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AUBURN FORESTRY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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School Report

Emmett Thompson, Acting Dean

By now, I imagine most of our alumni are well aware that the biggest news during the past year was the establishment of a separate, free-standing School of Forestry. This long awaited event took place on October 1, 1984, and was the culmination of many years' effort on the part of faculty, alumni, and the state's general forestry community. To each of you who had a major role in bringing this about, I want to express our appreciation. School status certainly brings added visibility, both within and outside the University, and also additional incentive to work even harder to provide the very best education for our students and the highest quality relevant research for our clientele.

The period since becoming a separate School has been one of adjusting and learning. As you might expect, there is a considerable increased administrative load dealing with maintaining the official student records, being the decision point for such things as course substitutions, student transfers, course drops, etc. Dr. Earl DeBrunner, in addition to his normal teaching load, has shouldered a large amount of the administrative burden of shifting from a Department to a School.

As indicated, there are many benefits associated with separate school status. We now have direct access to the University Administration. In the years ahead, I am sure this will prove extremely beneficial in terms of presenting our own case with respect to budgets, curricula requirements, research priorities, and many other areas. These benefits were quite evident recently in our participation in the Student Government Association's annual Honors Day Banquet. For this event, a student and a faculty member are selected as the outstanding junior student and faculty member for each of the University's several schools. In the past, as one of many Departments in the School of Agriculture, we seldom had one of our students or faculty members so honored. As a separate School, we will participate in this activity on an annual basis. The 1984-85 outstanding forestry student is Ms. Connie Jo Chestnut, a forest management major from Nashville, Tennessee. I am sure all you alumni will be pleased to know the first School of Forestry outstanding professor honor went to Dr. Evert Johnson.

With respect to more normal items, our undergraduate enrollment appears to be on the increase; at least at the undergraduate level. After several years of declining enrollment, we had reached the point where we had at least needed to level out, and the anticipated increase is welcome. Hopefully, we will not rebound all the way to our enrollment levels of the late 1970s, but something in excess of our recent experience is easily within our capabilities to handle while maintaining a quality educa-

A Message from Your President

I hope 1985 will be a great year for all Auburn Forestry Alumni. Looking back on 1984 it had its high and low points as most years do. Our football team was an example of that. Most Dye hard Auburn fans are already looking forward to the 1985 season.

We were fortunate in the fact that we were able to have several alumni meetings throughout the year in 1984. It is always good to meet with Auburn Forestry Alumni and to find out what everyone is doing.

Many of us often wonder what happened to our classmates. Some of us who travel around the state get to meet and chat with many of our old friends. However, many foresters haven't seen or heard from some of their friends since graduation. One of the good things about this newsletter is that it provides an opportunity for us to read about what many of our former classmates and forestry alumni are doing. Auburn Forestry Alumni have been quite successful in the field of forestry and even in disciplines or businesses other than forestry. Let's keep each other informed about what we are doing. If you haven't sent any information to Sam Lyle about you and your family and what you are doing, please do so today.

We will be holding several alumni meetings this year as usual and I hope you will be able to attend at least one of these meetings. The voice and strength of any organization is its members. Suggestions and comments from members can improve the services that an organization provides. If you have any comments on how the Auburn Forestry Alumni Association can best serve its members, please let us know.

I am looking forward to serving another year as president of the Auburn Forestry Alumni Association. I hope that each of you participates in your alumni association this year.

Jerry L. Johnson (70)
President
Auburn Forestry Alumni Association

tion. Graduate enrollment appears to have leveled off and may be declining slightly.

Employment prospects for graduates are better than they were during the recent recession, but not as good as we would like to see. In terms of quality, our graduates are second to none. If you have an opportunity to meet or interview one of our recent graduates, I am sure you will agree. Any assistance you can provide in alerting us to possible openings for graduates in forest management, forest products, or forest engineering will be sincerely appreciated.

Finally, when you find yourself in the Auburn area, please be sure to stop by the School of Forestry for a visit.

Alumni News

Stanley Horn ('66) - Stanley lives in Ashville, AL, with his wife Diana and their daughter Clara Leigh. I spent the night at their house a while back and they have a great place on a mountain top. Stanley is with the St. Clair Co. Board of Education.

Larry Brooks ('71) - Larry and his wife Martha Jo have 2 children, Laura and Clay. There was also a baby due in the winter so they probably have 3 children by now. They live in Selma, AL, and Larry is a Staff Forester for the Alabama Forestry Commission.

Roger Gentry ('75) - Roger is Reclamation Supervisor for Drummond Coal Co. at Arkadelphia, AL. Roger and his wife Shelia and their children, Matthew and Jennifer live in Hanceville, AL. I get to see Roger every now and then.

Jack Williams ('75) - Jack was recently promoted to Senior Forester with I.P. in Mobile. Jack is married to Fran and they live in Spanish Fort, AL, with their child Leslie.

Beth (Hendrix) Kennedy ('81) - Beth is married to Paul and they live in Winfield, AL, where Beth is employed by Forest Management Service.

Richard Merritt ('79) - Richard is attending the University of N. Florida and working for the Seaboard R.R. He will graduate with an M.B.A. degree in May. Richard's wife is Dana Marie.

David Helm ('84) - David is married to Dena Helm and they live in Cullman. He works for Champion in wood procurement and was recently transferred to Cullman from Decatur.

Rebecca (Wright) Hyde ('77) - Rebecca married Rickey Hyde who is also in the wood business. He manages a woodyard for Hiwassee in Cullman. They live in Dora, AL, and Rebecca is a surface coal mine inspector for the Alabama Surface Mining Commission.

Glenn Plummer ('75) - Glenn is employed by Georgia Kraft and lives in Rome, GA, with his wife, Beth and their 3 children, Susan, Glenn Jr. and Edgar. Glenn is a Tree Farmer who likes to fish and raise cattle. His work with Georgia Kraft involves harvesting, operations review, security and audits. Sounds like he is doing some work he didn't learn in school.

Dan Roach ('78) - Dan reports that he and his wife Joanne are expecting a baby around March 1, 1985. It may be here by the time you get this newsletter. They have another child named Kristin. Dan works for Rayonier as an Area Forester in wood procurement and land management. They live in Flagler Beach, FL.

Jeff Ingram ('78) - Here is another man working on an M.B.A. degree and has a wife expecting a baby in the near future. Jeff's wife is Jean and they already have a daughter named Elisabeth. They live in Booneville, MS, and Jeff is employed by Tennessee River Pulp and Paper in timber procurement and land management.

Randall Blackwood ('83) - Randall is employed by the McEntyre Lbr. Co. as a timber buyer and treatment plant operator. He says that adjusting from student to professional isn't too difficult in Gadsden, AL.

Leh Bass ('75) - Leh lives with his wife, Linda and children, Jon and Eron, in Opelika. He is employed by

Milliken Forestry as a district forester.

Tom Schtau ('82) - Tom is living up north in Tunkhannock, PA, and worried about the winter weather. He recently married Tina Marie and is an Area Forester for P&G Paper Products Co.

Vernon Yow ('49) - Vernon is one of the few people who graduated before I got here. He is retired from ABAC in Tifton, GA, and is living at St. Simons Island, GA. Wish I lived on St. Simons.

Wayne Strawbridge ('65) - Wayne is District Forester for the Ala. For. Comm. and lives in Tuscaloosa with his wife, Debby, and their two children, Brian Wayne and April Marie. Wayne's office is in Northport, AL.

Allan McMillon ('79) - Allan lives in Northport, AL, with his wife Pamela. He is the manager of the woodlands division of the Olan Belcher Lbr. Co.

Jim Pittman ('84) - Jim is finding out about teaching. He is teaching forestry for the Montgomery Public Schools. He is also serving in the Planning Comm. for Montgomery Co. Coop. Extension and as a commissioner for Boy Scouts. He isn't married, that's why he has time for all these activities.

Sharon Mohny ('78) - Sharon lives in Cleveland, TX, and is employed by the U.S. Forest Service as a Timber Management Assistant on the Sam Houston National Forest, San Jacinto Ranger District. Sounds like she spends most of her working time with salvage sales from hurricane and beetle damage.

Allan Vilece ('57) - Allan is Vice President and General Manager for South Carolina Container. He is married to Catherine and they have two children, Jim and Marilyn. They live at Fountain Inn, SC.

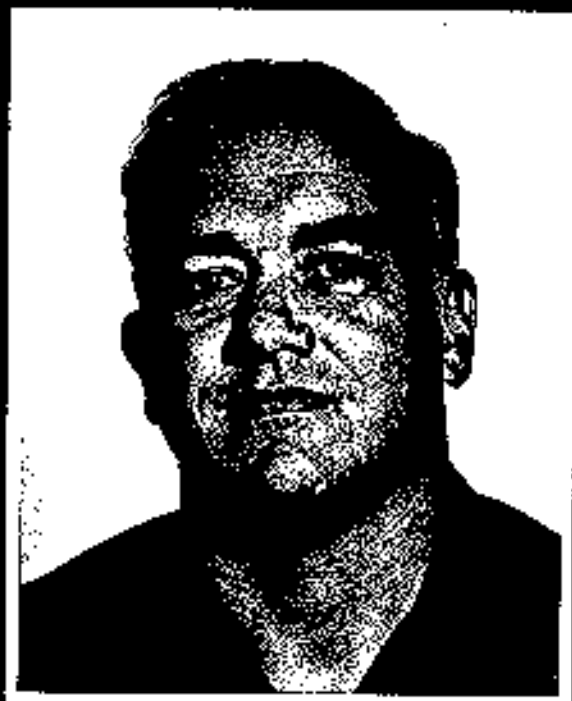
Bill Arnold ('59) - Bill is married to Vivian, lives in Watkinsville, GA, and has two children, Dan and Jeff. He reports that Vivian was recently appointed Principal of Statham Elementary School. Bill is the manager of the Georgia Kraft Tree Improvement program.

Raymond McConnell ('66) - Raymond is apparently a partner in the Consulting Co. of McConnell and Meagher, Inc. He is living in Chickasaw, AL, and I assume the company is also located there. If anyone needs a consultant around Mobile, they know who to contact. Raymond's wife is named Rita and they have 3 children, Daphne, Kim and Lonnie. Daphne is already attending Auburn. If we can give her any help, let us know.

James Spears ('58) - Jim and his wife Billie live in Atmore, AL, and have two children, Stan and Leigh Ann. Jim is employed by St. Regis Corporation. Heard any good jokes lately, Jim?

Carlyle Burkhardt ('50) - Burk is self-employed as a consulting forester in Vicksburg, MS. His specialty is hardwoods. His wife's name is Nany (that may be Nancy and he just left out the 'c'). His three children's names are Charles, Richard and Mike. We mentioned Burk in the last newsletter but that is O.K., we like to hear from everyone as often as possible.

Ted Hixon ('50) - Ted is the father of Allan Hixon ('80) who is manager of West Alabama Timber Co. in Aliceville. Ted is manager of the Natural Resources Division of Gulf States Paper. His wife's name is Lucy and they have



MEMORIAL TO A. RAY COVIN

The employees of the Alabama Forestry Commission express their sympathy to the family of A. Ray Covin who died December 20, 1984. We offer this memorial to preserve the memory of a man well respected as a professional, much admired by his peers, and fondly remembered as our friend. His presence in our midst added meaning to our lives, a meaning his absence can never remove.



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three children, Terrell, Michael and Allan. Ted and Lucy live in Tuscaloosa.

Carl Edem ('75) - Carl is an Estimator for Lamb Grays Harbor in Elma, Washington. This is all that Carl told me. Sounds like he is a timber cruiser and is a long way from home. Send us some more information and tell us about that pretty and interesting country.

Burt Carlson ('49) - Burt is a man 'after-my-own-heart.' He is retired and living in Taylor, SC. His wife's name is Frances and their children are Martha Kaufman and Susan Carlson. Good to hear from you Burt and come see us.

Ronald True ('71) - Ronald is employed by Alabama River Wood in research and development. He and his wife, Joyce Ann, live in Monroeville, AL. We appreciate the information that he sent us on alumni.

Al Schober ('64) - Somebody gave me a business card from Al. According to the card Al is a consultant and contractor with the Al Schober Forestry Co. in Orrville, AL.

Betsy (Williams) Barber ('80) - Betsy wrote a letter to the department and I got a little information about her. Betsy is married to Mack Barber ('79) and they have a son Joseph. Betsy intends to go to graduate school at the University of S.C. and obtain a Master's degree in teaching with specialization in mathematics. Best of luck, Betsy.

Charles Murphy ('78) - Charles Murphy is employed by MacMillan-Blodel and lives in Butler, AL. Sorry I don't have any more information about Charles.

Chris Isaacson ('85) - Chris is getting his Master's degree this year. I think he married last year but don't know for sure. He is living in Selma and working for MacMillan Bloedel as Fiber Supply Coordinator. I wonder if that is anything like wood procurement?

Robert Wells ('76) - Robert also works for McMillan Bloedel and lives in Camden, AL. He is Area Forester for the Camden area.

Forrest Carpenter ('62) - Forrest has been promoted to Forest Supervisor with the U.S.F.S. His new position is with the Allegheny National Forest. His wife's name is Marie and they have a daughter and a son.

Karen Riegel ('81) - Karen dropped by the school the other day and was walking slowly and carefully. It seems that she was in a wreck and drove her pick-up under a logging truck. She sustained a broken back but didn't get a single cut. She had on her seat belt and shoulder harness and feels that this saved her life or at least more injury. Glad she is recovering quickly and well.

Joe Rigsby ('60) - We got an announcement a while back that Joe was opening a new business named Rigsby Investment Company. It is located at Suite 2C, 3613 E. South Blvd. in Montgomery. Good luck with this new venture.

David Creamer ('85) - David was in a really bad plane crash around Christmas time and sustained some serious injuries. However, he came by the School a few days ago and seemed to be in excellent shape after his ordeal. Didn't expect to see him up and about so soon but was glad to see such recovery.

David Gamble ('75) and Mary Lou (Rollins) Gamble ('76) - They have a new daughter named Holly Melissa. The baby was born 12/14/84, weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and was 20 in. in length. Congratulations to you both.

Rod Penuel ('73) - Rod is employed by the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations and is working with their Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Division. I saw Rod a few days ago and he was busy with mineland reforestation.

Mike Harper ('82) - Mike is working for Union-Camp in land management. He is living over near Tallassee, and may be married by the time you receive this newsletter. Check with him to be sure. I understand that having a job has seriously interfered with his hunting.

Mark Elliott ('78) - Mark has changed jobs and is now a forester with Johnson-Rast and Hayes in Birmingham. His duties include selling timberland and setting up groups to invest in land. His present interests are girls, sailing and girls. He claims that he is still happily single.

Bob Frese ('48) - Bob was the first graduate from the Alabama Polytechnic Institute Department of Forestry. He is the executive vice president of Alabama River Woodlands and lives in Monroeville, AL, with his wife June. They have a son Robert and a daughter Robin. One of Bob's most recent awards was the 1985 Auburn forestry Alumni Award.



Bob Frese ('48) receiving the Auburn Forestry Alumni Award from Fred Marmon ('59) while Aubie and Bob's wife June look on.



Jerry Johnson ('70) presents the Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Senior to Stephen Tomlinson ('85) at the Annual School of Forestry Awards Banquet.

Forestry Homecoming

Homecoming for Forestry graduates was held November tenth at the Forest Products building. We thought this was a good place to hold the event, but several people have indicated that it is too far from the stadium. Because of this, we plan to hold next year's reunion at the old Forestry building on Mell Street. This should be close enough to park your car, go to the reunion and walk to the stadium.

It's always great to see people that you haven't seen in a long time. Seems like 20 years since I had seen Ben Rooke ('65). Ben is in Albertville, AL, and I don't get up that way. It was also great to see Rebecca Wright Hyde ('77), Jack Hinson ('50), Bob Lowe ('59), Jim Pittman ('84), Jack Williams ('75), Brian Darr ('82), David Arnold ('85), Vernon Blackard ('85) and all the rest. Rebecca's new husband (Rickey) came with her. They live in Dorav, AL, and she works for the Alabama Surface Mining Commission.

I don't remember who all won the door prizes but this is one event that everyone seems to enjoy. I think every lady in attendance got an Auburn mum.

We intend to have the homecoming next year at

the homecoming football game, so plan on dropping by the Forestry building and let us see you. Did I forget to say that Auburn won the homecoming game against University of Cincinnati?



Forrest Carpenter ('62) was recently promoted to Forest Supervisor of the Allegheny National Forest.

IN MEMORIAM

Ray Covin ('62)

It is time for the 1985 dues. Please send your \$5.00 to Tom Kimbrell, 1225 Forestdale Blvd., Birmingham, AL 35274, and clip the attached membership card. Make check payable to AFAA. If this is your first time to join AFAA or if you haven't sent us any personal information in a while, or if you have any news, fill out the Alumni Information questionnaire.

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Tom Kimbrell
SECRETARY-TREASURER

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