

FORESTRY NEWSLETTER

July 1980

Dear Alums:

This Newsletter is shorter than usual, but we did want to forward the attached information from your secretary/treasurer Richard Cumbic, as well as the information on the Forestry Club's Annual "The Knothole." It is also an opportunity to bring you up-to-date with respect to some recent developments, particularly in our teaching program.

As you know, the Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center near Andalusia was dedicated on April 2nd. In spite of an almost constant drizzle, the dedication was a "red letter day" for the Department, Auburn University, and forestry in Alabama. Governor James, Speaker McCorquodale, and over twenty members of the State Legislature participated in the dedication. We had an overflow crowd of more than 400 persons and everyone was properly impressed with the facility.

We are now well into our first summer camp at the Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center. Our enrollment is down somewhat—we have 41 students in camp. These students are the first sophomore class for our new forest management curriculum and they are an excellent group. I look forward to their graduating and joining your ranks in 1982. If you are in the vicinity of the Dixon Center between now and the last week of August, please drop by and visit with the faculty and students in residence there.

In addition to revising the forest management curriculum two years ago, the new forest engineering curriculum was developed last year, and this year, we have completely revised the undergraduate curriculum in forest products. The forest engineering major was officially available last fall and, as I reported previously, response was excellent with over 20 students selecting this curriculum.

The revised products curriculum, which is still awaiting approval from the University administration, is designed to meet what we consider to be a very real need in the forest products industry. Our previous curriculum, and most forest products curricula, was wood science oriented. This is fine, but does not really meet the needs of the industry for future plant managers. The new curriculum is oriented toward providing individuals who can move into the forest products industry in management trainee positions. The curriculum combines a thorough knowledge of wood as a material with a good foundation in the sciences, industrial engineering, and business. We are enthusiastic about the potential for graduates of this program. Once it has been officially approved by the University administration, we will include more detail in a future newsletter.

I want to particularly thank the alumni for your support in two areas which have allowed us to do some things during the past year which otherwise would not have been possible. A number of you have made gifts to the Auburn University Foundation and designated these gifts for forestry. When gifts are so designated, they go into an account which the Department can use for expenditures not possible on appropriated funds. For example, this past spring the

American Pulpwood Association arranged a southern tour for the Swedish School of Forest Engineering. The Swedish contingent made Auburn their one education and research stop. We were pleased to host this group to a "good old American picnic" which we paid for from this gift account.

For the third consecutive year, we offered an undergraduate course in wood procurement in cooperation with the Alabama Forestry Association. Art Nelson, retired vice president, Champion International, coordinated the course as he did last year. Individual instructors are members of the forest industry who are engaged, on a day-to-day basis, in various aspects of wood procurement. The course has been highly successful and we appreciate the support of the Forestry Association, the industry, and the individuals who serve as instructors. To express this appreciation, we held a reception for the Association officials and industry instructors. This reception followed the last class which was a wrap-up session involving everyone who had participated during the quarter. Funding of social activities is, of course, not possible on regular state appropriations. Your Alumni Association officers agreed this was an appropriate function for them to finance. Hopefully, with your support, we will be able to continue these and similar activities for the overall benefit of the Department and of forestry in Alabama.

We plan a more detailed Newsletter in the Fall with reports on faculty activities, as well as up-dates on enrollment, employment, etc. In the meantime, if the Department can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us, and please drop by for a visit if you are in the area.

Best wishes,

Emmett F. Thompson
Department Head

AUBURN FORESTRY CLUB NEWS

Forestry Club had an action-packed 1980 Spring quarter. Quarter activities began in late March with the annual Southeastern Forestry Conclave hosted by Virginia Tech. Sleet, snow, and cold did not deter having another successful Conclave. Approximately 40 Club members participated in the Alabama Forestry Festival in Montgomery by assisting in the operation of various events and booths. The Forestry Club was honored to have Mr. Tom Glass, Vice President for MacMillan Bloedel, as guest speaker for the spring quarter Student Distinguished Lecturer Series. We look forward to having Mr. John McGuire, retired Chief of the U.S. Forest Service, as our distinguished lecturer for Fall quarter. The Forestry Club Program Committee had several dignitaries such as Mr. Charles Pigg, Alabama Forestry Commission, Dr. Harold Beals, Associate Professor, and Dr. Dean Gjerstad, Assistant Professor present programs at Club meetings. T-shirt sales were a busy item as our new Auburn forester design "caught fire". Club officers elected for the 1980-81 school year are -- Gary Faulkner, President; Beth Hendrix, Vice President; Sharon Clark, Secretary; and Karen Riegle, Treasurer. The Forestry Club is looking forward to an exciting 1980/81 year.



Auburn Forestry Alumni

Dear Alumnus:

I would like to take this opportunity to seek your active support of the Auburn Forestry Alumni Association. Membership dues for 1980 are \$5. Checks should be made payable to the Auburn Forestry Alumni Association and returned to:

Richard H. Cumbie
513 Madison Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Sincerely,

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The Forestry Club has published the third volume of its yearbook, The Knothole. The members of the Knothole staff invite you to keep up with student activities by subscribing to The Knothole. Please send the attached order form and \$3.00 per subscription to:

'The Knothole'
Department of Forestry
Auburn University, AL 36849

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The Knothole Staff

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NEWS FROM ALUMNI

E. C. "Burk" Burkhardt - Class of 1950

Was the recipient of one of three "Distinguished Service Awards" at the April 18th annual meeting of the Gulf States Section of the Society of American Foresters. He was cited for his contributions to hardwood forestry and the forestry profession. Burk is Chief Forester for Anderson-Tully Company at Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Carl D. Edem - Class of 1975

Presently working with Lamb Grays Harbor as an estimator. Our company makes pulp and paper handling equipment. I am keeping current in forestry as a private advisor and am a member of the Puget Sound Section SAF.

Robert M. Franklin - Class of 1978

Will be starting work April 1 with Alabama Cooperative Extension Service as a Assistant County Agent 4-H in Escambia County, Alabama. Will also be working on the Extension forestry program in Escambia County.

Stewart G. Fuzzell, Jr. - Class of 1964

Is President of Cahaba Vencor, Inc. Centreville, Alabama.

Ron Hilyer - Class of 1978

Employed by Bama Wood, Incorporated, Wetumpka, Alabama. Since being employed by Bama Wood in August of 1978, I have done a variety of jobs concerning the operation of a wood dealership. Work responsibilities have included woodyard operations, marking and cruising timber, and logging.

Bama Wood has several company owned logging operations, Coosa River Logging Company being one of four similarly equipped operations. Coosa River logging is my responsibility, I serve both as foreman and working crew member.

The past year and a half have offered a challenge to me while helping to increase and diversify my job experience. I am enjoying my job and continuing to give it hell.

Bruce F. Lee - Class of 1974

A daughter, Amanda, born to me and my wife Carol, on January 20, 1980. Employed as a Survey Party Chief with Blurton, Banks and Associates, Jackson, Mississippi in the Vicksburg District, Corps of Engineers.

William J. Macke, Class of 1953 died June 15 - Worked with U.S. Steel.

Anna Katherine Millisap - Class of 1978

and Harold Clayton Peek - Class of 1979

Were married March 1, 1980. Hal is employed by Champion International Timberlands as a procurement forester and I am employed by Champion also as an inventory forester. Living in Haleyville, Alabama.

Michael C. Minchew - Class of 1978

I am currently employed by T. R. Miller Mill Company, Incorporation as a procurement forester.

Robert M. Shaffer, Jr. - Class of 1967

After gaining 12 years of experience in Southern Forest Industry, I am currently teaching forest management and completing the requirements for a Ph.D. at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri.

Rebecca J. Wright - Class of 1977

Master's candidate at the Ohio State University in Columbus. Degree specialization is environmental interpretation. Expected graduation date August, 1980.

