

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Waymon Paul

I am honored by your confidence to elect me and Wayne King as President and Vice President. We will strive to move the Association forward. The past president, Marvin Odom, and his staff accomplished several things to greatly improve the Association. We extend our appreciation to those alumni. The By-Laws were updated. The Secretary-Treasurer's office was moved to Auburn and made a permanent position under Dr. Glenn Glover, an Auburn Alumnus and Professor at the School of Forestry. The office will be a part of the Office of Student and Alumni Services created by Dr. Emmett Thompson, Dean, School of Forestry. This move greatly improves the continuity of the Association as new officers are elected.

The Forestry Foundation will elect new directors this year. The Foundation has not been moving forward. The new elected directors should place some enthusiasm into the organization. We are eager to work with this fine organization.

Increased membership is a goal Wayne King and I will concentrate on. A token dues paying membership is not a way to see our school grow. We need more exposure and the Forestry Alumni can greatly assist with the expense.

We have asked Steve Holland to chair the Outstanding Forestry Alumni Committee for 1988. Larry Brooks and his committee are congratulated for their 1987 work.

The Alumni luncheon held in Mobile at the SESAF Section Meeting was well attended. We had a special guest for lunch, Dick Porterfield, Champion International, Courtland, Alabama, who presented Dr. Emmett Thompson a \$1,500 check to be used by the School of Forestry. We express our thanks for this gracious contribution.

We are expecting a good two years. Your Alumni Association is an excellent organization but there are many improvements needed. Let's join together and make the Auburn Alumni Group a model for all other alumni to envy.

OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS - 1988

Frank Earl Jones, Vice President and Woodlands Manager of T. R. Miller Mill Company, Inc., Brewton, Alabama, was selected as the 1988 Outstanding Alumnus from the School of Forestry. Frank, a native of Brewton, graduated from Auburn (APD) in 1950, with a B.S. degree in Forest Management. Frank was also a member of the varsity football team from 1946-1950. He is married to Joanna Deer, and has three children, Ashley Jones Kooatz, Joanna, and Sarah.

Frank spent most of his career with Gulf States Paper Corporation, starting as an Assistant District Forester in Columbiana, Alabama, in 1950. In 1952 he moved to Eutaw, Alabama as District Forester. He became Demopolis Operations Manager in 1962, then was Timber Management Director in Tuscaloosa, Alabama and Timber Production Director for Coker, Alabama facilities from 1973-1977. In 1977, Frank became President for Almore Resource Development in Brewton, Alabama, then moved to his present position with T. R. Miller in 1978.

Frank is a member of the Society of American Foresters, having held several offices, including: Chairman, Central Zone, Alabama Chapter; Chairman, Southern Zone, Alabama Chapter; Chairman (1972), Alabama Chapter; and Secretary/Treasurer (1973), Southeastern Section. He is a Registered Forester (License #66), State of Alabama; and has served as a member of its Board of Directors and Executive Committee. Frank is a lifetime member of the Auburn Forestry Alumni Association, and is an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Brewton.

Frank Jones has always been a strong supporter of the Forestry program at Auburn and is an avid War Eagle fan. The Alumni Association is proud to call Frank a member of its ranks. He is a deserving recipient and serves as a model to others in the group.

OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS NOMINATIONS

Stephen Holland ('74), new chairman of the Outstanding Alumnus Award Committee, is soliciting nominations for the 1989 AFAA Outstanding Alumnus Award. If you know a deserving alumnus, send a letter of nomination and a resume of the nominee, no later than May 1, 1989, to:

Stephen H. Holland
Asst. Vice President and Forestry Officer
AmSouth Bank, N.A.
Natural Resources Department
P.O. Box 11426
Birmingham, AL 35202

There are many deserving alumni. Please take time to nominate one that you know who reflects success in our field and is a credit to the School of Forestry.

WHERE IS?

How often have you or someone you know asked this question about an old classmate? Keeping up with our Alumni is not an easy task. New job responsibilities, marriages, children, retirements and so on keep us guessing. The Office of Student and Alumni Services for the School of Forestry would like to keep up with changes.

We would appreciate you filling out the enclosed information form and returning it to Auburn. If we receive a good response we will consider compiling the information into a Forestry Alumni Directory to be made available to you. Also note that in this and all future newsletters there will be a Change of Address form. If you move, please return the form to us so we can make sure you receive the newsletter and other information regarding the School. Our Alumni are important, please keep in touch.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE STORY?

Maybe it's a story from your student days about a fellow alumnus, a current or former faculty member, or an activity (official or unofficial) in which you participated. Write it down, tape it or call it in!! Funny stories, sad stories, touching stories -- we will compile them and include one or more in future newsletters. We have all heard these stories at alumni gatherings -- open up, share them with others.

COMMENTS FROM THE DEAN

Dr. Emmett F. Thompson

I appreciate this opportunity to bring the Alumni up-to-date on some of the School's activities. We are involved in a tremendous number of teaching, research, and extension activities, and it is very exciting to be associated with our faculty and students in such a dynamic environment.

Over the past few months we have been able to add several individuals to the faculty, and we are very pleased with the quality of individuals who have chosen to associate with the School. Art Chappelka joined the faculty in mid-1987 as assistant professor of forest biology. Art received his PhD from Virginia Tech, and his undergraduate and masters degrees from the University of Florida. At Auburn, Art's responsibilities will entail the development and management of an intensive atmospheric deposition research site. Art's position is made possible by a large grant from the U.S. Forest Service to conduct research on the effects of atmospheric pollutants on forest growth and development.

John Blake has been with the School for a couple of years in a post-doctoral position, but we were recently able to move him to a faculty research position. John is assistant professor of forest soils and Associate Director of the Southern Forest Nursery Management Cooperative. John came to Auburn from the Pacific Northwest where he spent five years as an operations silviculturist with Plum Creek Timberlands, and five years with the Industrial Forestry Association. He received his PhD from the University of Washington. At Auburn, John's responsibilities will include nursery management and regeneration research, as well as working with other faculty in modeling processes which control early stand survival and development.

Charles Raper has been appointed George W. Peake Professor of Forestry. This professorship was founded by George W. Peake, a pioneer advocate and practitioner of intensive forestry. Charles holds a bachelor's degree in forestry from N.C. State and an M.B.A. and J.D. from the University of Connecticut. Charles was the first forester employed in Travelers Insurance Companies' real estate investment operations, and his 30-year career with Travelers included both field and corporate office assignments. Prior to coming to Auburn, Charles' position with Traveler's was as Second vice President, Real Estate Research and Development. He is founding director of the National Council of Real Estate Investment Fiduciaries and Chairman of the Investment Committee of the North

INVOICE

AFAA Membership Dues

Name _____ Date _____

ENCLOSED IS (check one):

_____ Lifetime Membership Dues (\$100)

_____ 1989 Membership Dues (\$5)

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_____ Other (please specify): _____

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AFAA
School of Forestry
Auburn University, AL 36849-5418

BALLOT -- AUBURN FORESTRY FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

If you are a currently paid or lifetime member of the Auburn Forestry Alumni Association please vote for the listed candidates.

For a 2-year term (vote for one):

- Billy McIntyre, Camden
- George Franklin, Tuscaloosa
- John Pomeroy, Selma

For a 4-year term (vote for two):

- Art Arnold, Chapman
- Lerry Brooks, Selma
- Art Dyas, Bay Minette
- Bennie Vinson, Dadeville
- Mary Lou Gemble, Cullman
- Mike Dyeitt, Monroeville

For a 6-year term (vote for two):

- Jim Spears, Brewton
- Bob Lowe, Jackson
- Jerry Johnson, Auburn
- Kent Hanby, Montgomery
- Harrell Trice, Fayette
- Bill Jones, Montgomery

Carolina Forestry Foundation. At Auburn, his area of concentration will be in the investment aspects of commercial forestry.

Richard Brinker has also recently joined the faculty. Dick is on a split extension/teaching appointment, and will serve as timber harvesting specialist and assistant professor. Dick's experience includes twelve years in industrial forest operations and sawmill management with Masonite Corporation. He received the BS, MS, and PhD degrees from Louisiana State University. At Auburn, Dick will be involved in technology transfer in timber harvesting, as well as teach the senior level course in timber harvesting.

Frank Roth, who has served as forest management extension specialist for the past seven years, has resigned to accept an extension position in Arkansas. Frank made significant contributions as a member of the School's faculty and we wish him and his family the very best in their new assignment.

In the last newsletter we had a column on declining enrollment in the School. While enrollment is still not where we would like, I am pleased to report it has rebounded. This year's summer camp, which is really the best indicator of overall forestry enrollment, was at 26, ten more than last year. We can always use good students, but we are approaching the number that we think is sustainable in terms of quality teaching and employment opportunities.

Employment for forestry graduates has been strong for the past two years, and we expect this to continue. Since the overwhelming majority of our graduates enter employment in the private sector, opportunities do come and go with swings in the general economy. As always, we will appreciate any leads alumni can provide with respect to employment opportunities for our current and recent graduates.

Over the two years, a faculty committee has been working to revise the undergraduate forest management curriculum. The committee had input from other faculty, reviewed other forestry school curricula, and solicited comments from practicing foresters through our Advisory Council and other avenues. The revised curriculum went into effect this summer, and I believe is an improvement over what was already an excellent forest management program. One of the highlights of the new curriculum is the flexibility for students to easily take advantage of a new program instituted by the College of Business. This program allows any non-business major to receive a transcript-designated minor to supplement their collegiate

major. We feel a large number of our students will take advantage of this opportunity. Other changes emphasize communications and people-oriented courses, in addition to traditional technical subjects.

Our faculty are the most productive in the University in terms of obtaining extramural grants and contracts for research, as well as in reporting the results of our research in various outlets. This very significant increase in extramural research funding is straining our physical facilities as we look for places to put additional technicians, new equipment, graduate students, etc. The research also has positive overlapping effects on our education and service activities. Involvement in research means that the most up-to-date information is being presented to students in the classroom, as well as transferred to various clientele through workshops, publications, continuing education activities, etc.

AUBURN FORESTRY FOUNDATION ELECTION

The Auburn Forestry Foundation was formed as an arm of the Auburn Forestry Alumni Association to aid and promote the School of Forestry. To achieve this, the Forestry Endowment Trust Fund was established. The charter for the Foundation calls for a seven-member Board of Directors. Two members are supposed to be elected every two years to serve a six-year term (six members). The President of the AFAA serves as a seventh Board member.

An election has not been held for about 10 years. The AFAA executive committee has decided to hold an election for five director slots. Gene Sample, current President of the Board, will fill one 2-year term to provide continuity to the Board. The Executive Committee acted as a nomination committee as selected a list of Alumni to fill the Board positions. AFAA bylaws state that only paid members (including lifetime members) of the AFAA may vote in this election. A ballot is enclosed in this newsletter if you are currently a paid member. Please mark your ballot and return, no later than December 1, 1988 to:

Glenn Glover
School of Forestry
Auburn University, AL 36849-5418

**STUDENT CHAPTER
SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS
FORESTRY AWARDS BANQUET**

The SAF Student Chapter held his Awards Banquet on May 3, 1988 at the Auburn Wesley Foundation. Several awards were presented, including the Outstanding Alumnus Award (see article elsewhere in this newsletter). Forestry Club Officers for the past year were: Darren Kirkham, President; Michael G. Taylor, Vice President; Joe Roberson, Secretary; Chris Cook, Treasurer; Stephen Burdette, Conclave Vice President; and Eubie Trawick and Michael Broedlove, Agricultural Council Representatives. In conjunction with the A.U. SGA, Darren Kirkham was President and Robert Nettles was Senator from the School of Forestry.

Students receiving Achievement Awards included:

- E.A. Hauss Scholastic Improvement Award,
-- Billy Hooten
- H.E. Christen/H.G. Posey Memorial Summer Camp Awards
-- James Payne
-- John Klepac
- James River Timber Corporation Forest Measurement Award
-- Dennis Shaw
- MacMillan-Bloddel, Inc. Forest Economics Award
-- Don Johnson
- Southeastern Society of American Foresters Outstanding Senior Award (Leadership)
-- Darren Kirkham
- Auburn Forestry Alumni Association
Outstanding Senior Award (Academics)
-- Dennis Eishen
- U.S.D.A. Forest Service, Science Award
-- Dennis Eishen
- L.M. Ware Outstanding Senior in Forestry Award
-- Robert Nettles

In addition, 23 students were recognized as Scholarship Recipients. The Teacher of the Year Award was presented to Dr. Warren Flick; and the Golden Shaft Award was proudly presented to Dr. Graeme Locksby. Other faculty members received "appropriate" awards during the ceremonies.

For the past several years, the School of Forestry Advisory Committee has met at the same time as the Student Awards Banquet. Due to scheduling problems, the Committee has decided to meet at a different time. Therefore, in the future the AFAA Outstanding Alumnus Award will be presented at the AFAA meeting at the Alabama Forestry Association's Annual Meeting.

HOMECOMING - 1988

The School of Forestry will again host a lunch for Forestry Alumni returning to Auburn for the Homecoming football game with Southern Mississippi, on November 5, 1988. A barbecue lunch will be served starting about two hours before game time in M. White Smith Hall -- Forestry Building. Bring your family and friends. Be sure to sign in when you arrive to be eligible for door prizes.

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT HOMECOMING!!!

ALUMNI DUES ARE DUE!

You can support your Auburn Forestry Alumni Association by becoming a dues paying member for 1989. Dues for 1989 should be paid by January 1. An invoice is enclosed. Please return with your payment, and mark whether or not you need a signed receipt for tax records. Thanks for your support.

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