

AFAA NEWS

AUBURN FORESTRY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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A Message From Your President

We are looking forward to having an active year for the Auburn Forestry Alumni Association. I have appointed three members to serve on the Executive Council of the association. They are Frank Jones from Brewton, AL; Rick Zellmar from Auburn, AL, and Sam Lyle from the Department of Forestry.

The Executive Council consists of the current officers of the association plus three members appointed by the president. The past president serves as an ex-officio member. The duties of the Executive Council are to take active measures to carry out the objectives and policies of the association.

One of the objectives for this year is to increase participation in the association. Encourage your friends to pay their dues this year. In order to have an active forestry alumni association each of us must be involved. The first step is the payment of our annual dues. We are looking forward to meeting many of you throughout the year. We plan to have 3 or 4 alumni meetings during the year. We also want to keep you informed about what is happening at Auburn and what the forestry alumni association is doing. We are planning on publishing two or three newsletters during the year. We would like to hear from you. If you have any news that would be of interest to other alumni please forward it to the Department of Forestry.

We are looking forward to the day when Auburn will have a School of Forestry. We hope that this will soon come to pass. Our forestry program should be second to none.

I am looking forward to serving as your forestry Alumni President for the next two years. I will probably be calling on many of you for your help. If you have any suggestions on what you think the association should be doing please pass this information along to us.

Jerry Johnson (70)
President
Auburn Forestry Alumni Association

Auburn Forestry Foundation

Most of the Auburn Forestry Alumni are familiar with the Auburn Forestry Foundation, but it would probably be worthwhile to talk about it for the benefit of recent graduates. The purpose of this Foundation is to establish an endowment trust fund that may be used for operational maintenance expenditures of the Department of Forestry. Monies for this fund are accepted from individuals, firms, corporations, foundations and trusts. Of course, the principal is not used. The Board of Directors will disburse only those funds which are derived from interest accrued to principal funds of the "Forestry Endowment Trust Fund".

Any individual or organization can become a member of this Foundation by making a contribution to the Endowment Trust Fund. Alumni become members by making contributions in any amount. Non-alumni become members by contributing \$2,000 in a lump sum or over a four year period. The management of the Foundation is vested in an unpaid seven member Board of Directors elected from and by members of the Foundation. All Foundation members, alumni or non-alumni, are eligible for Board of Directors membership.

The Forestry Endowment Trust Fund has been growing since 1967 and is moving toward a principal large enough to provide a useful income for the Department of Forestry. The Department can always put this money to good use but particularly in periods of financial stress such as we have now. The Endowment Trust Fund may be too small to help greatly at this time but it will become a significant factor in future Department operation and development.

Keep this fund in mind when you consider contributing to any worthwhile cause. Don't worry about the amount of your contribution. All contributions will be most appreciated and recognized. Many people have sent in contributions as memorials to friends or other persons that they wished to honor. If you want to send a contribution, send it to:

*Dr. Emmett Thompson, Head
Department of Forestry
108 M. White Smith Hall
Auburn University, AL 36849*

Make the check to "Auburn Forestry Foundation". The check goes directly to the Treasurer of Auburn University who is also treasurer of the Auburn Forestry Foundation by virtue of his office.

Executive Committee for Auburn Forestry Alumni Assoc:
◀ (L-R) Sam Lyle, Frank Jones, Jerry Johnson, and Tom Kimbrell



Forestry Homecoming

Homecoming for forestry graduates was held November fifth at the forest products building this past football season. It was a cool day but it warmed up a lot with all the old classmates tales and camaraderie. There were about 52 people in attendance with graduates, faculty, spouses and children. There was plenty of food for everyone, but there wasn't much left over. We had a tour of the forest products lab scheduled for entertainment and some of the people went on the tour but I think most of the people sat around and swapped old and new tales. The children even seemed to get into the spirit of the occasion.

We didn't get the names of all the people at the homecoming but following is a list of some of the alumni:

		Class
Clyde Bynum	Ft. Walton, FL	'46
Reaford Williams	Hartselle, AL	'49
Robert Pouncey	Enterprise, AL	'61
Doug Gray	Blairsville, GA	'65
Bill Jones	Millbrook, AL	'78
Allan Bruce	Toxey, AL	'78
David Dispenza	Houston, TX	'79
Gary James	Auburn, AL	'83
Brian Darr	Glenwood, AR	'82
Jim Smith		'49
Don Woods	Hot Springs, AR	'53
Harrell Trice	Fayette, AL	'62
Jerry Johnson	Auburn, AL	'70
Eugene Chin	Lithonia, GA	'70
Frank Corley	Greenville, AL	'80
David Stodghill	Brandon, MS	'81
Stanley Horn	Ashville, AL	'66
Pete Zubowitz	Columbus, MS	'78
Roy Chancery	Carbon Hill, AL	'79
Frank Walburn	Selma, AL	'79
Jim Smith	Mobile, AL	'49
Rebecca Wright	Dora, AL	'77
David Thompson	Fairburn, GA	'79

Wish I had a list of the people who won door prizes. We had all kinds of prizes ranging from a football autographed by the 1983 football team to Auburn leg (arm) garters. Eugene Chin won the football. It couldn't have gone to a more enthusiastic Auburn Graduate. Somebody won a pair of white socks with "Auburn" embroidered on the side and then left them on a table. He or she must have had all the socks they needed.

We intend to have a football week-end homecoming every year, so keep it in mind for this coming football season. You will get a notice with all the details. The forest products lab seems to be a good place. There is room inside if the weather is bad. Also, it is close to the stadium. Incidentally, Auburn won the game against Maryland.



AWARDS



Gloria Wade receiving Southeastern S.A.F. Outstanding Senior in Forestry Award from Emmett Thompson.



David Weibe receiving L. M. Ware Outstanding Senior in Forestry Award from Harry Larsen.



Jeff Bentley receiving Auburn Forestry Alumni Association Award from Jerry Johnson.

Department of Forestry Report

Emmett Thompson, Department Head

Forest Management and Forest Engineering Curricula Accredited by SAF

In April, 1983, a Society of American Foresters Accreditation Team was on campus for the periodic reaccreditation review of the forest management curriculum and an initial accreditation review of our forest engineering curriculum. The Team was Chaired by Dr. Fred Knight, Dean of the College of Forest Resources at the University of Maine. Other team members were Dr. Larry Tombaugh, Michigan State University; Dr. Wayne Haines, International Paper Company; and Ron Christensen, Society of American Foresters. Dr. Mike Taras, Clemson University, participated as a representative of the Society of Wood Science and Technology to review our forest products curriculum. The SWST is considering professional accreditation in the area of forest products. Final action on the Review Team's recommendation was made by the SAF Council at its annual meeting in Portland, Oregon last October. The forest management curriculum received full accreditation for 5 years.

Forest Products Curriculum Revised

The Department's products faculty have recently recommended a substantial revision in the undergraduate forest products curriculum. This revision has been approved by the rest of the Department faculty, and by the University. The basic goal of the curriculum remains unchanged. That is, to produce a graduate who has a good knowledge of wood along with sufficient business and engineering principles to function in a managerial capacity in such areas as processing, sales, quality control, etc. The changes were made to lessen some of the requirements and provide more flexibility in terms of restricted electives. Anyone wishing a copy of the new curriculum should contact the Department.

Graduate Fellowship is Endowed

Capital Veneer Company of Montgomery has made a gift to the University which will be used to set up an endowed graduate fellowship. The earnings will fund a graduate student in some aspect of hardwood management or utilization. The initial fellowship under this endowment will be awarded in the fall, 1984. Such gifts are tremendously important to the Department in helping to attract and adequately fund outstanding graduate students.

Personnel

In the area of personnel, we have both good news and sad news. The Department continues to be very fortunate in having the services of individuals with considerable experience in industrial forestry. Robert E. Mitchell, Vice President and Chief Forester of MacMillan-Blodell, Inc., has been an adjunct professor in the Department for the

past year. This appointment is through the courtesy and generosity of MacMillan-Blodell and has proven a tremendous asset. Bob teaches Introduction to Forestry at summer camp as well as a practically-oriented senior problems course during the academic year. Bob is also working with David South and other personnel in our Southern Forest Nursery Management Cooperative to plan and conduct an international symposium on forest nursery management which will be held in August 1985. Without Bob's participation, it is doubtful we would have the resources to attempt hosting such a major event.

For the second year, Bob Nonnemacher is serving as the Weaver Professor of Forestry, teaching courses in wood procurement and forest policy. Bob recently retired from International Paper Company and brings a wealth of knowledge to the classroom. The Weaver Professor was made available through a gift from Earl and Sandra Weaver of Brewton and is a decided boost to our teaching activities.

In the last year two faculty members have departed for alternative employment. Gene Campbell has joined the faculty at the University of Illinois, and W. L. Mills is now at Purdue University. Both Gene and W. L. were in the area of forest management/economics which leaves us somewhat short in this area. We are recruiting to refill both positions. In the meantime, I taught forest management during winter quarter 1984. I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to get back in the classroom. Whether or not the students shared this enjoyment, only they can answer.

We are also initiating efforts to hire an assistant manager for Rhett Johnson at the Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center. The programs at the Center have expanded to the point where one professional is not adequate to provide the services associated with various short courses, summer camp, etc., as well as oversee management of the forests and agricultural lands associated with the Center. We hope to have the new assistant manager on board by the time summer camp commences in mid-June.

Facilities

The main addition to the Departmental facilities is construction of a new residence at the Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center. Rhett Johnson, our Center manager, will move into the new residence, making his current residence available to the assistant manager mentioned above. There are some additions and modifications going on in M. White Smith Hall. The old wood shop at the back of the building, which has been used primarily for storage since the Forest Products Lab was completed a few years ago, is undergoing a major renovation and will be a wet lab for the Department's forest biology faculty. Another renovation move, which could be described as keeping up with the times, involves converting a classroom into a computing laboratory. We did this in cooperation with the University Computing Center. We provided the space and two terminals. The Computer Center and the University Administration provided the rest of the funds to carpet the room and install an additional 6 terminals as well as a printer.

**MORE
AWARDS**



Stephen Tomlinson receiving American Can Co. Forest Measurements Award from Jim Martin.



Ken Bailey receiving first Auburn Forestry Alumni Assoc. Outstanding Alumnus Award from Fred Harmon with Aubie the Tiger and Mrs. Bailey looking on.



David Helm receiving MacMillan-Bloedel Forest Economic Award from Bob Mitchell.



Doug Scott receiving E. A. Hauss Scholastic Improvement Award for a Junior by Earl DeBrunner. Joel Sullivan received The Senior Award but there was no photograph available.



Auburn Alumni at S.A.F. Meeting in Montgomery.

Auburn Forestry Alumni Association Dues and News

Please fill out the form shown below and send your dues of \$5.00 along with the news. I know it is hard to write something down in which you think other alumni will be interested. Tell us anything: where are you? what are you doing? are you married? how many children? what are some of the other alumni doing? what's going on in forestry organizations? Your classmates and others are interested.

We know that a newsletter is good for keeping you informed about the school and alumni but what else can we use it for? Would it be worthwhile to put in a section for jobs wanted and jobs available? How about a list of current publications that might be useful to a practicing forester? If you have any ideas that would help us put out an interesting and useful newsletter, let us know.

Alumni Information

Name _____ Class _____ Degree _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Employer _____ Phone _____

Spouses Name _____ Children's Names _____

Date _____ News _____

Enclosed is my \$5.00 for 1984 AFAA dues. Make check payable to: Auburn Forestry Alumni Association.

Return to: Tom Kimbrell
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