

"From The President"

The Auburn Forestry Alumni Association held its Annual Meeting during the annual convention of American Foresters on August 7, 1975 in Montgomery. The largest attendance noted in several years was most gratifying. The 1976 meeting will also be in conjunction with the Alabama Chapter meeting, SAE, to be held in Tuscaloosa in August.

I wish to express the appreciation of many Alumni and myself to H. C. Lucas (50) and the others who put together the recent reunion of graduates of the Class of 1950. We are looking for someone to organize a reunion for the Class of 1951. If you would like to be associated with this effort, please contact me at the Alabama Forestry Commission, 513 Madison Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama 36130 or phone 832-6568. Knowing many of the 1951 graduates, a reunion of that group should be a whiz-bang.

Several changes to the Bylaws were adopted by the membership during the past year. Sixty-nine members cast votes. The most significant changes were to raise the annual dues to \$5.00 from \$3.25 and to fix the exact procedure for the election and term of Association officers.

Douglas Smith ('66) 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 36130 or phone 832-6612.

The Outstanding Senior Award for 1975 was presented to Mike Harmon at the Annual Awards Banquet held in Auburn on February 28. Mr. Harmon 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 1976. While response has been encouraging, it is vital that more members pay their dues if the Association is to meet its obligations. If you

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Among those organizing the class of '50 reunion were L. to R. Ken Dumas, Aron Jordan and Harbard Lucas

First 25 Year Reunion

Responding to an expressed interest by Alumni to hold a class reunion of Auburn Foresters graduating twenty-five years ago, Alumni Association President Charles Figg appointed a committee of five to explore the feasibility of such an event. Committee members were: H. C. Lucas, Chairman, K. M. Dumas, F. E. Jones, John G. Ramage and R. H. Riggs.

The committee met in Birmingham April 23, 1975. They determined that a reunion should be held and because of extraordinary circumstances prevailing, the reunion should not be restricted to graduates of the Class of 1950 but include the 1948 Summer Camp attendees also. It was decided that the reunion and banquet would be held in Montgomery October 31, 1975, the night before the Auburn-Florida game. Tickets were to be purchased for the Florida game on a request basis and all would be seated in a group. Committee members accepted the following assignments relative to the reunion. H. C. Lucas - Chairman and Arrangements, K. M. Dumas, Treasurer. Appointment of Virgil Willett as Co-Treasurer and Football tickets. R. H. Riggs - Program. John Ramage and Frank Jones - Registration.

Festivities were held on Halloween night at the Governor's House Motor Inn and a group of 63 alumni and wives attended the gala affair in the Senate and Capitol Room. Guests present were Professor Wilbur DeVall, Mr. & Mrs. Hilton Watson, and Joanna Jones. Following a most enjoyable buffet banquet, Hilton Watson served as Master of Ceremonies for the program and he turned in a creditable performance in

judging the rightful owners of gifts awarded alumni meeting exacting criteria. The criteria and winners were as follows: Alumnus traveling greatest distance - Earnis Washburn. Youngest Alumnus - Virgil Willett. Oldest Alumnus - Jimmy Swanson. Most Children - Tie between Virgil Willett and Lou Blankenship. Virgil conceded to Lou on the basis of ages. Youngest Child - Lou Blankenship. Oldest Child - Lou Blankenship. Most Grandchildren - Lou Blankenship.

Alumni attending were as follows: Mr. & Mrs. C. L. McKinney, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Culpepper, Mr. & Mrs. C. S. Walsh, Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Guy, Mr. & Mrs. K. M. Dumas, Mr. & Mrs. R. H. Riggs, Mr. & Mrs. S. E. Hinson, Mr. & Mrs. John B. Patterson, Mr. & Mrs. John Ramage, Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Lucas, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Starling, Mr. & Mrs. Ted Hixon, Mr. & Mrs. Kent Van Cleave, Mr. Bill Koier, Mr. & Mrs. P. L. Allen, Mr. W. J. Moeke, Mr. & Mrs. T. J. McDaniel, Mr. & Mrs. M. D. Monk, Mr. & Mrs. James Gamble, Mr. & Mrs. R. C. Ellison, Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Willett, Mr. & Mrs. Lester Brown, Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Swanson, Mr. & Mrs. Ennis Washburn, Mr. & Mrs. R. A. Jordan, Mr. & Mrs. B. C. Wakefield, Mr. & Mrs. James Richardson, Frank Jones, & daughter Joanna, Mr. & Mrs. Lou Blankenship, Mr. & Mrs. Ely Frazer, Mr. & Mrs. Young Ranier, Mr. Jim Smith.

42 Alumni sat together at the Auburn-Florida Football game the next day the enjoyed the end zone seats immensely even though Auburn was defeated.

H. C. Lucas (Class '50)

Auburn Forestry Foundation President's Report

1975 was a lean year for Forest Products and most Foresters felt the crunch. We hope that 1976 will begin the upward trend that will bring Forest Products and Foresters to new heights and greater achievements.

The past year has been an average year for the Auburn Forestry Foundation in funds received and new membership. We believe that much can be done to increase our fund raising capacity and machinery is being set in motion for this. Many of you reading this will be asked to contribute some time to these endeavors during the next year.

Since the passing of Dr. Harold E. "Chris" Christen, I have received phone calls from Forestry Alumni in Alabama and other states expressing the desire that the Foundation start a fund in memory of Chris. In fact, we have received contributions from six Foresters employed by Tennessee River Pulp and Paper Co., one Department of Forestry member and one member of the Foundation Board of Directors to such a fund. As of this date these funds total more than \$300.00.

The Foundation has the facilities and the need for handling funds from any source for financial assistance and trust endowment for the Department of Forestry, Auburn University. Of course all contributions are tax deductible. All donations should be made payable to Auburn Forestry Foundation and sent to the Department of Forestry, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama 36830. For those who wish to contribute to the Dr. Harold E. Christen Memorial Fund all that is necessary is to make payment to the Foundation for the Memorial Fund.

We hope that all alumni will become active in and support the Auburn Forestry Alumni Association and the Auburn Forestry Foundation. We are looking forward to the Association meeting in Auburn and to the '51 Class Reunion later in the year.

Look for your ballot later in this year for the election of officers for the Alumni Association and for three new members for the Auburn Forestry Foundation, Board of Directors.

Present members of the Foundation Directors are: Ted Hazen, Paul Allen, and Gene Sample, Jim Collins, Roy Gamble, and Harold Conn, Frank Jones, Frank Stewart, and H.C. Lucas.

Three Directors are elected every two years.

Roy J. Gamble, R.F. (Class '51)



Dr. Harold Edwin Christen
1908-1976

Prof. Chris Dies

Dr. Harold E. Christen died suddenly in Lee County Hospital, Sunday, February 8, 1976 after a short illness. Cause of death was apparently a heart attack. He had entered the hospital the previous Thursday for tests, complaining only of feeling "tired".

Burial was in Auburn Memorial Park. The Forestry student body and Alumni, the Forestry faculty, the Elks Club membership and the Auburn Lions Club membership were designated honorary pallbearers, while representatives from each body served as pallbearers.

Prof. Christen would have completed thirty years of service at Auburn in August of this year. He reported for duty at AP in August 15, 1946. The faculty believes that, in coffee room conversations, he could have dredged up a memory of every alumnus that this Newsletter will reach. Only he and Professor DeVall have known personally every graduate of the Department since its organization.

During his thirty years at Auburn, Chris was active in the Auburn Lions Club, was a past exalted ruler of the local Elks Lodge, and was a faithful member of the congregation of St. Michaels Catholic Church. A bachelor, it was apparent to this newcomer that he considered the Forestry student body as "his boys".

Harold Edwin Christen was born in New York City, July 25, 1908. He received his BS from the University of Connecticut in 1930. Further degrees were the MF, Yale, 1933, and Ph.D., Michigan State, 1961. He worked for the Forest Service in the 1930's, in the Northern Rocky Mountains and on National Forests in Louisiana and Eastern Tennessee. During World War II, he spent 53 months in the South West Pacific with the Signal Corps.



Ken Bailey
class of '58

Ken Bailey Promoted

Ken Bailey, a 1958 Forestry graduate of Auburn, was recently promoted to General Manager of the Southern Timberlands Division of St. Regis Paper Company. Ken started to work with St. Regis in 1958 upon graduation from Auburn. He has held increasingly responsible positions with St. Regis to include: Forest Area Manager with headquarters in Annore, Alabama, and Pensacola Region Woodlands Manager with headquarters in Cantonment, Florida. His present responsibilities include wood procurement for St. Regis' three southern kraft mills located at Jacksonville, Florida; Pensacola, Florida; and Monticello, Mississippi. Also, the Timberlands Division is responsible for the management activities conducted by St. Regis on more than 1.5 million acres in the South, to include forestry related research and development programs.

He has served in positions of leadership in various professional organizations, and is past chairman of the Florida Section of the Society of American Foresters.

Ken is a native of Birmingham, Alabama. His wife is the former Jane Stansell of Tuscaloosa, and they have three children: Debbie, Kathy, and David. He and his family are presently residing at 7410 Buckskin Trail South, Jacksonville, Florida 32211.

Bob Lowe (Class '59)

The Student Chapter of the Society of American Foresters — The Forestry Club — has established a Harold E. Christen Memorial Fund. Contributions to the Fund are being deposited at interest in a local bank until the Student Chapter membership determines the nature of the Memorial.

Student Chapter — S.A.F.

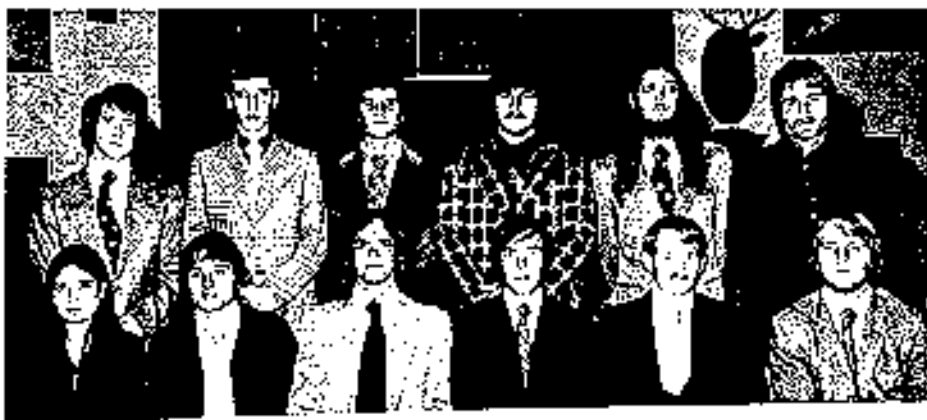
The 1975-76 officers of the Auburn Student Chapter of the Society of American Foresters are Ray Walden, Chairman; Mike Hinson, Vice Chairman; Bill Burchfield, Treasurer; Charlotte Sage, Publicity Chairman; and Beth Wellbaum, Secretary. The first objective of the Student Chapter last full quarter was to encourage membership, particularly among underclassmen. To further this goal, the Club sponsored the first Forestry Convocation program of the year. Slides were shown from Conclave and Summer Camp, and over forty students attended the next club meeting. Since then, the attendance at meetings has improved, depending on the frequency of sampling, silvics, and watershed tests. However, many underclassmen could benefit from participation in Club activities by becoming better acquainted with members having similar interests.

The Forestry Club's first social activity of the year was a Halloween Campfire. Although it was originally intended as a Halloween party with square dancing and bobbing for apples, the unexpectedly cold night was much more conducive to roasting hotdogs and talking around the campfire. Attendance was good (around 50 folks throughout the evening), and we hope to start this as a traditional fall activity.

The Winter Awards Banquet was held on February 26 at the Heart of Auburn Restaurant. Mike Harmon was chairman of the banquet committee, and the Forestry Wives Club provided the beautiful table decorations. Lamar Cantelau from Weyerhaeuser was the featured speaker. Awards were presented to several deserving students, and likewise to certain equally-deserving faculty members.

Work projects, this year, have usually had good participation. After the passing of Hurricane Eloise, the Club was able to collect and sell several hundred bushels of pine cones. During winter quarter, the Forestry Club began planting Virginia pine and Arizona cypress seedlings for a Christmas tree project as a source of future income for the Club. After a few weekends of work, a Conclave practice field was cleared and set up near the old sawmill site. Conclave this year will be held near Covington, Georgia from April 9-11.

The Southeastern Section of the S.A.F. held their annual meeting in Birmingham from January 28-30. The Auburn Student Chapter sent five representatives to the convention. Mike Hinson gave a brief talk on the Student Chapter's activities and also



1976 Initiates of Xi Sigma Pi are: bottom row: L. to R. Rebecca Wright, Robert Wells, Mike Kuypers, Mark Meagher, William Bryant, and Joe Norton. Top row L. to R.; Jay Purnell, John Ray, Mike Hinson, Robert Holley, William Leverett, and Gordon Forster, Not shown is Bruce Eason.

Wives' Club Originates New Award

At the Forestry Club Banquet, the Forestry Wives' Club introduced a new annual award to the growing list of merit awards. The Recognition Award was created to acknowledge a member's spouse's achievement in scholarship, service and character. Jay Steven DuBose received a \$50.00 check and a handmade plaque from the Club President. This award and all other projects are made possible by the monies collected at the club's bake sales and membership dues.

The Club prepared a candy Christmas tree for all the Forestry students in the reading room at their Christmas party. Other interesting programs included Christmas crafts, cake decorating, and ceramics. The group, again this year, participated in the Mother's March of Dimes, attended the Faculty Wives Annual Tea at the home of Mrs. Knox Livingston and prepared foods for the Forestry Club Spring barbeque. The 1975-76 officers are:

President—Shirley Walden

Vice-President—Lulu Hinson

Secretary-Treasurer—Marianne Van Houten

Faculty Advisor—Mrs. Betty Davis

reported back to the students on the topic of "World Fiber Supply and the South" as discussed at the convention.

Xi Sigma Pi

(The Sigma Chapter of Xi Sigma Pi)

Activities of the Sigma Chapter of Xi Sigma Pi for the past academic year included a homecoming coffee for Forestry Alumni and the annual invitation banquet for new members. This year's initiates included the first female student to be included into the local chapter. New members recently initiated are: Jay Purnell, John Ray, Mike Hinson, Robert Holley, William Leverett, Gordon Forster, Becky Wright, Robert Wells, Mike Kuypers, Mark Meagher, William Bryant, Joe Norton, and Bruce Eason. These new members were selected on the basis of scholastic achievement and involvement in forestry activities. Chapter officers for the current year are: Jim Jeter, Forester; Terry Pickard, Associate Forester; Steve DuBose, Secretary-Fiscal Agent; and Bill Burchfield, Ranger. This year's chapter was again under the perennial guidance of its faculty advisor, Professor U. G. Posey.

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FACULTY NEWS

Forestry Club Awards Banquet

An address by Lamar Cantelero, Forest Engineer for Weyerhaeuser Company in Columbus, Mississippi and the awards to outstanding Forestry students were the highlights of the Annual Forestry Awards Banquet held at Auburn recently.

Nine Forestry students were presented cash awards and gifts for their outstanding achievements in Forestry.

Bill Burchfield, a senior from St. Cloud, Florida won the Forestry Mathematics Award, an electronic calculator and cash award, sponsored by the American Can Company.

Mike Hinson, a senior from Thomasville, Alabama was presented the Southeastern Section of the Society of American Foresters' Outstanding Senior in Forestry Award. The award was presented by John McCullough, representing the Society.

Charles Figg, President of the Auburn Forestry Alumni Association presented the Alumni Outstanding Senior in Forestry Award to Mike Hamon, a senior from Montgomery, Alabama.

Steve DeBose, a senior from Pensacola received the Forestry Wives Club Recognition Award which consisted of a plaque and cash award.

Wilbur B. DeVall, Head of the Department of Forestry, presented the following cash awards, the E.A. Hauss Scholastic Improvement Award to Ray Walden, a senior from DeFuniak Springs, Florida; and to James Milton, a junior from Jacksonville, Florida. The E.A. Hauss Grade Consistency Award went to Ross Price, a senior from Robertsdale, Alabama.

Mr. DeVall also presented the L.M. Ware Outstanding Senior Award to Stanley Anderson, a senior from Piedmont, Alabama, and the Garden Club Award for Outstanding Grades in Plant Sciences to Dale Lyle, a senior from Tampa, Florida.

Mr. DeVall was presented a special Appreciation Award from the Forestry Club for his service to the organization.

Topping off the evening, which was a huge success due to the efforts of Mike Hamon, Roger Young, Mr. DeVall's office, and the Wives Club, several Professors received humorous awards for their questionable services throughout the year.

Golden to Hawaii For Summer

Dr. Michael S. Golden will be working(?) in Hawaii this summer, in the Forest Service's Forestry School Faculty Program. This is a program similar to the Executives' Exchange Program in which Forest Service and Industry Executives exchange jobs for the period of time. He will work on a problem in ecology at the Forest Service's Hawaiian Institute of Pacific Forestry. Mike will be accompanied by his wife, Bets, and the envy of all of us who stay behind for summer camp.

Reaccreditation Review

The official reviewer, designated by the SAE, visited the campus on March 4. We can expect official action on the question of extending our accreditation to the full period to be announced after the meeting of the SAE Council at the SAE National Meeting in New Orleans this October.

Forest Products Research Lab Ahead of Schedule

Construction work on the new Products Research Lab began immediately after the contract was let. Construction is now 35% complete and ahead of schedule!

Enrollment and Job Opportunities

The Department of Forestry enrollment continues at record levels. In the Fall Quarter, an all time high of 322 students were enrolled in the Forest Management and Wood Technology curricula. Included in this number are 17 female forestry students. These students represented 25% of the total enrollment in the School of Agriculture; no other department was even close!

With the job situation as it is, one wonders about the wisdom of allowing such numbers to enroll. However, consider the following. During the 1975 calendar year, the Department granted 39 BSF degrees, and knows of 44 bonafide job opportunities (not offers, but chances to compete), from 27 different employers. Perhaps the job picture is much better (for Auburn grads, at least) than it sometimes seems!

Faculty Notes

We have experienced some turnover in the Research Associate ranks. David M. Byink has resigned, to pursue the Ph.D. in biometry at Purdue. His replacement is Glenn Ray Glover, BSF, Auburn, 1973. Glenn is presently wrapping up his masters here at Auburn, after doing some transient course work in Recreation at Utah State.

Hugh Crowley has resigned, to complete his Ph.D. in Agronomy here at Auburn. His replacement—David B. South—is from Raleigh, North Carolina via a BS at North Carolina State, and an MF, North Carolina State, 1973. David keeps busy traveling to Forest nurseries across the Southeast, working on weed control in the seedling beds.

There are now four vacancies in the Teaching and Research Faculty. In addition to Prof. Christen's position, approval has been obtained for one new full time teaching position at the Assistant Professor level. We hope to fill both of these positions by Sept. 1, 1976. We continue to search for a Forest Economist to fill a full-time research position. Prospects seem brighter for filling a full-time Operations Research position in the Forest Products Ala.

Prof. Chris's management course is being taught this spring quarter by Ivan R. (Ike) Martin. Ike has just recently retired as Coordinator of Natural Resources, U.S.D.A., stationed in Washington, D.C. We are grateful to Ike for giving up spring's good sailing weather. He has boats in Lake Martin and Mobile Bay.



New Research Associates are David South (l.), and Glen Glover (r.).

President

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have not already paid your dues for 1976, please send \$5.00 directly to Billy McIntyre, Post Office Box 293, Camden, Alabama 36726.

Charles A. Figg (35)
President