

Forestry Foundation Report

Roy J. Gamble, (51) President

The annual meeting of the Auburn Forestry Foundation Board of Directors was conducted at Auburn on March 15, 1975.

New officers elected were Roy J. Gamble, President, Frank M. Stewart, Vice President and Harold Coan, Secretary. Mr. Rhet E. Riley, Treasurer, Auburn University, serves as Treasurer of the Foundation. In addition to these officers current Board members are Walter E. Hazen, Paul L. Allen, James H. Collins, H. C. Lucas, and Charles A. Figg, President, Auburn Forestry Alumni Association.

Contributions received for 1974 totalled \$401.25. A total of \$585.68, which included unexpended funds committed to the Department in 1974, were approved to the Department of Forestry for 1975 expenses. Professor W. B. DeVall volunteered the fact that the money was much needed to supplement the inadequate budget funds available to meet operating and supplies expenses.

The total Foundation invested funds amount to \$4,476.51 exclusive of earned interest not yet posted.

We wish to urge all alumni and interested friends of the Department to become regular contributing members of the Foundation by mailing contributions, regardless of size, directly to the Department for this purpose, to Roy J. Gamble, President, or even to the Annual Auburn Giving program indicating its use by the Forestry Foundation. Remember, such contributions are tax deductible, and we assure you every little bit helps.

New Board of Directors of the Auburn Forestry Foundation are l-r seated: Harold Coan (57) Secretary, Roy Gamble (51) President, Frank Stewart (48), Executive Vice President. Standing: Charles Figg (55) President, Auburn Forestry Alumni Association and ex-officers of the Board, Frank Jones (50), Chairman, Audit Committee.



Frank Stewart (Class '48) receives Forestry Conservation Award for 1974 from the Governor's wife, Mrs. Wallace.

Stewart Gets Award

Frank M. Stewart Jr. of Vredenburgh, was awarded an "Agricultural Excellence Award" for forestry in 1974 by the Farm-City Committee of Alabama.

The award was presented by the wife of Gov. George C. Wallace during state-wide Agricultural Appreciation Day in Montgomery November 12, 1974.

Stewart, one of 11 Alabamians honored with Agricultural Excellence Awards in different categories, earlier this year was named Forest Conservationist of the Year by the Alabama Wildlife Federation.

W. Cosby Hodges of Birmingham, president of AWP, said the program's purpose is to "encourage the teaching and practice of conservation of our natural resources in Alabama, including our minerals, soil, air,

water, forest and wildlife."

Stewart, 54, a native of Haleyville who has lived in Vredenburgh since 1954, is managing agent for Wilmon Timberlands in Vredenburgh. He also is mayor of Vredenburgh.

A registered forester and land surveyor, he is a member of the state Board of Registration for Foresters, the Camden Exchange Club, Auburn University's consulting committee for forestry research, and Patrick Henry Junior College's advisory committee for its forestry program.

He is immediate past chairman of the Southeastern section of the Society of American Foresters and a director of Camden National Bank.

He received his B.S. degree in forest management from Auburn University in 1948.



STUDENT NEWS

Summer Camp 1974

Summer Camp was quite an experience. With forty-seven students and four fearless leaders, the problems of space and transportation were multiplied. Big Bertha, Pick 1, Carrier 1, Carrier 3, and Wag 1 carried us through the three tours. However, through all the hassles and frustrations came some memorable experiences. Noxubee Wildlife Refuge, Frank Stewart's operation at Vreelandberg, and the Dean Swamp rivalled each other for the high interest points. Frank's almost revolutionary attitude toward forest management was very much a welcomed part of the tours. Prof. DeBrunner thought he has us locked in in Kentucky by surrounding us with dry counties. He had not counted on the friendly bootlegger we found. On the other hand, a little spirit was necessary to tolerate the sub-primitive conditions and the rain at Justice Gap in the Pisgah. The two free days off helped to ease a few tensions among the ranks. Some people went east, some went west; some folks went up into the mountains, some went down into the valley and the square dance at Brevard. Amazingly, everybody made it back, but not without various experiences along the way.

Mensuration with Don Janes and engineering with Chris provided us with the most concentrated learning of our academic career. In both, we were kept moving constantly: eight to five in the field, home for supper if time allowed, all night at the building computing curves, preparing maps, and working up mensuration reports. Janes essentially left us on our own (unless we "ran into a ditch") to work on an independent project in three-man crews. Engineering with Chris was another scene indeed. We couldn't get away from "the man": always around setting corners, chopping freeways through the brush, and running into yellow jackets. He hasn't slowed down much since Little River in '47.

Summer Camp was something most people were not looking forward to. Financial hardships were incurred by some people, ulcers and mental hardships by most. A lot of the tours seemed to be a waste of time. There was a feeling of being assaulted with corporate propaganda. Mensuration and engineering were very worthwhile but not enough time was allotted to either. All in all, summer camp 1974 was a very learning experience but no one would want to do it again.

Newsletter Staff

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Xi Sigma Pi

The Xi Sigma Pi Forestry Honor Society's purpose is to recognize students who excel scholastically and who have a personality that would tend to make them successful in forestry work. Members of Xi Sigma Pi are selected on a basis of scholarship, character, interest and activity in practical forestry work, and assurance of attaining high professional achievement.

The officers of the Auburn Chapter for 1974-75 were: Forester—E. Jack Williams; Associate Forester—Philip O. Brown; Sec. Fiscal Agent—Lyndon McCavitt; and Ranger—H. Philip Wilson.

The activities of Sigma Chapter of Xi Sigma Pi for 1974-75 began with the initiation of new members on November 14, 1974. The initiates were Stanley Anderson, Bill Burchfield, Charles Chandler, David Cunningham, Karl Davenport, Bob DeVaughan, Steve Debose, Mike Harmon, David Harrelson, Bill Harrington, Bill Humphries, Jim Jeter, Manning Miller, Terry Pickard and Ken Strimmon.

The Sigma Chapter annually sponsors a coffee and doughnut feast for all Auburn Forestry graduates and their families on Homecoming Day. We invite you to come.

Forestry Club

Last April, the Forestry Club held its annual Awards Banquet at the Heart of Auburn. The guest speaker for the evening was Don Murray, District Gov. of Ala. Toastmasters: The Society of American Foresters Outstanding Senior Student Award was presented to Joseph Williams.

The club held its 1974 Spring party at Swan's Lake just off Wire Road. Several bar-be-que'd chickens and a quantity of cold beverages were consumed. Swimming, volleyball, and horseshoes were also enjoyed.

To raise money for the treasury, the club has engaged in the fence repair projects of Coosa and Barbour Counties Research Forests. Additional income has been received from the local sale of firewood. Much of this money will be used to help cover some of the expenses involved with attending the 18th annual ASFC Conclave that will be held at Mississippi State University April 10th, 11th, and 12th.

The Forestry Club is also Auburn's Student Chapter of the Society of American Foresters. The 1974-1975 officers are:

Chairman—Mike Harmon
Vice-Chairman—Stanley Anderson
Secretary—William Till
Treasurer—Bill Burchfield

Forestry Wives Club Sponsors A Needy Child

At Christmas time, the members of the Forestry Wives Club sponsored one of Lee County's underprivileged children. They played "Santa Claus" to the youngster with gifts of toys and clothing. They were able to buy these things through money they earned at bake sales and a raffle. Another worthy cause they assisted in was the Mother's March of Dimes for Auburn.

Besides having excellent programs at each of their monthly meetings, the club participated in the May Craft Sale on campus, the annual Forestry Club Barbecue and the Faculty Wives Annual Tea.

The sponsor for the group is Mrs. Betty Davis, wife of faculty member Dr. Terry Davis.

What To Look Forward To

Auburn University graduates of the last two years (1973-1974) have taken jobs not only in forestry but in other fields as well. This list shows the various fields forestry graduates have gone into according to the files kept in the Forestry Department Office. These files may not be entirely up to date but should show the distribution of forestry and non-forestry oriented jobs attained.

- 11 No Jobs of Record
- 8 Paper Companies
- 12 Forestry Commission
- 3 Graduate School—Masters
- 4 Consulting Agencies
- 1 Military
- 9 Timber Company
- 5 Non-Forestry Jobs
- 1 Peace Corps



Forestry Club Party

FACULTY NEWS

New Faculty

Five new faces now hang out in Milton Formby's coffee house. Two Research Associates and two Teaching/Research Faculty have been recruited during the last year.

Dr. Michael S. Golden comes to Auburn from Alabama A&M at Huntsville. Mike is not really a stranger. He received his MS at Auburn, working in the forest ecology area with Dr. Hodgkins. Both of his other degrees were taken in Big Orange country, an AB in Religion at Trevecca College in Nashville and a PhD in Plant Ecology at UT in Knoxville.

Mike's research interests lie in forest community ecology. He is currently teaching undergraduate courses in watershed management, site evaluation, silvics and silviculture.

Another new but familiar face is Mr. Wu Chung Lee, who has switched titles from graduate student to Research Associate, working with Dr. Biblis and George Coleman in Wood Technology. Lee is one of those unusual people with two masters degrees, one from Taiwan University and another, in Wood Technology, from Auburn. His current research interests are in sandwich construction of plywood, utilizing southern pine plys and particleboard centers.

A bonafide new face, if we ever get to see behind that red beard, is Mr. Timothy K. Cannon, who comes to us from Tecumseh, Oklahoma, via Northern Arizona University and Mississippi State University. Tim is a remote sensing specialist, working with Dr. Hodgkins on a southeast region-wide land-form classification project. His big claim to fame in the coffee room is that he is color-blind! Paul Harvey would just murmur and switch the subject at this point, but we have to tell you that his six year old daughter makes sure that Daddy doesn't come to work wearing his purple sweater with his State red pants!

The last new face is another Yankee, Dean Gjerstad, who has just finished his PhD in Tree Physiology (Dean says emphasize "Tree") at Iowa State University. He fills the slot vacated by Mason Carter. His appointment is for full time research, where his interests are in increasing productivity of the tree through physiology rather than genetics.

Dean is a bachelor, with interests in (besides the obvious) photography and handball. He arrives just in time to make

good use of some posh new courts the University has built between the Coliseum and swimming pool. If this gives you ideas about a challenge match during a visit to the campus, he warned that Dean just barely clears most doors in the building!

The occasional face belongs to David H. Weingartner, who is usually on the road with Dr. Lyle. David replaces Dwight Hicks on the stripmine revegetation project. He comes to us from West Virginia University, where he received both a BS and MS in Forestry.

Two New Forest Science Laboratories

Construction work on the new USFS Forest Sciences Laboratory is about half completed. State funds have been appropriated for the construction of a new Auburn University Forest Products Research Laboratory announced in the last Newsletter. The Agricultural Experiment Station has given a first priority construction status to this new facility. The labs will face one another across the widened south road into the Forestry Plots.

Department of Forestry Wood Tech research personnel will be housed in the new Products Research Lab. Present plans are to add one more professional to the research faculty, in the Wood Technology area. The research program will concentrate on problems peculiar to Alabama's forest products industry, with emphasis on utilization of low value hardwood species and residue now left behind on logging jobs.



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Reaccreditation Review Continues

The faculty is continuing efforts toward removing deficiencies noted by a reaccreditation committee of the Society of American Foresters. An examination of the curriculum is being conducted by the faculty with considerable input being solicited from Alumni, employers, and knowledgeable professionals using advanced Forest practices in several areas. For example, on March 12, the faculty and administration met with a representative group of employers and Alumni from across the southeast. The all day seminar was devoted to discussion of the education that Foresters of the next decade will need to best serve themselves and their employers.



14TH ANNUAL AUBURN FORESTRY FORUM

June 18-19, 1975 Auburn University

ALUMNI NEWS



James W. Martin (Class '64 & '68)
promoted by American Can.

Alumnus Promoted

James W. Martin received his BS Degree in Forest Management at Auburn in June, 1964 and stayed on at Auburn as a graduate student under Dr. Mason Carter and received the MS Degree in Forestry in March, 1966. At the graduate level he specialized in tree physiology and chemical weed control. Jim was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and began his two year tour of duty in June, 1966. He was assigned as a Plant Physiologist to the U.S. Army Biological Warfare Laboratories at Fort Detrick, Maryland where he conducted basic and applied herbicide research.

Jim joined the Southern Woodlands operation of American Can Company in June, 1968 as Staff Management Forester. In this position he was responsible for research and development activities, forest inventory and forest management planning and coordination. In September, 1974 he was promoted to Pulpwood Procurement Supervisor where he had the responsibility of purchasing all wood raw materials for operation of the company's Nahaola pulp mill located at Nahaola, Alabama.

In January, 1975 Jim was promoted to the American Can Corporate Headquarters in Greenwich, Connecticut in the newly created position of Coordinator, Woodlands Operations. In the position of Coordinator, Woodlands Operations he will assist the Director of Woodlands Operations in the management of the corporate woodlands holdings in the following areas: Southern Woodlands and Sawmills located in Alabama and Mississippi; Lake States Woodlands in Michigan and Wisconsin; Western Woodlands and Sawmills in Oregon; and Canadian Woodlands and Marathon Pulp Mill in Ontario, Canada. Jim has specific responsibilities in the following areas: forestry and economics; land use and environmental issues; fiber resource studies; mineral

activities and overall woodlands planning. His present address is American Can Company, 201, American Lane, Greenwich, Connecticut 06830.

Jim is very active in national issues affecting usage of forest chemicals as a member of the National Forest Products Association's Forest Chemicals Task Group and Chairman of the 2,4,5-T Steering Group of the N.F.P.A. He was also a member of the Advisory Committee of the North Carolina State University Tree Improvement Program and a member of the Auburn University Hardwood Research Advisory Committee. Jim has been active in community affairs as President and 7000 Chairman of the Lions Club, Sunday School teacher and Deacon in the Baptist Church.

From The President

The Auburn Forestry Alumni Association held a breakfast meeting during the Annual Convention of the Alabama Chapter, Society of American Foresters on August 29, 1974 in Montgomery, Alabama. Those in attendance were: George R. Gibson ('53) Post Office Box 445, Thomasville, Ala.; Ray Corvin ('62) 1807 Gatewood, Montgomery, Ala.; Ronald True ('71) Post Office Box 538, Monroeville, Ala.; Doug Smith ('66) 513 Madison Avenue, Montgomery, Ala.; Jim Smith ('49) 633 So. Sanders Road, Birmingham, Ala.; Robert Wiggins ('72) Post Office Box 1401, Clanton, Ala.; James Hyland ('71) 513 Madison Avenue, Montgomery, Ala.; Wayne King ('64) Post Office Box 138, Ft. Deposit, Ala.; Thomas Paul ('59) 3176 Dolly Ridge Drive, Birmingham, Ala.; Eugene Sample ('54) 3209 Woodhaven Drive, Birmingham, Ala.; Charles A. Figg ('55) 3413 Farwood Drive, Montgomery, Ala.; James Perdue ('71) 4307 So. Court, Montgomery, Ala.; and Billy McIntyre ('64) P.O. Box 233, Camden, Ala.

The 1975 Annual Meeting will also be held in conjunction with the next SAF Chapter meeting scheduled to be in Montgomery on August 5-7, 1975. A special "Show Your Colors" identity approach is planned. Details of the alumni meeting will be posted and announced. If you attend the Chapter meeting, make it a point to get together with fellow alumni.

A planning group has been appointed from the Class of 1950 to study the feasibility of and plan for a Class Reunion. It has been twenty-five years, but the memories are still fresh. H. C. Lucas ('50) will head the effort. He can be contacted at 513 Madison Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama 36104, Phone 832-5896. Those of you that graduated in 1950 should let him know your ideas on this get-together.

Douglas A. Smith ('68) has agreed to serve as Chairman of the Nominating Committee to produce a slate of officer nominees for the next two years. Doug's committee report will be submitted at the Annual Meeting in August. A ballot will then be mailed to eligible voting (dues paid) members by mid-September. Nominees are being sought for the offices of President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. Anyone wishing to submit a name in nomination should contact Doug at 513 Madison Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama 36104, Phone 832-6612.

The Outstanding Senior Award for 1974 was presented to Elbert J. Williams at the Annual Awards Banquet held in Auburn on February 27. Mr. Williams received a Forestry Handbook and a check for fifty dollars.

Billy McIntyre ('64), our very capable Secretary-Treasurer, mailed dues notices to the membership in January 1975. While response has been encouraging, it is vital that more members pay their dues if the Association is to meet its obligations. If you have not already paid your dues for 1975, please send \$3.25 directly to Billy McIntyre, Post Office Box 233, Camden, Alabama 36726.

Charles A. Figg ('55)
President

In Memoriam

Balford O. Thompson (Class '60)
J. H. Gresham (Class '50)
Ben Williams (Class '62)

Address Unknown

The addresses of the following alumni are unknown and we would like for you to forward to the undersigned, BOX 233, Camden, Alabama 36726, any addresses you may have for these classmates.

Billy McIntyre ('64)
Secretary-Treasurer

J. B. Matthews, W. C. Culver, L. S. Guinn, T. J. McDaniel, W. Abernathy, P. J. Huffman, T. R. Fuller, E. A. Vilece, O. H. Mimms, M. K. Casteel, C. M. Musgrave, G. B. Langford, J. R. Kinkias, B. J. Arthur, H. L. Jagers, C. W. Whitlock, J. M. Kress, R. A. Johnson, Jr., S. L. Smith, C. E. Smith, C. W. Summeroux, E. H. Cook, M. W. Holcomb, B. Brantley, W. W. Hindman, D. C. Durdley, S. H. Holland, D. M. Simmons, P. M. Bourne, A. C. Main, P. A. Abbott, J. A. Butler, T. B. Thaxton, H. E. Ball.