

A Message From Your President

Wayne M. King

Being your new President is one of the greatest honors bestowed upon me since I was president of the Auburn Forestry Club in the early 60's. At that time we "future foresters" were trying to shake the "Sockey Bear" image and establish forestry as a truly professional occupation. Forestry is now recognized as a profession. Now, as we move into a new era, we are concerned with establishing Auburn's Forestry School as a national leader.

Jim Spears, your new Vice President, and his staff are devoted to carrying on the work started by Waymon Penland and his staff. We extend our appreciation to those alumni who gave their valuable time and we hope to see more alumni become active in our association in 1990.

Auburn's Forestry Foundation is now very active and moving forward at a rapid pace. Gene Sample and other members of our foundation are working to develop an alumni communication organization and an informative brochure. Please read Gene's article and volunteer to help.

An Auburn University Forestry School Logo has been designed. We are working on having lapel pins made. These will be available as soon as cost, manufacturing and distribution details can be worked out.

Jim Spears, our Vice President, will chair the Outstanding Forestry Alumni Committee for 1990. Steve Holland and his committee are to be congratulated for their 1989 work. The presentation of this award may very well be presented at our Advisory Council's annual meeting in November.

Mike Hankins, a devoted FFA member, Auburn University Forestry Alumni supporter, has helped us greatly in 1989 by increasing our alumni participation by almost 100%. We have 1268 alumni and we hope to have at least one-half (624) participating by 1992-93. Mike is to be congratulated for his progress in 1989 and with his continued leadership, our organization will grow and work for the betterment of our School of Forestry. Mike is the main person to contact about donations for our school. Give him all the support you can.

Our last two Alumni luncheons, AFA - Gulf Shores and SAF - Birmingham, were well attended and informative. We hope to make some changes in these meetings so that there will be more time for Alumni business and socializing. Please be alert to the 1990 AFA & SAF annual meeting announcements.

Auburn Forestry is in a new era and Dean Emmett J. Thompson is developing and moving the School of Forestry toward a national leadership role. Just as Bye is doing with Auburn's Tigers on the football field. With your help and devotion the accomplishments made in 1969 will be surpassed by those in 1990. Your Alumni Association is an excellent organization and it will be a better organization if we can get more support from our 1268 alumni. Devote some of your time and let's join together as Forestry Alumni to support our School of Forestry which, in turn, supports Auburn University.

"The Auburn Forestry Foundation"

During its formative years, the Department of Forestry, as part of the School of Agriculture, lacked funding for many things not covered by allocated funds from the University. The Auburn Forestry Alumni Association was formed to meet the needs of the Department and to coordinate activities needing outside assistance. This nucleus of early Forestry graduates saw a need to establish a fund from which monies could be drawn when needed. For this purpose, the Auburn Forestry Foundation was formed. This Foundation, operating under the auspices of Auburn University and the Auburn University Foundation, is considered a tax deductible organization which can receive donations of money, land, properties or other such gifts which may benefit the School of Forestry. The funds raised by the Auburn Forestry Foundation are invested by the Auburn University Foundation as part of the investment pool of the University, with principal and interest identified as Auburn Forestry Foundation funds.

During the early days of the Foundation, funds were solicited from Forestry Alumni and Friends of the Department of Forestry for the benefit of the Department. These funds were dispersed when requested by the Head of the Department of Forestry and approved by the Board of Directors of the Forestry Foundation. The Board of Directors could, as authorized by the By laws, spend up to 75% of the monies contributed during any one year. The balance would be placed into an investment account.

Some of the items requested and the expenditures made from the fund in 1977 were a wall screen, printing and binding, office equipment, and chairs for the student lounge and library. Prior years' expenditures were driver liability insurance for the Dodge bus operated by the Department of Forestry during summer camp and other field trips, photogrammetry lab equipment, and other needs of the Department.

The Forestry Endowment Fund was redesignated the Forestry Endowment Trust Fund in 1981. There was a total of \$5,582.59 invested in 1976, (this had grown to \$19,012.89 as of May 31, 1989). With the redesignation, was also the stipulation that only the interest earned from invested funds could be dispersed and unused earnings would revert to principal. To assist in the growth of this fund, Dr. Thompson has not made any request requiring expenditures from the interest earned.

There are several designated memorial funds which are part of the Forestry Foundation funds. These memorials were established to honor deceased members of the Department of Forestry faculty; Professors Harold E. Christian and Henry Posey.

If we as Alumni are going to make the School of Forestry of Auburn University one of the outstanding Forestry Schools in the U.S., we must work to build an endowment trust fund which will generate sufficient interest on invested monies to fund requests made by the Dean of the School of Forestry. In an effort to do this, the Board of Directors of the Auburn
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Forestry Foundation proposes establishing an organization of districts and district coordinators. The districts will provide a grass roots organization to spread the word, solicit and encourage the donation of money, and coordinate, in conjunction with the University, the donation of land or investment properties for the benefit of the Forestry Endowment Trust Fund and the School of Forestry.

If you are called upon to be a district coordinator or class agent, please accept the challenge and opportunity to serve your Auburn Forestry Alumni Association, The Auburn Forestry Foundation and the School of Forestry of Auburn University. Your support is needed - Volunteer if we fail to contact you directly and you want to help.

- Your Support Counts -

Eugene "Gene" A. Sample Jr. '54
President
Auburn Forestry Foundation

P.S. Join your Auburn Forestry Alumni Association and donate to the Auburn Forestry Endowment Trust Fund (tax deductible).

AUBURN FORESTRY FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS
November 16, 1989

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Mr. Eugene Sample, Jr. (2 year term), Foundation President
Mr. Jim Spears (6 year term), Foundation Member
(Terms started January 1, 1989)

OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS NOMINATIONS

Jim Spears, the new chairman of the Outstanding Alumnus Award Committee, is soliciting nominations for the 1990 AFAA Outstanding Alumnus Award. If you would like to nominate someone, please contact Jim by August 1, 1990.

There are many deserving alumni who reflect success in our field and are a credit to the School of Forestry. This is a great honor, so send Jim the name of a deserving nominee.

Mail your nominations to:

Mr. Jim Spears
Vice President AFAA
600 S. Trammell Street
Aimore, AL 36502

Frank M. Stewart III ('77) has been promoted to the position of President and Chief Operating Officer of Wilmon Timberlands, Inc. of Vredenburgh, Alabama. He is promoted to this position upon the retirement of Frank M. Stewart, Jr., R.F., who was associated with Wilmon for thirty-five years. Mr. Stewart III is active in professional and scientific organizations, and is 1990 Chairman-Elect of the Southeastern Society of American Foresters.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE REPORT

October 1988-September 1989

Individual Contributions

Forestry Annual Giving

Art Arnold '63
Chester E. Billie '69
Vernard P. Dean '78
Mary L. Edwards '79
Gary L. Haas '69
Mike W. Harris '79
Robert H. Jones - Friend
Thomas E. Kennedy '50
Lida G. Koier '50
William L. Koier '50
Robert A. Mayfield '63
Joseph B. McCracken '81
H. F. McQueen '35
Richard V. Miles '68
Kenwood C. Nichols '61
Richard C. Otterberg '49
William Rogers '54
Ann Nichols Russell '62
Frank M. Stewart '48
Emmett Thompson - Dean
Bernie F. Vinson '74
W. Tucker Williamson '67
Major L. S. Woody '74

Special Gifts

Harlene Boykin - Friend
Lynn D. Boykin - Friend
J. R. Boykin - Friend
Starr L. Boykin '80
Arthur Carlson - Friend
Burt D. Carlson - '49
W. Richard Lovelace '75
Dwain G. Luce '39
William D. Reans - Friend
William R. Sizemore '39
H. Terry Pitchford '67

Company Contributions

Alabama Forestry Foundation
Buchanan Hardwoods Inc.
Capital Veneer Works
Champion International
Garden Club of Alabama
Monsanto Fund
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Emmett F. Thompson

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Walter G. Andress '60
 Arthur W. Arnold '63
 Lehman Bass '75
 Chester E. Billie '69
 Alan P. Bruce '78
 Joe G. Burns '47
 William A. Creamer '84
 Jack E. Crouch '51
 Lucille Dickens - Friend
 Donald J. Dowds '64
 Larry M. Doyle '61
 Carl D. Edem '75
 Stephen R. Franks '75
 Robert B. Frese '48
 George E. Gibson '53
 Edward L. Gilley '82
 Flavin W. Glover '73
 Glenn R. Glover '73
 John G. Haygreen - Associate Dean
 T. Chadwick Hudson '70
 Charles D. Johnson '51
 Richard H. Jones '77
 Leo M. Kelly '80
 R. E. Lee - Friend
 James W. Martin '64
 Robert A. Mayfield '63
 Richard V. Miles '68
 Michael C. Minchew '78
 Thomas J. Newman '51
 Kenwood C. Nichols '61
 T. Waymon Paul '59
 Jack Wayne Pennington '62
 Terry E. Pichard '76
 Dennis Pope '84
 Charles F. Raper - Friend
 Robert F. Sharp '72
 Steve W. Stewart '74
 William R. Terry '76
 David O. Thompson '79
 Oscar G. Traczewitz
 Ronald E. True '71
 Benjie F. Vinson '74
 Larry F. Walburn '79
 George T. Walker '65
 Charles S. Walsh '50
 Elizabeth M. Willbaum '77
 William E. Windham '58

Special Gifts

William A. Ficklin '54
 William R. Sizemore '39

Company Contributions

Champion International Corp.
 Tensaw Land and Timber Co. Inc.

I am pleased to have the opportunity to bring our alumni up-to-date with respect to recent activities involving the School of Forestry. As we look over the past year or so, I think it is safe to say the most constant thing about the School is change. As we approach the end of another academic year, we are very pleased to be able to report our enrollment has increased significantly over the past two years. On a percentage basis, we have had the highest enrollment increase in the University. Also, job prospects for graduates continue to be very attractive. One of our goals for the period 1990-1995 is to increase our undergraduate enrollment to approximately 150 while maintaining professional employment opportunities for all graduates. Present trends indicate that we will be able to achieve the enrollment goal well before 1995, and we are confident of maintaining an outstanding employment record.

Over the past year we have added a number of faculty. It so happens most of these new faculty have extension appointments, which gives us one of the larger, and I feel best, forestry extension groups in the country. Ken McNabb joined us in early 1989, with primary responsibility in artificial forest regeneration extension/research. Bob Jones joined us during the summer of 1989, in a position which strongly complements Ken's. Bob has an extension/research appointment dealing primarily with natural regeneration and hardwood silviculture. Ken Muehlenfeld joined the School in late summer 1989, as director of the newly created Forest Products Development Center. Ken brings an outstanding background in the forest products industry to this position, and we feel the Center will have a definite impact upon Auburn University, forestry in Alabama, and the State's economy. John Bliss, our latest faculty addition, came on board January 1, of this year with an extension/research appointment in forest economics. John's background gives him particularly strong credentials to work with private landowners.

We have also continued to grow with respect to facilities. On April 3, of this year, we held a dual-purpose ceremony at the Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center. This particular date marked the ten-year anniversary of the original Center dedication on April 3, 1980. Over these ten years, the Center has hosted an average of eleven visitors per day, a total of over 39,000 individuals. The forest land associated with the Center has produced an annual timber harvest and the Center's timber volume has increased over 30%. Center management has made the property a model for timber/wildlife management, not only in the State of Alabama, but throughout the southeast. Three hundred and ten Auburn forestry students have participated in summer camp at the Center, which gives this fairly large segment of the southeast forestry population an educational experience at what we feel is the best facility of its kind in the United States. Also on April 3, we had a groundbreaking ceremony for a new administrative building at the Center. This building, which is a gift from the Solon and Martha Dixon Foundation, continues to emphasize the Dixon family's support for forestry education and forestry in Alabama. For those of you familiar with the Center, the administrative building will be located across the parking lot from the old Dixon homestead. Originally, we had planned for the Dixon home to serve as both an office and a museum. The office requirements have minimized the opportunities for

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a true museum. With the administrative building serving as an office, we will now be able to convert the Dixon home into a forestry museum for south Alabama.

Along with enrollment and faculty, curricula continue to change. Earlier this year, the Auburn University Board of Trustees approved a new core curriculum for all students receiving undergraduate degrees from Auburn. This new core is effective for all students entering as freshmen fall quarter 1991. The overall goal of establishing a new core curriculum is to ensure that Auburn University graduates are well educated and prepared to be responsible citizens, as well as productive members of their chosen profession or discipline. The new core consists of 61 quarter hours devoted to general education. Courses constituting the core are:

English Composition - 10 credits
Literature (Great Books) - 10 credits
Writing Reinforcement - 0 credits
World History - 9 credits
Science - 10 credits
Mathematics - 5 credits
Philosophy (Logic or Ethics) - 5 credits
Social Sciences - 9 credits
Fine Arts - 3 credits

The Writing Reinforcement component of the core carries no credit, but is built into the student's major. Each curriculum must have a minimum of two major courses which meet certain writing reinforcement criteria. We feel the core is a major step forward in terms of ensuring a quality education for all Auburn graduates. Over the next few months, a faculty committee will be modifying current curricula to incorporate the core. This is also an opportunity to ensure that our professional courses are modern and complement the spirit of the core curriculum.

Finally, another area where we have noted a positive change is in the level of private support for the School. A little over a year ago, the School was able to work with the University Development Office to employ a development officer specifically to focus on opportunities for the School of Forestry. Over this period, our alumni and friends have responded by setting new records both in the level of annual giving support and in the number of alumni and friends participating in the Auburn annual giving program for the School of Forestry.

I am sure the months and years ahead will continue to see change. I am also confident much of the change will be positive and that the School of Forestry will benefit significantly. We certainly welcome alumni to share their views on our programs and activities, either by visiting on campus or through correspondence.

ALUMNI DUES AND UPDATES ARE IMPORTANT!

Auburn Forestry Alumni Association operates very efficiently and spends very little money. Your dues mainly cover newsletter expenses, postage, miscellaneous mailing and awards. Along with receiving dues, we also get updated addresses and news. Our dues are only \$5 per year or \$100 for life. They should be paid by July 1, 1990. We are looking into changing our dues structure in the near future and we hope to report on this at our AFA luncheon meeting in September. Thanks for your support.

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