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AUBURN FORESTRY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Departmental Report

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The biggest news since the last Newsletter is approval of a separate School of Forestry at Auburn University. At the June 4 meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Board approved the President's recommendation that forestry become an Independent School effective with the 1984-85 fiscal year, which begins on October 1. Obviously, we are all very pleased with this development. A separate School is something the forestry community in Alabama and our alumni have worked for over a great number of years. We are confident School status will give us additional visibility and autonomy, both within the University and externally. This enhanced stature will allow us more flexibility and freedom in developing programs in forestry education, research, and public service which Alabama's forestry interests deserve and need. Currently, we are in the process of developing an administrative structure for recommendation to the President for implementation on October 1. In the next Alumni Newsletter we will explain the new structure in detail.

As many of you know, forestry enrollment, not only at Auburn but around the country, has been declining for a number of years. It now appears to be leveling off here and elsewhere. It looks like our enrollment is going to stabilize between 1/3 and 1/2 the peak achieved in the late 70s. While this may seem like a drastic reduction, it is consistent with quality education and employment opportunities. With respect to employment, most of our graduates are finding professional employment and many are receiving multiple offers. However, we still have not achieved 100% employment of graduates since the recession began in 1980-81. Any assistance you can give in alerting us to forester openings will be appreciated. A number of recent studies indicate, with the reduced enrollment levels in all U.S. Forestry Schools, by the end of this decade we will not be graduating enough foresters to replace retirements. Consequently, the future looks particularly bright for students entering forestry schools this year and next year. I think you can feel very comfortable in recommending forestry as an education and potential profession to current High School students.

We currently have two faculty vacancies and one new faculty member scheduled to report. The new faculty member, Jon Caulfield, is completing his Ph.D. in forest economics at North Carolina State University and will be joining the Department about November 1. We are recruiting to fill a second position in forest economics and will soon be looking for a replacement for Dr. Floyd Goggans. Dr. Goggans retired July 31, after nearly 37

years with the University. With the very generous assistance of the Goggans' family, we are establishing a James Floyd Goggans Graduate Fellowship. Contributions to this Fellowship, which are tax deductible, can be sent to the Department with checks made out to Auburn University.

Elsewhere in this Newsletter there is information regarding an alumni gathering at Homecoming as well as information on the second annual Outstanding Alumnus Award. I hope you will try to join us at Homecoming and submit your nomination for the Outstanding Alumnus Award to Award Committee Chairman Fred Harmon.

A Message From Your President

By the time most of you receive this newsletter it will be fall of the year and Auburn will have already played several football games. Time has really passed in a hurry this year. Since our last newsletter we have had several forestry alumni meetings. I had the privilege to meet and talk with many of you at the Alabama Forestry Association Annual Meeting and at the Alabama Division meeting of the Society of American Foresters. Both of these meetings were in Gulf Shores. There was also an alumni meeting at the National SAF meeting which was held in Quebec.

One of the purposes of this association is to keep alumni informed of activities and events concerning the School of Forestry and other alumni. We welcome any comments or suggestions that you may have on ways we could improve our association. We feel that the newsletter is an excellent way to keep each of us better informed.

Auburn Alumni are making outstanding contributions to forestry not only in Alabama but throughout the southeast and across the nation. Last year we began an award to recognize an outstanding forestry alumnus. If you would like to nominate someone for this award please forward your nomination and supporting information to Fred Harmon (Rt. 4, Deepwoods Rd., Selma, AL 36701) by December 1, 1984. The award will be presented at the Annual Student Awards Banquet in February.

We will be having our homecoming for forestry graduates on November 10, 1984, at the Forest Products Lab. I hope many of you will be able to attend this event. Let's all work together and support our new School of Forestry at Auburn University.

Jerry Johnson (70)
President
Auburn Forestry Alumni Association

Alumni News

Jack Hinson ('50) - Jack is with the Southern Railway Co. and appears to have been busy the past couple of years. He has served as committee chairman for the Ties and Wood Preservation Committee of American Railway Engineering Association, been an instructor on the Continuing Engineering Education Staff of George Washington University, received the Branding Hammer Award from the Railway Tie Association, been elected to the Executive Committee of the American Wood Preservers Association and will serve this year on the staff of the University of Wisconsin in their Extension Service short courses. Jack lives in Conyers, GA, with his wife, Beverly, and they have two sons.

Larry Doyle ('61) - Larry lives in Murray, KY, with his wife, Susanne, and their two children, Brian and Heather. He is the Supervisor of Forest and Openland Management for Land Between the Lakes. Auburn has a connection with Land Between the Lakes by being a member of the Resource Management Consortium that is based at Land Between the Lakes. Larry has been active in the Kentucky-Tennessee Section of the SAF. He has served as chairman-elect and chairman of the Section and as chairman of their Policy Committee. If any of you alumni pass through Land Between the Lakes you should contact Larry.

David Gamble ('75) - David is associated with Gamble Timber Suppliers in Hanceville, AL. He and his wife, Mary Lou, and daughter, Amy, live in Hanceville. A lot of us remember Mary Lou Rollins Gamble. Mary Lou was our first woman graduate and certainly one of our favorites. Let us hear from you next time, Mary Lou.

Terry Sellers (BSF-'60, MF-'61) - Terry has deserted us for Mississippi State University. He is associated with the Mississippi Forest Products Lab. Terry is married to Joan and they have two daughters, Jill and Lee Anna. Jill graduated from Emory University in accounting and Lee Anna served as a congressional page this year. Terry has served as President of the Forest Products Research Society.

Frank Jones ('50) - Frank is with T.R. Miller Mill Company and living in Brewton, AL, with his wife, Joanna, and their children, Ashley, Joanna and Sally. Frank is a member of the Executive Council of the Auburn Forestry Alumni Association.

Larry Ford ('76) - Larry started to work with Gulf States Paper Corp. in Tuscaloosa but has been promoted to Assistant District Forester and moved to Columbiana. He lives there with his wife, Jo Ann, and their child, Marshall.

J.D. Baxter ('56) - John is associated with Hiwassee Land Company and lives in Guntersville, AL, with his wife, Dixie. They have one child, Molly.

Dwight Morrow ('70) - Dwight is married and has two children, Beth (8 yrs.) and Drew (2-1/2 yrs.). His wife's name is Mary and they live in Russellville, AL, where he works for Champion Timberlands.

Doug Dowdell ('80) - Doug works for St. Regis Corporation. He and his wife, Sondra, live in Branford, FL.

William Wilkins ('68) - William lives way out in Plano, TX, and works for Brown & Bigelow which is a specialty advertising company. He is the District Sales Manager for this company. His wife's name is Christie and they have two children, Chris (14 yrs.) and Greg (12 yrs.).

Erdman C. Burkhardt ('50) - Burk is a Consulting Forester and lives in Vicksburg, MS. He is self-employed and specializes in hardwood management, so if anyone hears of a hardwood consulting job in that part of the country, you know who to contact. Burk is married to Nancy and they have three sons, Charles, Richard and Mike.

Sharon Clark ('82) - Sharon is employed by the Alabama Forestry Commission but she didn't tell me what she was doing for them. However, I'm sure that Sharon is doing it well. Her address is 110 Red Mountain Road so I'm guessing that she lives in Birmingham.

Tommy McDonald ('79) - Tommy is living way over in Winder, GA, and working for Georgia-Pacific Corp. He and his wife, Jeannie, have a new daughter named Allison Leigh McDonald. Tommy sounds right proud of her.

Rick Zellmer ('72) - Rick is a modified yankee who now lives in Auburn and works as a District Conservationist for the SCS. His wife's name is Mary and they have two children, Adria and Justin. I see Rick every now and then so I know he is doing O.K.

Harry Haney ('59) - Harry is a professor in the Department of Forestry at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA. He married Jacqueline Taylor and they have a daughter, Jacqueline Lee. Harry is Vice Chairman of the Appalachian Section SAF. He is co-author along with John Gunter of a book entitled *Essentials of Forestry Investment Analysis*. If you need this book you can purchase it from OSU Bookstore, Inc., P.O. Box 489, Corvallis, OR 97339, for \$15.90. This is cheap for a book these days.

Jerry Johnson ('70) - Jerry is the President of our Auburn Forestry Alumni Association so we know his most important function. However, he does work for the SCS as State Staff Forester. He is also President Elect of the Alabama Chapter of the Soil Conservation Society of America. His wife's name is Gloria and they have two children, Chuck and Gene.

David Bowers ('68) - David lives in Birmingham with his wife, Connie. He is employed by Alabama By-Products Corp. I see David every now and then and I believe he does some mined land reclamation along with other forestry work.

Tim Wickersham ('74) - Tim lives in Madison, MS, and is employed by James M. Yardaman and Co. He and his wife, Cindy, have two children, Robert and Khristi.

Ronald True ('71) - Ron is employed by Alabama River Woodlands and lives in Monroeville with his wife, Joyce. He sent us some names and addresses of alumni that we might need and we appreciate it. If any others know where some lost alumni can be reached, please let us know.

Robert Johnson ('71) - Bob has just completed his eleventh year with Container Corporation of America.

He is now an Area Supervisor and Gayle Lanter ('81) is his assistant. Bob and his wife, Sandra, have two children, Audrey (8 yrs.) and Paul (4 yrs.). They live in Atmore, AL.

Gene Quick ('63) - Gene lives with his wife, Judy, at St. Simons Island, GA. This is nice country to live in. Gene is the Procurement Manager for Hercules Forest Resources Plants. Their son, Scotty, is a freshman at Auburn in Electrical Engineering. If Scotty has any problems with anything except studies tell him to contact us.

Ben Rooke ('65) - Ben is employed by Bowater, Inc., in Albertville, AL. He and his wife, Diane, have three children, Ben III (14 yrs.), Austin (13 yrs.) and Angelia (9 yrs.).

Mack Barber ('79) - Mack and Betsy (Williams) Barber ('80) just had a son named Joseph Bayne Barber. Congratulations! They are living in Lugoff, SC, and he works for Stone Container Corp. Maybe it is a good idea for our graduates to marry each other. This way, two of our graduates may only use up one job.

Doug Johnson ('81) - Doug and his wife, Dianne, live in Rogersville, AL, where he works for T.J. Moss Lumber Co., Inc. Doug has been with Moss since graduation and is now working in hardwood procurement.

Brian Darr ('82) - Brian is employed by the U.S. Forest Service and was transferred last year from the Bankhead National Forest in Alabama to the Caddo Ranger District in Arkansas. He is working in the areas of reforestation and timber stand improvement.

Mike Minchew ('78) - Mike didn't give me much information on his form but he is working for T.R. Miller Co. and I believe he is living in Brewton.

Ken Simmons ('72) - Ken is married to Maxine and they have one child, Jason. They live in Monroeville, AL, and he is employed by Container Corp. of America.

Walter Cartwright ('74) - Walter has been with MacMillan-Bloedel for the past 6 years and is living in Greenville, AL, with his wife, Kathy, and their son, Kevin. He says that he has had experience in both management and procurement since leaving school.

Mark Van Fleet ('70) - Mark is also employed by MacMillan-Bloedel and is living in Monroeville, AL. He and Ken Simmons should see each other every now and then. Mark is married to Patricia and they have two children, Laura and Daniel.

Eddie Carlson ('83) - Eddie is employed by Natural Resource Services which is a consulting company based in Union Springs, AL. He has recently moved to Montgomery to open a branch office.

Ed Sweeten ('79) - Ed is with Resource Management Services and lives in Charlotte, NC with his wife, Vicki, and their two children, Edwin and Wesley.

Denton Cook ('50) - Denton is a man after my own heart. He has retired and is living in Tuscaloosa with his wife, Jessica. Under the news section of our alumni inquiry he didn't write anything but I'll bet he is up to something.

Tom Land ('80) - Tom is now the office manager for Resource Management Services in Oakdale, LA. Apparently, a lot of his work involves managing timberlands

for Texaco. He and his wife, Leigh, live in Elmer, LA, and they are expecting their first child in December.

Tommy Conwell ('80) - Tommy is working for Gulf States Paper and he didn't say but I think he is living in Tuscaloosa.

Tom Kimbrell ('71) - Tom didn't send me any news but I know that he is with the Alabama Forestry Commission and works out of Birmingham. He and his family live in Cordova, AL. Most of you already know that he is Secretary and Treasurer of the Auburn Forestry Alumni Association.

**IN
MEMORIAM**

Larry Sellman ('71)

Ray Walden ('77)

Richard King ('77)

Homecoming

Homecoming is on November 10 this year. Auburn is playing the University of Cincinnati. Cincinnati is Earl DeBrunner's alma mater. However, he has been at Auburn so long that he couldn't possibly be against Auburn. We had a "tail-gate" type lunch and get-together for forestry alumni last year and it worked out real well, so we thought we would have another one.

It will be held at the Forest Products Lab which is on DeVall Street, just off Donahue Drive. It is about a 15-20 minute walk from here to the stadium and straight down the road. We will have bar-b-que and probably some hot dogs in case you don't like bar-b-que. You can even bring your own food. We just want to see you. Come out to the lab whenever you want to. We will start serving food about 11:00 a.m. and finish up about 12:30 p.m. so you can get to the game. Send me the following information.

Auburn Forestry Alumni Association

HOMECOMING

Date: November 10, 1984 (Cincinnati Game)

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Place: Auburn Forest Products Lab

_____ I plan to attend. Please reserve _____ plates at \$5.00 per plate.

_____ I plan to attend but will bring my own food.

Return by November 5, to:

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Alumni at Random

by Sam Lyle


I picked out three names at random from our alumni files and gave them a call to see what they were doing. The first one I contacted was **Jim Cupp ('77)**. Jim's wife is named Jan and they have 2 children, a 4-year-old girl and a 2-year-old boy. They live in Oglethorpe, GA, and Jim works for Buckeye Cellulose. He is the District Manager for Wood Procurement and appears to be very happy with his job. However, I'm sure that he has the usual problems of finding wood when it is scarce and shutting off the supply when it is too plentiful. Jim says that he sees quite a few of his classmates such as: Mark Meagher, Wyatt Reaves, Hank McKinley, Wes Stevens and Charley Chandler. He still likes to hunt quail and as best I remember, the country around Oglethorpe should be pretty good for quail hunting.

The second alumnus that I contacted was **Ray Covin ('62)**. Ray is married to Helen and they have 2 daughters. One daughter is enrolled at the University of Montevallo and the other is still at home. I gathered from the things that Ray said that he is pretty much a home and family man. Ray is employed by the Alabama Forestry

Commission and works in Montgomery as the Chief of Forest Improvement. I had to ask what Forest Improvement involved and it turned out to be genetic tree improvement. Apparently, a lot of this work is done in cooperation with forest industries. I'm sure that Ray sees a lot of our alumni in the Forestry Commission and I believe that he and Jim Hyland do some work together. Ray sounds like most foresters, he likes to go deer hunting and also likes a little fishing.

The third alumnus was **Freddie Tapley ('79)**. Freddie is one of those graduates who got out of school when jobs were scarce. Fortunately for him, he had worked for Russell Corp. in Alexander City before and during college. He has stayed with Russell and by taking their management course he is in line for a management position in one of their departments. Freddie says that he was surprised to find that forestry management prepared him for factory management. The principal difference was a change in terminology. He is married to Tina and they don't have any children at this time. The only foresters he has seen lately was a group of Auburn forestry students that were canoeing on one of the streams near Alex City. Freddie is an avid fisherman and spends a lot of time on Lake Martin.

If you have paid your dues clip out the membership card and sign it. If you have not paid your dues, send \$5.00 to Tom Kimbrell at 1225 Forestate Blvd., Birmingham, AL 35214, and clip the membership card. Make check payable to AFA.

THIS CERTIFIES THAT
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Auburn Forestry Alumni Association

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<i>Tom Kimbrell</i> SECRETARY-TREASURER
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