wine drinking, and bourbon sipping. Special grants for these last three courses come from Joseph Schlitz, Boone's Farm Apple Wine, and Jack Daniels.

Summer camp started moving this year with two days of lecture all about forest regeneration and forest recreation from Dr. DeBrunner, then we embarked upon our first journey in quest of knowledge. This trip took us to the International Paper Company research facility at Southlands, Georgia, on a short excursion through Panama City, Florida, and finally to the Auburn foresters favorite vacation spot, Little River State Forest. After ten days of visiting research facilities, industry plants, and Blueberry Hill, we all "thought" we were ready to get back to Tuskegee National Forest and Prof. Chris.

Prof. Chris wasted no time as usual and immediately had us out laying off logging roads. By lunch time the first day each crew had about three thousand redbugs and one-half mile of road. Needless to say, we continued at this same

pace for the next three weeks through sun, rain, snakes and yellowjackets. Memorable events included Mike Keel's plunge into Choctawhatchee Creek, the authors scenic walk through the woods in search of the rare species Bluebirdia busiana, and finally the beautiful harmony of Larry Sellman, James Perdue and Mark Holliday discussing the different methods of putting in a 53 degree road curve.

Finally after exploring the fauna and flora of Tuskegee National Forest we all climbed back aboard the Bluebird and headed for Kentucky. The highlights of this trip were Steen Traylor's midnight canoe ride across Kentucky Lake and Rick Zellmer's dealings with two of the more beautiful women ever encountered, appropriately named "Dance and a half" and "Four-by-four."

The final trip of the summer took us to the mountains of North Carolina with Coweeta Hydrological Research Lab and Pisgah National Forest being the main attractions. This trip lasted fourteen days and by the end of it, everybody was tired and ready to go home, including Prof. DeBrunner. We wrapped up the 1971 version of summer camp on graduation day with two finals and management plans. Some of the summer campers bid the Department of Forestry and Auburn University a fond farewell to embark upon a career while others went home to prepare for that final year's struggle, each feeling that he had learned much, but very happy to be through with summer camp.

Now that it's all over and I look back on the experience, I can honestly say that I have no regrets. I would like to take this opportunity to express gratitude on behalf of the entire crew of summer camp 1971 - to Prof. Chris and Prof. DeBrunner for taking the time and having the patience to put up with us all, because I know we were a tough bunch to handle. Finally to my fellow "troopers" of summer camp 1971: "good luck always, for I will never forget you and the experience we shared together."

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FACULTY NEWS

STAFF NOTES

Professor W. B. DeVall, Department Head, underwent surgery during January. He has completely recovered and has been back at work for sometime.

Dr. Earl J. Hodgkins has been plagued by back difficulties for several years and underwent surgery in March to correct this problem. He is recovering and has been back to work for several weeks. He gets around well with the aid of a cane and expects complete recovery will eventually come.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Mr. Richard Meier joined the Forestry staff on October 1, 1971, as a research associate under Dr. Floyd Goggans in Forest Genetics. He is a native of Wisconsin and came to Auburn via the University of Illinois. Mr. Meier replaced Gerald E. Thomas who left Auburn June 30, 1971, to accept a position with the Forest Service in Oregon.

There have been a number of changes in the Teaching Associate position during this year. John Killham, who held this position during last summer and fall, resigned to become a graduate student under Dr. Everett Johnson. He was briefly replaced by Barry Lawrence who left for other employment and the position is currently held by William Hindman.

Larry Sellman has taken a research associate position with Dr. Everett Johnson, where he is working on photo-interpretation.

FORESTRY IN EUROPE

Professor DeVall and his wife joined more than 30 forestry and forest products people from Alabama in a 16-day tour of five countries in northern Europe. Their itinerary included Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, and England. The group stayed in the capital city of each country. In addition to the regular tourist sights the tour members were hosted by representatives of industry, embassies, and forest products associations. Forestry in Norway and Sweden appeared rather simple because the primary species are Norway Spruce and Scotch Pine. Few operations from

woods to plants are mechanized. Processing plants utilize sophisticated equipment including an electronic, computerized log-scaling machine.

Four members had a free day in each city that permitted them to see things that interested them. While in Stockholm Professor DeVall visited the Genetics Institute of the Royal College of Forestry. Located well out on the edge of the city, it presented a problem to get the cab driver who spoke no English to find the college. Two of the three research geneticists were women. One offered her personal car for the trip back to the city.

While in London, Professor DeVall braved the city subway system for a trip to the Royal Botanical Kew Gardens. Located well outside the city on more than 300 acres is Kew Gardens. Generically related species from all the world have been planted in groups. One can study the birches, cottonwoods, etc., by walking through the plantings that form part of the park-like landscape.

Traveling in a new country can be most pleasant. Other foresters from the United States and Europe travel also. Professor DeVall chanced to meet other foresters of his acquaintance who were not a part of the tour in Stockholm, Copenhagen and London. He returned to the United States aboard a 747, arriving in Columbus, Georgia, about 1 o'clock in the morning after getting up at 7 a.m. (London time), he found that the battery in his car was dead. A smart cab driver started it. Sometimes it pays not to be a professor.

SELF-STUDY AND ACCREDITATION

Auburn University completed its second self-study program this year with Dr. Harry Larsen leading the program for the Forestry Department. This study aids in the analysis of the department's role in the present and future requirements and needs of both the University and the dept. as well as in pointing up changes which would be beneficial.

The Forestry Department is scheduled for a review for accreditation in 1973 by the Society of American Foresters (SAF) and the Self-Study Program has been useful in the preparation for this important review.

25 YEARS OF RESEARCH AND INSTRUCTION

The Forestry Department will have completed 25 years of continuous operation on July 1, 1972. Although a great many changes have taken place in the past quarter-century, the Department is still housed in the original Forestry building. With the remodeling completed last year and the new addition completed the year before, the facilities have been modernized and beautified. The building has a new name and is now known as M. White Smith Hall (Forestry). This had led to some early confusion with the Smith Hall that houses the Art Department but familiarity has decreased the confusion.

The Forestry curriculum has undergone a great many changes, including the deletion of surveying, and might not be easily recognizable to some early graduates. Summer Camp is no longer held at the Little River State Park in southern Alabama, but is held as a "Day Camp" with headquarters on campus.

Forestry staff members have come and gone, but W. B. DeVall and Dr. Harold E. Christen (Chris), who arrived at Auburn before the present Forestry Building was constructed, are still present. Other old timers include Dr. Floyd Goggans, Dr. Knox Livingston, and Dr. George I. Carla, who will be missed greatly when he retires this year.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Eloise Cook, who had been the Head Secretary for the Department since September of 1965, died of cancer early in January of this year. Mrs. Cook became ill during the late summer of 1971 and had been hospitalized during most of her illness.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Alumni everywhere should help spread the word that their alma mater - the Department of Forestry of Auburn - celebrates 25 years of training foresters on July 1, 1972. Each activity during 1972 in which the Department has a part will publicize the anniversary. We as alumni should acquaint our employers and group with which we work with this significant milestone in the history of professional forestry at Auburn.