

AFAA NEWS



AUBURN FORESTRY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER JANUARY 1992



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR INCOMING PRESIDENT JIM SPEARS ('58)

Our Alumni Association is an organization whose primary objective is to bind together the school's alumni for professional and social purposes and to further the interests of Auburn University's School of Forestry.

In the forty plus years since the first forestry degree was awarded, the alumni list has grown to over 1,300. This list covers practically every corner of the profession and includes some of the glories of the forestry community. Talent-wise we are loaded, but we need a willingness to become involved to help our school reach greater heights.

Serving as your Forestry Alumni Association President for the next two years is an honor and a challenge. The challenge, with your help, is to step up and move forward with the programs that are now in place.

In 1989 the Auburn Forestry Foundation was reactivated to aid and promote the School of Forestry by establishing an endowment trust fund whose earnings will provide a source of supplemental income to the School. Efforts will continue to communicate with you the importance in a planned giving program to build this trust fund to \$500,000 as an initial step.

Gordon Stone is now serving as a forestry constituency fund raiser in the Alumni Office. The Foundation will certainly use his abilities in an effort to achieve our goals.

Recent By-Law changes allows all graduates of Auburn's School (or former Department) of Forestry to be considered full members of the Association. Effective January 1, 1992, the Association will no longer collect annual dues, but (tax-deductible) donations to either the Auburn Forestry Foundation or Auburn Forestry Annual Giving are encouraged. You will hear more from us on this.

Your Association will continue to recognize the Outstanding Senior Student (Academics) each year with an appropriate award.

On February 18, 1992, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the School of Forestry-Advisory Council, an Outstanding Alumnus award will be made. Look for this announcement in the next newsletter.

We are fortunate to have Dean Thompson and a quality faculty involved in teaching, extension, and research in all phases of Alabama Forestry. They are committed to the future of our number one industry.

As alumni let's show our commitment by getting involved to help promote excellence at Auburn's School of Forestry.



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR OUTGOING PRESIDENT WAYNE KING ('64)

I have had a gratifying two years as your president. Because of a few elected and appointed alumni giving their time to plan and to communicate with Alumni members we are continually strengthening our Auburn Forestry Alumni Association. I think with our newly elected officers and progressive ongoing projects, we will be seeing even greater participation over the next few years.

Emmett has outlined our School of Forestry's Strategic Plan of Development which will be implemented over the next few years. Due to two (2) successive years of promotion, our support is more important than ever. In an effort to increase this support, we have made accomplishments in the following areas:

*We had an over whelming vote for some by-law changes which should help gain our school of forestry more financial support. There will be no more dues, so we ask that you make (income tax-deductible) donations to the School each year. Also, honorary membership has been extended to faculty members associated with our School of Forestry.

*Our new, attractive logo stickers have increased interest and make our Association more visible. A lapel pin is being developed.

*Alumni participation with donations has doubled in the last two years and our meeting attendance has increased by 25%.

*Gordon Stone, our development leader and coordinator with the Auburn University Alumni Association is getting his feet on the ground and moving forward with constituency fund raising.

*In conjunction with your Auburn Forestry Foundation, a brochure has been developed to acquaint alumni and friends with Auburn's School of Forestry.

*Awards are being made each year to an AFAA Outstanding Senior (Academics) and an outstanding alumni.

*Auburn's School of Forestry Alumni have greatly increased their support over the last few years, but we are still far short of our potential. I challenge each of you to work closely with and respond to your newly elected president, Jim Spears, and Vice-president, Eric Martin over the next two years.

In closing, I would like to thank Emmett Thompson, Waymon Paul, Jim Spears, Charlie Rager and the Foundation members for helping us have such a successful two years.

War Eagle!



**DEAN'S REPORT
EMMETT THOMPSON**

I appreciate this opportunity to acquaint alumni with recent activities in the School. Effective fall quarter 1991, we implemented three new undergraduate curricula - forest resources, forestry operations, and forest engineering (forest resources minor). The major impetus for our curriculum revision was the adoption of a University-wide core curriculum, which essentially required review of all existing curricula. The forest resources and forestry operations curricula are similar in that they both require the basic forestry courses, including summer camp. The major difference is that students majoring in forest resources will emphasize multiple-use and will be encouraged to obtain a minor in wildlife. Students majoring in forestry operations will have additional courses in timber harvesting and forest products, and will be encouraged to obtain a minor in business. By proper planning of their schedule, many students will be able to obtain both the wildlife and business minors. We could not accommodate both engineering and forestry accreditation for the forest engineering curriculum within the standard four year model. Students can still obtain a forest engineering degree in four years. But, to be fully qualified as foresters, they will need to obtain a forest resources minor which will essentially add a quarter to their schedule. Last summer we submitted all three curricula to the Society of American Foresters for accreditation, and recently received word that all were accredited through 1993, when we are scheduled for an on-site, re-accreditation visit.

The School's enrollment continues to climb. In the fall quarter 1991, we had a 31% increase over the previous fall quarter. Winter quarter enrollment is always less than fall quarter, but we still have a 25% increase over winter 1991. We currently have approximately 160 undergraduates in the School. The enrollment has actually reached a level that we are seriously considering some limitation by putting a cap on the number of students admitted to summer camp. We will need to make a decision about this within the next few months.

The primary reason for the increase in enrollment is that the job situation has been quite good for the past several years. While there has been a downturn in the number of employment inquiries in the last few months, we still get quite a few and graduates are finding opportunities for professional employment. The job situation is never so good that we cannot do better, and we would appreciate your continuing support in terms of alerting us to employment opportunities.

As always, we appreciate the alumni's interest and support. We want to be responsive to your concerns and would welcome correspondence or visits at any time.



**DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
GORDON STONE**

The holidays are officially over and people are returning from hunting trips, chopping firewood and trying to stay warm.

Most War Eagles appear to have had safe and enjoyable holidays. However, aside from Dr. Thompson, I have not heard any success stories from the hunters.

Auburn is pleased to have a new president, Dr. William Muse, formerly president of the University of Akron. He brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm that has everyone excited about the future. We anticipate great things for the university during his tenure.

The Office of Advancement is excited about the new year. We have new programs beginning for our alumni clubs that will help them to have even more success during 1992. Also, the development office is a beehive of activity. There are many projects being pursued including work underway to increase annual giving to the university. You should have already received a letter from Dr. Thompson asking for support for forestry activities. We are also busily preparing a long range plan for development for the School of Forestry. The plan covers a range of possible activities including area meetings, class leaders, a new forestry building, etc. The year ahead is full of promise and should be the best year in our history. We encourage you to get involved. We would love hearing from you.

FORESTRY CLUB ENJOYING SUCCESSFUL YEAR

BY

David Pittman, Forestry Club Vice President

This year the participation in the Forestry Club has significantly improved, as has the activity level. During the fall quarter, we enjoyed some very interesting guest speakers. Bill Consoletti of Mead Coated Board, Inc. presented us with an informative look at their geographical information system. Robert Pittman of White Oak Plantation spoke to us about the timber and wildlife management at his hunting lodge in Bullock County, Alabama. Mark Thomas of American Cyanamid provided us with an educational lecture on herbicide research and application.

The Club is presently planning to send a group to Conclave, which is being held this year by LSU and Louisiana Tech. We hope to fare a little better in the competition this year than we have in past years. We have sold t-shirts, hats, and had a big buck contest this year to fund this trip.

We are currently contacting possible speakers for the remainder of the year. We are hoping to get representatives from American Forest Council, the Sierra Club, someone from Forestry Suppliers, and speakers on wetlands and BMPs.

Another major activity will be the Spring Banquet which will provide recognition to those students who have done well in school this year. Soon after that the Club will hold its spring picnic on Lake Martin.

It seems as though the Club has had a successful year; the final thing remaining is to elect a group of officers who will work hard next year and keep it going and growing.

Arthur T. Brown ('80)

Arthur died in tractor-loading accident on August 22, 1991, near Asheville, Alabama. Survivors include a brother, Hayes ('82 Forestry, currently a lawyer in the Birmingham area); and a cousin Glenn C. Brown ('78 Forestry) and Glenn's wife, Kay Lenoir, a ('79 Forestry).

AUBURN FORESTRY FOUNDATION

Established 1960's; Reactivated 1989.

Purpose: To provide supplemental income to the School of Forestry, Auburn University through the "Forestry Endowment Trust Fund".

Officers and Directors, January 1, 1992

President	Bill Jones ('78)
Vice President	Mary Lou Gamble ('76)
Exec. Vice President	Vaughn Stough ('73)
Secretary	Charles F. Raper
Treasurer	Treasurer, Auburn University
Directors:	Jim Spears ('58)
	Layton Skinner ('66)
Immediate Past President	Art Arnold ('63)

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, JANUARY 1, 1992

President	Jim Spears ('58)
Vice President	Eric J. Martin ('78)
Secretary-Treasurer	Charles F. Raper
Immediate Past President	Wayne King ('64)

David N. Speake (M.S. '77) has been appointed Senior Financial Analyst in the Eastern Region of International Paper's Land and Timber Group. Speake, who also earned a degree in accounting from Auburn, lives in Georgetown, S.C., together with his wife, Susan, and son, David. Speake began his career with International in 1981 and has since worked in land and timber, logging, and timber supply.

The Auburn Forestry Foundation is a subsidiary of the Auburn University Foundation. Donations of cash, securities, or property to either Foundation are deductible under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, and the Tax Code of Alabama. Please contact Charles F. Raper, Secretary, for additional information.

John Haggard ('83) has been promoted to Forestry Operations Manager by Potomac Supply Corporation, Kinsale, Virginia, and retains his previous responsibilities as Sawmill Manager for this firm.

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SCHOOL OF FORESTRY
AUBURN UNIVERSITY
ALUMNI DATASHEET

NAME: _____ Year Graduated: _____

Circle Forest Management, Forest Products, Forest Engineering
Appropriate degree(s): Masters -- Major Professor: _____
Ph.D -- Major Professor: _____

Home Address: _____ Telephone Number: _____
_____ () - _____

Business Address: _____ Telephone Number: _____
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Responsibilities: (Please check appropriate blanks)

_____	Land management	_____	Raw material supply/procurement
_____	Personnel management	_____	Processing plant management
_____	Education	_____	Consulting
_____	Other, explain _____		

How often do you attend Auburn Forestry Alumni Association functions?

	Regularly	Occasionally	Never
State	_____	_____	_____
Regional	_____	_____	_____
National	_____	_____	_____

How often do you visit the Auburn University campus? (Please circle)

Once or more per week Once or more per month Once or more per year
Once or more every five years Once or every ten years
I have not visited since graduation

What activities, functions or issues would you like to see your Alumni Association sponsor or address?

Professional memberships, offices, activities (SAF, AFA, etc.):

In what hobbies or leisure activities are you involved:

Other activities (Church, Scouts, etc.):

Other comments or information: (Promotions, Honors, Awards, etc.)

May we use this information in Alumni publications? YES NO