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A NEW CHAPTER

October 1, 1999 was a significant day in the history of the School of Forestry. After approximately eighteen months of discussion, presentation, deliberation, and negotiation, the Wildlife Sciences Faculty was merged into the School of Forestry. This has been a methodical process, the result of which will provide enhanced opportunities for teaching, research, and extension. I would like to provide a brief overview of the process and my view of the potential for enhancement of our total program.

In the summer of 1998, the Auburn University Board of Trustees appointed the Commission to Review the Role of Auburn University in the 21st Century to investigate reallocation of resources and reorganization within the University. In reference to reallocation, the School of Forestry was designated as a Peak of Excellence Program, which portends a significant increase in our research budget. You can read more about our Peak of Excellence Program later in the Alumni News.

The exploration of reorganization held great potential impact on the School. There were numerous reorganization proposals submitted. Included in these were a proposal to reincorporate the School of Forestry into the College of Agriculture. Jim Martin '64/'66 successfully rebuffed this proposal as a step backward for the interests of forestry in Alabama. None of our peer forestry programs is an academic unit within a College of Agriculture. Most include both forestry and wildlife disciplines in one school. Jim argued that a more holistic forestry and wildlife sciences program was a more logical organization. This provided the base upon which our proposal was crafted.

We wanted a broadly supported proposal that included stakeholder participation. Our proposal received support from the Alabama Forestry Association, Alabama Forest Resources Council, and Alabama Wildlife Federation. There was ownership by the faculty of both programs; they could see the logic and benefits of such a unified program.

However, reorganization of a University administrative

structure is slow and methodical. Our process began with joint faculty meetings to discuss enhanced opportunities for student interaction, research collaboration, and extension programs for landowners. After several meetings, a small team of faculty from each program was assembled to draft a proposal to submit to the President of Auburn University. The rationale for the program merger encompassed enhancement of education, research, and extension missions.

The education and preparation of our students as professional resource managers will be enhanced through an increased ability to develop more comprehensive and integrated natural resource curriculum models. We will also have opportunities for more efficient use of educational

facilities, such as the Solon Dixon Forestry Center for enhanced summer programs and joint educational ventures.

Collaborative research opportunities will increase. Most forestland owners have multiple resource objectives that include timber and wildlife management, recreation, and aesthetics. Joint forestry and wildlife research projects

will more efficiently meet needs and solve problems common to the citizens of Alabama.

Extension education efforts should also be more efficient. Serving the traditional wildlife and forestry clientele in the state through a unified extension program will provide technology transfer packages that present wildlife and timber management as interconnected disciplines.

The 40 faculty members, 32 support personnel, and more than 300 students became one School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences on October 1, 1999. Thus begins a new era and a tremendous opportunity. We plan to serve students, professionals, landowners, and the public well in our new organization. It is another step toward our goal of becoming the premier forestry and wildlife program in the country.

Richard W. Brinker
Dean
School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences



Dean Richard Brinker welcomes Wildlife Sciences faculty into the School. (l-r) Drs. Barry Grand, Keith Causey, Jim Armstrong, Gray Hepp, Mike Mitchell, and Dean Brinker. Not pictured are Ralph Murchi and Lee Strubling.

Now that I have completed my first year as Dean of the School of Forestry, I can look back upon numerous events that have had a significant impact on the future of the School. These events include preparation for transition to the semester system for fall 2000, particularly in the area of curriculum revision, which is always an ongoing process. We were able to develop funding for the new building. The Agricultural



Bond issue will provide \$7 million and there has been an additional \$6 million budgeted from federal funds through the U.S. Forest Service. We have merged the Wildlife Sciences program into the School, and have successfully competed for recognition as a Peak of Excellence Program within the University.

All of these events will provide a better foundation for the primary reason we exist as a School of Forestry, to provide the best education possible to our undergraduate and graduate students. The true measure of a program does not reveal itself until long after the graduates have completed their education and achieved successes in the professional arena. We have undertaken a survey of our alumni this past summer to obtain a scientifically sound impression of their level of success and satisfaction with the education they received at Auburn University and the School of Forestry. I know this will provide us with reliable information to judge our level of success as an academic program. However, the Dean can also measure success and the potential for success informally through visits with students—old and new.

I had the privilege to enjoy the return of the first graduating class at Auburn University to receive a forestry degree. The Class of '48 was invited to return to campus last fall as our first class of Golden Eagles. This class of 10 graduates, most of which was WWII veterans, completed their bachelor's degree and headed out to the "real world" in 1948. Fifty years later, there were six remaining, and three of them returned with their wives to the Loveliest Village on the Plains. For most of them, it was their first trip back to their Alma Mater. They could find their way around campus, but needless to say, there had been many changes. They reminisced about old times and courses they had taken together. Professor Wilbur DeVall was the Department Head and remembered them all vividly, even their nicknames they had while in school. All had pursued careers in forestry, Charles Brown remained in forestry, but the Weeks twins, Rufus and Harold later switched career fields to electrical utilities and

a career as a circuit court judge. I know that the Auburn Creed had been indelibly imprinted on each of them and served them well in their professional careers. Fifty years after graduation, the Auburn spirit was alive in our first class of Golden Eagles. They were a great group to be with!

Looking to the future is a different type of experience, but one that is even more fulfilling. This summer, I once again spent three weeks at the Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center with 46 forestry students who will be the Class of 2001. Dr. Robert Tufts and I gave them a "concentrated dose" of Forest Surveying in the L.A. heat. This was my twelfth summer at the Dixon Center, and each year becomes more enjoyable. The designation has been changed from Summer Camp to Summer Practicum. Nevertheless, the ten-week session still makes an impression on every student, and every class has made an impression on me. The youthful exuberance and desire to become professional foresters was clearly evident. I scheduled an hour one evening to be on the front porch of the faculty quarters and invited the students to stop by to ask questions about the forestry profession, forestry program, provide feedback on the Summer Practicum, or discuss whatever was on their mind. The one-hour session went well beyond two hours, and some even visited with me the next day. These students were excited to be in the professional forestry program, and had thoroughly enjoyed and genuinely appreciated their experience at the Dixon Center. They were a remarkably inquisitive group. They wanted to understand all of what had been presented to them in class and field exercises. I know that two years from now there will be another graduating class of Auburn Foresters ready to "tackle the world." We will have nurtured another crop of future Golden Eagles.

Seeing Auburn Foresters, past and future is a thought-provoking experience. Youthful enthusiasm is unbounded; wizened experience is impressive. One cannot help but appreciate the potential impact that School of Forestry faculty has on the profession. Such an experience reinforces why we as faculty followed the teaching profession. Having an impact on a student, exciting their interest in forestry, and preparing them for a career as a professional forester is an imposing and important task, but one that all of our faculty understand and appreciate.

If you haven't been by the School since you graduated, stop by and see us. We're always glad to visit with Auburn foresters, past, present, and future.

WAR EAGLE!!!

Richard W. Brinker
Dean

School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

As I write this message to you, the temperature outside is a blistering 100 degrees. Summer is here! It is hard to imagine the coming fall temperatures, football season, the building of wood yard inventories, and a new school year. It is also difficult to believe that my two-year term as Alumni President is coming to a end. We have seen many changes during this time. These changes have been exciting and positive for the School of Forestry.

Perhaps the most exciting change at the School of Forestry in many years is the welcomed inclusion of the Wildlife Sciences program. Equally as exciting is the University's naming the School of Forestry as one of the seven Peaks of Excellence program. Both changes will add to the School's prestige and notoriety. Also on the School's agenda is the issue of a new building to house the School's facilities, classrooms, and faculty. We all know how badly a new building is needed. Hopefully, we will see ground breaking soon. It would be very appropriate to have a new building to start the next century.

The year 2000 will bring with it a new Alumni President, Leh Bass '75. Leh is looking forward to his term of service and is eager to take action.

In February, I attended the School of Forestry Advisory Council meeting. At the dinner that night, James (Jim) Martin '64/66, was awarded this year's Outstanding Alumnus Award. Jim has made countless contributions to the School of Forestry and to Auburn University. We are lucky to have him as one of our Alumni.

As spring arrived, I attended the Awards Banquet hosted by the Forestry Club. The banquet is always a well-organized and enjoyable event. The Forestry Club officers always display good organizational skills and composure. This speaks well of the quality of the student body and their educators. Each year at this event, the AU School of Forestry Alumni Association presents our organization's Outstanding Senior Award to the senior with the highest GPA. Congratulations to Edward Cole, this year's recipient.

Eating barbecue at the School of Forestry on game day during homecoming weekend has become a tradition. It is a very special event. Plan to come join us as we eat the best barbecue in town. Be sure to bring your family as well, because it is a family affair. You will probably see someone that you have not seen in years.

The past two years have been very exciting. I am very thankful to have had this opportunity. I have been able to watch as the School of Forestry prepares itself for the coming millennium, and I am excited about what I have seen and heard. The School has positioned itself to stand out from other forestry schools, in terms of facilities, curriculum, education, and research. As Alumni, you should be proud of your School and continue to support it's future. Hope to see you at homecoming!

Mark Bond '90
President
Auburn Forestry Alumni Association

LOST ALUMNI

Help! We need to update our records but have lost track of the following alumni. Do you know how to locate them? If so, please contact Angie Stephens, Office of Alumni and Development, 317 South College Street, Auburn University, AL 36849-3418. You can also contact Angie through e-mail at stephens@alumni.auburn.edu.

Forestry Alumni

Mr. Paul Allen Abbott '67
LT Jamie H. Arhe '67
Mr. Michael P. Bailey '78
Mr. Herman Edward Balk '51
Mr. Samuel Quincy Bass '50
Mr. W. Harold Blackmarr '88
Mr. Paul Harrison Bourens '57
Ms. Bonnie C. Boyd '77
Mr. William H. Boyd '60
Mr. Walter Ratchford Bullock, Jr. '19
Mr. Samuel Edward Burnes '59
Mr. Chi-Ching Chen '81
Ms. Conale Jo Chestnut '86
Mr. Yen Ming Chie '69
Mr. Arthur Allen Coleman '68
Mr. Richard Henry Crawe '71
Mr. Stanley Mark Curry '72
Mr. Clarence Newton Dale, Jr. '33
LT Aubrey Davis, Jr. '63
Mr. Edward Lee Dozier '95
Mr. James Allen Dukes '60
Mr. James M. Dunn, III '77
Maj. Preston C. Dye '62
Mr. Donald W. Ellington '77
Mr. Phillip L. Glasco '77
Mr. David M. Grasmick '74
Mr. Jack Phillip Harline '61
Mr. Michel Nicolas Harrison '76
Mr. William B. Harris '76
Mr. Gregory Marshall Hayden '78
Mr. Jack Mae Hayes '79
Mr. Zhenao He '94
Mr. Oyn Gerald Hogeland '75
Mr. Edward Keni Horton, Jr. '93
Mr. Richard Barnham Howard '75
Mr. James Charles Keating '78
Mr. Russell M. Kolson '74
Mr. Julius R. Kilburn '51
Mr. John R. Killham '70
Mr. Arthur H. Kirkby, Jr. '60
Mr. John Andrew Kite, Jr. '51
Mr. Steven Alan Knowe '77
Mr. Jada Koessapartaji '84
Mrs. Cynthia Goodgin Lacsic '89
Mr. Ronald E. Langston '78
Mr. Veto James Lasalle '65
Mr. Alfonso Joseph Leo, Jr. '67
Mr. James Douglas Lively '79
Mr. Jimmy Daniel Lassetter '87
Mr. Charles U. Lawrence '78
Mr. Robert Keith Lowe '95
Mr. Curtis Dearman Lucy '76
Mr. Forbes George Haeala Mangalois '80

Mr. Douglas Marshall '99
Mr. Cory Wright Martin '98
Mr. Robert A. Mason '58
Mr. Cleon Earle Maxon '51
Mr. Charles Carter McCall '62
Mr. John B. McDaniel '49
Mr. Angus M. McMillan, Jr. '58
Dr. Richard J. Meier '76
Mr. Julius Caesar Mercado '89
Mr. Henry Ross Miller '67
Mr. Manning D. Miller, II '76
Mr. Johnny Mims '99
Mr. Oliver Paul Minton '65
Mr. Brent Escott Montgomery '79
Mr. Thomas W. Myers '74
Dr. Neil G. Nieltols '58
Mr. Hubert E. Payton '74
Dr. Douglas Gordon Pitt '94
Mr. Robert K. Posty '61
Mr. Hans Rieckert '61
Mr. Jerry Anthony Sisco '62
Mr. Robert B. Smallwood, Jr. '61
Mr. Robert Irvin Smith '53
Mr. Tony Brian Southland '80
Mr. Charles H. Steiner, III '59
Mr. Thomas W. Stephens '78
Mr. Billy R. Sturdivant '61
Mrs. Mei-Lai Tsay '81
Mr. Byron T. Waldrip, Jr. '68
LT Michael C. Waldrip '77
Mr. Joseph A. Walker '74
LCDR. Peter B. Wann '77
Mr. Michael Kelly Ward '67
Mr. Michael C. Watson '78
Mr. William J. Watson '58
Dr. Hans Michael Williams '89
Mr. Fred J. Wood '61
Mr. Michael L. Wright '76
Dr. Min-Chyuan Yeh '90

Wildlife Sciences Alumni

Mr. Robert F. Dorsey '78
Mr. Richard Gonzalez Espino-Barron '88
LT Howard Stewart Green '76
Mr. Hilburn Otto Hillestad '66
Mr. John C. Kilgore '78
Mr. Jason Paranoke '97
Ms. Kim Michelle Rasmussen '92
Mr. Robert Earl Richards '82
Mrs. Mary Nanette Scarborough '88
Mr. Todd M. Schaffer '78
Mr. Jay A. Speight '78
Mr. Dennis D. Whitcoringer '78

ALUMNI HAPPENINGS

1950s

Richard J. Miles III '58 (BS) has returned to Alabama after 35 years in Maryland and has a home on "beautiful" Lake Martin. A widower with three children, he is owner of Miles Associates, a tax, accounting, financial, and estate planning firm in Alexander City.

1970s

Oscar G. Traczewitz '70 (BS) is employed as Manager/Strategic Analysts by International Paper in Dallas, TX. He currently resides in Plano, TX.

1980s

Jonathan E. "Rick" Barrick '80 (BS) is working for USX Corporation in Fairfield as a Forester. He is living in Bessemer.

Philip A. Johnson '83 (BS) lives in Meridian, MS, with his wife Lacy '83, son Daniel, and daughter Emmie. He is employed as a Private Land Management Forester by Scotch Plywood Company in Waynesboro, MS, where he is responsible for 80,000 acres of private land. When not working, Philip enjoys hunting on his tree farm.

Doug Scott '85 (BS) is Senior Procurement Forester for Champion International Corporation in Monroeville. He and his wife Davia, an Oklahoma State University Forestry alumnus, have three daughters, Renee, 8; Theresa, 4; and Ashton, 2. Doug has had "little success" in quail hunting during the 1990s but has "high hopes" for improvement in the next century.

1990s

Matt Brown '95 (BS) is working as a Forester doing Tree Farm Inspection for Stone Container Corporation in Live Oak, FL. He was promoted from technician in November 1998. He resides in Lake City, FL.

Walter Henry "Hank" Burch '95 (MS) is currently employed by Lewis Communications, Division of Environmental Public in Mobile. He lives in Spanish Fort.

Randy Cound '96 (BS) lives in Dadeville with his wife Yarb Phillips Cound '93 and their 3-year-old daughter Ally. He is currently the Area Manager of Central Alabama Procurement for Canal Wood Corporation in Lafayette.

Callie S. Dixon '98 (BS) is employed as a Procurement Forester for Mead Containerboard in Stevenson. He is living in Scottsboro.

Michael Hardy '95 (BS) is working as a Forester for the Mobile County Public School System. He is currently living in Fairhope.

Ashley Parkman Smith '95 (BS) married Ben Smith on May 2, 1998. They are both employed by Mead Coated Board and currently reside in Auburn.

Craig Trummel '94 (BS) is a first year law student at the University of Wyoming. He lives in Laramie, WY, with his wife Jennifer, and their daughter Aidan, born October 11, 1998.

Patrick Walding '95 (BS) is currently working as City Forester for Johnson City in Tennessee. He also resides in Johnson City.

IN MEMORY OF ALUMNI

Joseph Lee Chambless '58 passed away September 14, 1998, at the age of 68. Chambless, a Memphis, TN native, was a believer in the Christian faith. After graduating from Auburn, he lived in Birmingham. Chambless moved to Inverness, FL, near St. Petersburg, in the late 1950s, where he worked as a forester until his retirement.

Jack E. Crouch '51 passed away November 17, 1998. He lived in Hoover. Crouch was retired from Kimberly Clark Corporation after 37 years as vice president of community affairs. A Sunday school teacher at Centreville Baptist Church, he was a member of the Society of American Foresters, the American Legion, the Civil War Round Table, the Alabama Cattlemen's Association, and was chairman of the Alabama Ironworks Commission.

Sharon A. Clark Grigsby '82 passed away December 24, 1998. She was a resident of Montgomery. Grigsby had been an urban forestry specialist with the Alabama Forestry Commission for 16 years.

Clyde Ernest "Ernie" Hollingsworth '68 passed away May 21, 1999, at the age of 57. Hollingsworth, a Birmingham native, had resided in Northport since 1974. Following graduation from Auburn, he worked for several years with Resource Management Service in Birmingham and later with Champion Paper Corporation in Courtland. He was an employee of Warrior Tractor and Equipment where he served as a sales representative for the past 14 years. An active deacon at the Northport Baptist Church, Hollingsworth had also served in the U.S. Army 20th Special Forces before receiving an honorable discharge.

Richard Barton Merritt '79 passed away May 3, 1999, at the age of 42. Merritt was born in Fayetteville, NC, and moved to Jacksonville in 1967. He attended Auburn from 1975 to 1979 and was a member of the university's marching band. Merritt joined the Seaboard Coastline, later CSX Transportation, in 1981. He received an MBA from the University of North Florida in 1985. He served as Train Master at Gentilly Yard in New Orleans, LA, from 1990 to 1995. After returning to Jacksonville in 1995, he was promoted to Director of Crew Utilization.

A. Kent Van Cleave '50 passed away January 10, 1999, at the age of 71. Van Cleave, a Mobile native, was a U.S. Navy Veteran of World War II as well as serving as a Corps of Engineering Officer in the Korean conflict. He resided in Centreville, MS, and was CEO of Buffalo Services, Inc. and CEO and president of Buffalo Wood, Inc. Van Cleave was a member of many professional organizations including the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Petroleum Marketers Association, Society of American Foresters, Mississippi Trucking Association, American Pulpwood Association, and the Rotary Club. He was former president of the Centreville Chamber of Commerce, former alderman in Centreville, and past president and director of the Forester Landowners Association. He was also a member of Saint Joseph's Catholic Church in Woodville.

OUTSTANDING FORESTRY ALUMNUS AWARD

The Auburn University Forestry Alumni Association honored James "Jim" William Martin '64/'66, a long time friend and supporter of the School of Forestry, by naming him the 1998 Outstanding Forestry Alumnus. Martin, a native of Centreville, holds a B.S. and M.S. from Auburn's School of Forestry.

Martin has been successfully employed in the forest industry for more than three decades. He began his career in the Army where he served two years as a plant physiologist. In 1968, he left the Army to join American Can Company. While with American Can Company, now Primerica Corporation, he held positions around the country. These positions include Staff Management Forester for Southern Woodlands; Corporate Coordinator of Woodlands-Sawmills Operations in Greenwich, CN; Manager of Western Woodlands and Sawmills in Halsey, OR; Operations Manager of Resource Planning and Harvesting for Southern Woodlands; and Director of Southern Forest Products Operations. In 1988, Martin left Primerica to become President of Canal Wood Corporation of Mississippi.

Martin has been active in both educational and professional development organizations. He currently serves as Chairman of the Board for the Alabama Forestry Association, and as Chairman of the Auburn University School of Forestry Advisory Council. Previously, he has acted as President of the Alabama Forestry Association; Executive Committee Chairman of North Carolina State Tree Improvement Program; Chairman of the Auburn University Silvicultural Cooperative; board member and Executive Committee member of the Southern Forest Products Association; Chairman of the Woodbasket Chapter of the Society of American Foresters; and member of the Southern Industrial Forestry Research Committee. He was also instrumental in rebutting the proposal to reincorporate the School of Forestry into the College of Agriculture.

Martin is currently working as Vice President of Market Relations for Canal Industries reporting to the corporate office in Conway, SC. In addition to his career and service to forestry, he is an avid hunter, a devoted husband, and an exemplary father.

Since 1984, the Auburn Forestry Alumni Association (AFAA) has presented its annual Alumnus Award at the School of Forestry Advisory Council Banquet. The Outstanding Forestry Alumnus Award, as it is so named, recognizes an exceptional alumnus for outstanding contributions to forestry and society at large. Candidates must be graduates of Auburn University's School of Forestry (formerly the Department of Forestry) and are considered for the award based on their outstanding contributions to forestry in Alabama, nationally, or internationally. Character, integrity, and community contributions are also considered.

THE W. KELLY MOSLEY
ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS

Land stewardship and natural resource management practices that need to be recognized, have become widespread in Alabama. The W. Kelly Mosley Environmental Awards Program has played an important role in encouraging the wise use of our renewable natural resources. In doing so, the Mosley Environmental Awards Program recognizes and awards those unsung heroes exhibiting outstanding conservation ethics through voluntary achievements in forestry, wildlife, fisheries, soil, water, air, wildflowers, and environmental education. A certificate, a cash award of up to \$500, and a framed limited-edition reproduction of a forestry/wildlife painting are given in recognition of previous achievements. Grants, including a certificate of recognition and a cash award of \$500 to \$2000, are given for efforts to advance knowledge and development in the above mentioned areas.

The Mosley Selection Committee, represented by individuals in public, private, and educational organizations in natural resources, recognizes many individuals' achievements each year. Among the awardees in 1999 were Eddie Aldridge, Tom Corley, and The Florence Garden Club. Aldridge was given the Achievement award for donating his home and 30 acres of property to the City of Hoover. His home and land are now the Aldridge Park and Gardens protected from development and used as a hydrangea garden. The park is used for many conservation and educational programs. Corley received the Achievement award for preserving an 1840s log home and developing the surrounding acreage into an environmentally sound and useful area featuring many native species. The Florence Garden Club was awarded a \$750 grant for the establishment of a park featuring Alabama's new state wildflower, the oak-leaf hydrangea, for the City of Florence.

Individuals or groups, youths or adults, professionals or private citizens are all eligible to receive an award or grant. Persons may nominate themselves or others they believe are demonstrative of efforts recognized by the W. Kelly Mosley Environmental Awards Program. Nominations must be submitted in writing and are accepted by the selection committee at any point during the year. Nominations are reviewed and awards normally announced twice a year. Additional information may be obtained by writing to Dr. H. Lee Stribling, School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences, 331 Funchess Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849-5414.

Lee Stribling
Mosley Associate Professor, Wildlife Science/
Extension Specialist
School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences

The year was 1948. Harry Truman was president; the Indians won the World Series; Bing Crosby, Doris Day, and Dinah Shore topped the music charts; and the average American household earned an annual \$2854. As post-WWII society refocused on the "American Dream", Auburn Forestry achieved a dream of its own. In 1948, fourteen men dressed in cap and gown walked across a stage at Alabama Polytechnic Institute (later Auburn University) and became the University's first forestry graduates.

The following year America continued to progress. Truman was still president; Bing Crosby remained a chart topper, along with Perry Como and Frankie Lane; and the average American family's yearly income had risen to an amazing \$2959. As the country prospered, so did Auburn Forestry. When the second class of foresters graduated in 1949, it boasted forty members—nearly tripling the number from the previous year.

Much has changed in the nearly 51 years since those first forestry graduates left Auburn. Advancements in science and technology, combined with a lot of hard work, have made forestry Alabama's top industry. But what of those 54 men who were forestry pioneers in the State of Alabama and throughout the South? Fifty years after receiving their degrees, members of the first and second graduating classes of Auburn Forestry returned to the University to

celebrate another forestry milestone. These graduates have again made Auburn history by becoming the School of Forestry's first Golden Eagles.

Golden Eagles Réunions were held in 1998 and 1999 for the Class of 1948 and 1949, respectively. Special festivities sponsored by the University included tours, seminars, and an induction ceremony during which each graduate received a 50-year pin and certificate. The School of Forestry also honored its distinguished graduates with a tour of the forestry building followed by a luncheon at the Auburn University Hotel and Dixon Conference Center. The group reminisced about their college days, particularly their time at summer camp. During the luncheon, Dean Richard Brinker presented each of the graduates with an Auburn Forestry shirt and cap and thanked them for "paving the way" for forestry in Alabama. He also spoke of his two favorite yearly Auburn Forestry events—the Golden Eagles Reunion and the first day of Summer Practicum. They are favorites because the first enables us to share in a forestry graduate's lifetime of accomplishments, while the second allows us to share in the excitement of those who will be forestry's future.

To the Forestry Golden Eagles, who are representatives of our past and examples for our future, congratulations... and thank you.



(l-r) Dean Richard Brinker, Fern Nix '48 (Home Economics), Greenville, AL; James Harold Weeks '48 (Forestry), Atlanta, GA; John Caldwell '47 (Aerospace Engineering), Demopolis, AL; Duain Luce '38 (Chemical Engineering), Mobile, AL; Wilbur DeWitt, Professor Emeritus, Auburn, AL; Rufus Horace Weeks '48 (Forestry), Stone Mountain, GA; and Charles Brown '48 (Forestry), Charlotte, NC.



(l-r) Dean Richard Brinker; H. Walter Rehling '49, Henderson, TX; James Erwin Smith '49, Birmingham, AL; Youngwood Rainer '49, Abbeville, AL; James W. Richardson '49, Blakely, GA; and Wilbur DeWitt, Professor Emeritus, Auburn, AL.

FORESTRY CLASS OF 1948

Charles W. Brown
William Lewis Certain, III
Joe Frank Christopher
John Richard Cook, Jr.
Leon F. Estes
Robert Bernard Freese, Sr.
Jake Barnett Matthews
Oswald Henry Minnis
Conroy Leon Olive, Jr.
Harold L. Phillips
Frank Marion Stewart, Jr.
Robert Donald Thresh
James Harold Weeks
Rufus Horace Weeks, Jr.

H. Quinton Barrington
James W. Beall
Lura R. Blankenship
W. Lester Brown
Whiter E. Bullock
Burt D. Cavison
Gene N. Castleberry
James Herbert Collins, Jr.
Walter J. Culbertson, Jr.
Joseph T. Culpepper
Thomas R. Colpepper
Walter E. Dabberley, Jr.
Alex G. Duke
Wayne Dunn

FORESTRY CLASS OF 1949

R. C. Ellison
John D. Guy, Jr.
Jack A. G. Haynes
Milford W. Holcomb
Thomas H. Kelly, Jr.
William Frank Lane
Richard D. Marsh
John E. McDaniel
Harry K. Meigs
Ernie O. Moore
William T. Ogletree
Richard Charles Outerberg
Ralph McNeil Patrick
Young Wood Rainer

H. Walter Rehling
James W. Richardson
Jest Rowell
J. Paul Scherer
William R. Sims
James Erwin Smith
James H. Smith, Jr.
Jimmy Wallace Swanson
Roderick C. Underwood
R. C. Wakefield
Reafoed B. Williams
Vernon Yow

FORESTRY CONDUCTS ALUMNI SURVEY

Earlier this year the School of Forestry engaged the University's Survey Lab to conduct a survey of its Alumni. Information was sought about their career paths, level of satisfaction and compensation in their work, strengths and weaknesses in the Auburn educational experience, and related professional and demographic matters. On a base of 650 respondents, about one-third of our graduates, here are some of the survey's highlights:

Respondent Characteristics

- 31% of respondents with an undergraduate degree graduated in the School's first three decades (1948-1978). The remainder were rather evenly grouped in the last two decades (34% in 1979-88, 35% in 1989-99).
- Almost two-thirds of respondents (65%) currently live in Alabama.
- Other states where Auburn Forestry alumni live include Georgia (10%), Florida (5%), Mississippi (4%). Virtually all southern states have at least 5 Auburn Forestry graduates in residence.
- More than half of respondents (57%) were between the ages of 30 and 49 years old.
- Almost all respondents (98%) are white; 94% male.
- 91% have received an undergraduate degree in forestry from Auburn.
- 9% have received a Master's degree from Auburn; 3% have received a doctoral degree from Auburn.

Satisfaction with Career Selection

- 69% of the respondents are very satisfied with their career selection.

Satisfaction with Forestry Education

- 75% rated their satisfaction with their Auburn forestry education, on a scale from 1 "very dissatisfied" to 10 "very satisfied", at 8 or above.

Recommend School of Forestry

- Virtually all of the respondents (96%) would recommend Auburn's School of Forestry to new students who are interested in a career in forestry.

Compensation

- About half of the respondents who are currently employed in a forestry-related position (52%) receive a total yearly compensation from their primary employer that is between \$30,000 and \$60,000.

Employment

- 79% are employed in a forestry-related field.
- The majority of currently-employed respondents (59%) work for a private company, 19% are self-employed, and 16% work for government.
- One-third of respondents' current job responsibilities involve technical work. Others: multiple responsibilities (17%), investment management (13%), sales (10%), procurement (8%), research (4%), education (4%), administration (3%), public relations (2%).
- Respondents not currently employed in a forestry-related position work in a wide variety of non-forestry fields including financial (10%), education (8%), construction (8%), technology (8%), engineering (8%), law (7%), and sales (6%).

Membership in Professional Organizations

- The majority (53%) of respondents were members of SAF.
- Many (47%) were members of other forestry-related professional organizations.

The data reported above, and those related to satisfaction with the Auburn forestry curriculum, are being analyzed according to respondent's date of graduation to determine whether outcomes have been affected by curricular changes and other factors over time.

A more detailed report of the Survey's findings will be shared with Alumni and with the School's Advisory Council when analyses are complete.

George W. Bengtson
Associate Dean
School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences

ATTENTION E-MAIL USERS

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FORESTRY CLUB SALE

The Auburn Forestry Club has polo shirts, t-shirts, hats, and other items with the Auburn Forestry logo for sale. The cost is \$30 for polo shirts, \$15 for t-shirts, and \$12 for hats.

These items will be available at the Homecoming Barbecue. They may also be purchased by contacting Lane Messer at (334) 844-1001.

A NEW INITIATIVE

During the past year, academic programs on the Auburn University campus have undergone extensive review in terms of general effectiveness and relation to needs within Alabama. Consequently, a re-prioritization has occurred whereby some programs are to be de-emphasized while others undergo expansion. The ongoing process of program evolution will result in an aggregation of academic programs which are more responsive to our constituents.

One of the mechanisms through which expansion will occur involves re-allocation of resources into selected programs which have the potential to become national Centers of Excellence. We in the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences are very fortunate to be associated with one of the Centers. In our case, the Center of Excellence concept will be used to enhance research efforts which focus on forest sustainability. Although based within the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences, faculty within the College of Agriculture, College of Science and Mathematics, and College of Business will also play integral roles.

As many of our Alumni are aware, forest sustainability (i.e. the maintenance of forest functions associated with wood products, wildlife habitat, enhancement of water quality, and other societal values) represents the most critical issue which forestry will face in the 21st Century. As human populations increase exponentially, utilization pressures on natural resources will accelerate accordingly. Thus, it is appropriate that the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences at Auburn University become a national leader in this arena.

In the coming weeks, we will be working to organize our forest sustainability activities. In general, the work will entail three foci:

1. The productivity, disease/pest interactions, and carbon sequestration associated with plantation forests.
2. The productivity, wildlife, and water quality functions of naturally regenerated forests.
3. The economic/policy considerations, and integration of 1 and 2.

Multi-disciplinary teams will be formed to address each foci and to provide linkages among research themes. The opportunity to develop an integrated series of investigations which incorporates ecology, silviculture, and human dimensions is truly exciting and will provide a substantive contribution toward understanding the complex issues surrounding forest sustainability.

Graeme Lockaby
Professor, Forest Soils
School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences

SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY FOR PRIVATE LANDOWNERS

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System and the School of Forestry, supported by Alabama's forest industry, has initiated a New Forest landowner support program. The program's goal is to educate forest landowners and non-landowners (stakeholders) in the personal, social, environmental and economic values that can be derived from forestland, as well as how to achieve these benefits in a sustainable manner. This program, called the Private Forest Management Team (PFMT) is a coordinated team effort among many groups and agencies that work with or support forest landowners in Alabama.

Two PFMT initiatives include a World Wide Web site (<http://www.pfmi.org>) and an education, motivation, and recognition program called *Forest Masters*. The structure and format of the website has been designed and new information is constantly being added. The site is organized like a book, with "chapters" or topics related to forest management. Topics include *Planning and Objectives, Best Management Practices, Stand Establishment and Management, Forest Roads, Wildlife Management, Economics, Aesthetics, Services by County*, and others. The site has a glossary to help landowners understand forestry terminology.

A second PFMT initiative, called *Forest Masters*, is a program similar to Master Gardeners for forest landowners and other stakeholders. This initiative will use numerous educational programs and service opportunities that already exist in Alabama and work to develop new educational opportunities, as needed.

Forest Masters will use continuing education units similar to forestry CEUs. Any program in Alabama that addresses appropriate technical topics can qualify for *Forest Master Credits (FMC)*. Organizers will submit an agenda to the *Forest Masters Coordinator*. Credits will be assigned to the activity designated for out of several identified Topic Groups. Participants will build credits with each educational activity in which they participate.

Once a participant achieves a designated number of credits within a Topic Group, they will receive a certificate and medallion, signifying level of achievement. When a participant earns credits across a range of topics, they will receive a certificate recognizing them as a *Forest Master—Bronze Level, Silver Level or Gold Level*. Recognition beyond the Bronze Level requires service hours, such as teaching other forest landowners, working with school children, serving as forest landowner organization officers, etc.

These two initiatives are aimed at improving forest landowners' and the public's understanding of the importance of our forests and the importance of actively managing a forest for objectives appropriate to each landowner.

Glenn Glover
Associate Professor, Forest Biometrics/
Extension Specialist, Private Forest Management
School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences

Roxanna Dean
Information Technology Specialist
School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences

AUBURN UNIVERSITY GOING TO SEMESTERS

Beginning in fall 2000, Auburn University will be offering classes under the semester system. Rather than three ten-week quarters each academic year, the new semester system will offer two fifteen-week semesters. Fall semester will begin in late August instead of late September, and the spring semester will end by early May instead of early June. This will bring Auburn University's calendar and course offerings in line with other major institutions in the region and with the state's community colleges. Other benefits include more time between class meetings for students to review and faculty to prepare materials, earlier student availability for summer and permanent employment, and a cost savings to the University with one less academic session each year. According to former AU Provost Paul Parks, now retired, "Perhaps the most significant outcome of the change is that it is giving Auburn a rare opportunity to fully assess its curriculum and make revisions that will result in a stronger academic program." (see <http://www.auburn.edu/academic/provost/semester>).

For the past year, the School of Forestry has been doing exactly that. It has been reviewing and revising the Professional Forestry Degrees, both undergraduate and graduate, for the semester system. The School of Forestry recently modified the curriculum in 1995 to create a Professional Degree that limited enrollment to Summer Practicum, created the Junior Core of required forestry courses, and opened up the senior year to selection of two of the many concentrations. Most of the changes made in 1995 were maintained in the new semester curriculum.

The first two years of the undergraduate degree consists primarily of courses required for the University Core and supporting courses such as statistics, chemistry, and soils. The professional program still begins with Summer Practicum between the sophomore and junior years at the Salon Dixon Forestry Education Center. The junior and senior years are made up of essentially the same required course, termed the Forestry Core, and selection of one of the many available emphases. These emphases include a menu of courses in subjects such as Forest Resources, Forest Products, Business, and Wildlife. All of the courses in the Forestry Core will be 3 semester hours, many made up of 2 lectures and a 3 hour lab per week. This represents an 18.5% increase in the Core with a corresponding decrease in the concentration requirement to only 12 hours in a single emphasis.

The Board of Trustees at Auburn University decreed that the Bachelor's degree be limited to 120 semester hours (15 hours per semester) in order to provide undergraduates a reasonable chance to complete the degree in 4 years. Since Summer Practicum is an additional semester of 10 hours, which was strongly supported by alumni and employers, we submitted a curriculum with 130 hours. A compromise was reached at 127 hours by reducing free electives to only 3 hours. While the new semester curriculum represents a continuation of the efforts of the faculty at the School of Forestry to provide the best forestry education in the region, future revisions can be expected. These will begin during fall 1999 with the merging of Wildlife into the School.

Greg Somers
Associate Professor, Forest Biometrics/
Chairman, Undergraduate Policy and Procedures Committee
School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences.

AUBURN FORESTRY

Auburn Forestry Alumni Association Newsletter

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Questions about the School's development program, including annual and corporate giving, planned gifts and estate planning, should be directed to Angie Stephens, Office of Alumni and Development, 317 South College Street, Auburn University, AL 36849-5418. Inquiries may also be made by phone at (334) 844-2791, or by e-mail to stephco@alumngi.auburn.edu.

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FACULTY AND STAFF UPDATE

HELLOS:

Jim Armstrong, Associate Professor, Wildlife Management/Extension Specialist, received his doctorate at Virginia Tech. In addition to his extension activities, Jim also conducts research on human dimensions in natural resources management, wildlife damage management, and development and evaluation of environmental and conservation education programs for youth and adults. Jim has been at Auburn since 1990.

Keith Causey, Ireland Professor, Wildlife Ecology and Management, received his doctorate at LSU. Keith teaches at the undergraduate and graduate level, advises undergraduate wildlife majors, and conducts research on forest wildlife ecology and management with specific interests in white-tailed deer, American woodcock, and feral hog ecology. Keith has been at Auburn since 1968.

Judy Christian, Office Administration Associate, Alabama Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, has been at Auburn since 1986. Judy provides office support for the Unit and Assistant Leader of the Alabama Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Rescue Unit.

Ron Freeman, District Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, received his M.S. from Oklahoma State University. Ron supervises management and research on the wildlife refuges in Region 4. He has been at Auburn since 1986.

Karen Frizzell, Office Administration Assistant to the District Wildlife Biologist, has been at Auburn since 1987. Karen is responsible for secretarial duties and managing the office and budgets for the district biologist's office.

Barry Grand '84, Associate Professor, Wildlife Science/Leader for the Alabama Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, received his doctorate at Texas A&M. Barry administers the Unit, teaches at the graduate level, and conducts research on the population ecology of waterfowl, upland game birds, and nongame birds. Barry returned to Auburn in 1998 after spending 10 years working in Alaska.

Gary Hepp, Professor, Waterfowl Biology and Management, received his doctorate at North Carolina State University. Gary teaches at the undergraduate and graduate level, advises undergraduate wildlife majors, and conducts research on the ecology and management of waterfowl populations with specific interests in wood duck population dynamics. Gary has been at Auburn since 1988.

Marigold Hibbert, Assistant to the Mosley Associate Professor, has been at Auburn since June. Marigold is responsible for assisting in the administration of the W. Kelly Mosley Environmental Awards Program, as well as the Albany Area Quail Management Project (AAQMP).

Elise Irwin, Assistant Professor of Fisheries/Wildlife Science and Assistant Leader (Fisheries), Alabama Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, received her doctorate at North Carolina State University. Elise teaches at the graduate level, and conducts research on fish and stream ecology and management. Elise has been at Auburn since 1995.

Christopher Juergens, Wildlife Program Technician II, joined AAQMP in June 1999 after completing a one-year joint internship with the AAQMP and Pipeland Plantation.

Yulac Kindell, Office Administration Assistant, has been at Auburn since 1981. Yulac is responsible for the secretarial duties associated with the wildlife teaching, research, and extension programs.

Gayle Messer, Office Assistant, joined the School in October 1998. Gayle provides office support to the Auburn University Southern Forest Nursery Management Cooperative as well as to the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences faculty.

Ralph Mirarchi, Professor, Wildlife Ecology and Management, received his doctorate at Virginia Tech. Ralph teaches at the undergraduate and graduate levels, advises undergraduate wildlife majors, and conducts research on dove and pigeon ecology and management and raptor rehabilitation and management. Ralph has been at Auburn since 1978.

Mike Mitchell, Assistant Professor, Wildlife Science/Assistant Leader (Wildlife), Alabama Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, received his doctorate at North Carolina State University. Mike teaches at the graduate level and conducts research on forest wildlife ecology and management with specific interests in game and nongame mammals and their habitats. Mike began his career at Auburn during the summer of 1999.

Steven Mitchell '96, Wildlife Program Assistant III, received his B.S. in Wildlife Science from Auburn University in 1996. Steven has been with the AAQMP since October 1996.

Ashley Rossi '98, Extension Program Associate, received her M.S. in Wildlife Science from Auburn in 1998. Ashley develops and conducts three national workshops for the expansion of the National 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program. In addition, she works in wildlife damage management with duties including beaver trapping and bar exclusion.

Jerald Sholar, Wildlife Program Assistant III, joined the AAQMP in June 1994. Jerald holds a B.S. from North Carolina State University.

Clay Sisson '90, Wildlife Program Associate I, joined the AAQMP in August 1993 after working at Tall Timbers Research Station in Tallahassee, FL. Clay received an M.S. in Wildlife Science from Auburn University in 1990.

Lee Scribbling, Mosley Associate Professor of Wildlife Science/Extension Specialist, received his doctorate from North Carolina State University. In addition to his extension activities, Lee conducts research on upland game bird/mammal ecology and management and wildlife economics.

Additionally, we extend a warm welcome to the 10-15 wildlife graduate students, research associates, and 160 undergraduate wildlife majors joining the School this fall.

HONORS

Dick Brinker, Dean/Professor, Timber Harvesting and Forest Engineering, was named the 1998-1999 Teacher of the Year by the Auburn Forestry Club at their annual SAF Awards Banquet in May 1999.

Roxanna Dean, Information Technology Specialist II, received the Auburn University 5-Year Pin in May 1999 in recognition of her five years full-time service to the University.

Mark Dubois, Assistant Professor, Forest Resource Management/Extension Forestry Specialist, was recognized by Southern Extension Forest Resources Specialists in May 1999 with an Award of Excellence for his publication "Sustainable Forests—Key to Your Future". The publication, developed in conjunction with a diverse team of forestry participants, was written for forest owners to emphasize the importance of forest management plans including the use of BMP's when harvesting and planning for proper forest regeneration.

Debbie Enebak, Office Associate, was awarded the Auburn University Spirit of Excellence Award in January 1999. This award recognizes the dedication of Auburn University employees who continuously perform "beyond the call of duty" to advance and improve the mission of their school.

Marjorie Gentry, Manager, Forestry Financial Services, was presented the Auburn University Spirit of Excellence Award in February 1999. She was further honored in April 1999 by being named an Auburn University Unsung Hero. This award recognizes those individuals working behind the scenes who go out of their way to ensure the success of others. She also received the Auburn University 20-Year Pin in May 1999 in recognition of her twenty years full-time service to the University.

Rhett Johnson, Director, Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center, was presented with the inaugural Henry Hardtner Award by the Southern Group of State Foresters at their June 1999 meeting in Baton Rouge, LA. The award recognizes significant contributions to forest sustainability through outstanding assistance to forest landowners. Management chiefs from the 13 southern states in the group choose the winner from among the nominees.

Ken McNabb, Associate Professor, Silviculture/Extension Forestry Specialist, received two Awards of Excellence at the annual meeting of Southern Extension Forest Resource Specialists in May 1999. The first award was presented for his mass media instructional video on tree planting. The video was narrated in Spanish and was entitled "Como Sembrar

Arbolitos de Pino". The second award was given for his leadership in the Nursery Cooperative through the regional "Southwide Extension Forest Nursery Program".

Ralph Mirarchi, Professor, Wildlife Ecology and Management, was appointed by the Governor of Alabama to a 6-year term on the Board of Directors of the Forever Wild Program. Forever Wild is a land acquisition program to acquire land using state oil and gas revenue.

David Padgett, Forestry Technician IV, received the Auburn University 10-Year Pin in May 1999 in recognition of his ten years full-time service to the University.

Charlie Raper, George W. Peake Professor of Forestry, was elected in 1998 to the Board of Directors of Resource Management Service, Inc., the Birmingham-based, independent timberland management and investment firm.

Efrem Robbtus, Research Assistant II, was presented the Auburn University 10-Year Pin in May 1999 for his ten years of full-time service to the University.

Davey Sightler, Forestry Technician IV, was recognized with the Auburn University 10-Year Pin in May 1999 for his ten years of full-time service to the University.

David South '83, Professor, Forest Nursery and Plantation Management, received the Barrington Moore Award from the Society of American Foresters at their annual meeting in September 1999. He was recognized for his outstanding achievements in biological research leading to the advancement of forestry, specifically in the area of tree seedling production and forest plantation establishment.

R.C. Tang, Professor, Wood Science and Forest Products, was recognized by the Auburn University Student Government Association at their Honors Banquet in March 1999 where he was presented with the School of Forestry Outstanding Faculty Award.

Larry Teeter, Associate Professor, Forest Economics, was presented the Harold E. Christen Award in February 1999 by the Auburn School of Forestry in recognition of his significant and meritorious service to teaching.

Robert Tufts, Associate Professor, Timber Harvesting and Forest Engineering, was recognized in March 1999 by the Auburn Alumni Association who presented him with the 1998-1999 Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Award.



Kent Hanby (l) presenting Chad Bolding
(r) the Alabama Division,
SAF Junior Leadership Award.



Darrell Gates (r) presenting James Parlier
(l) the Association of Consulting Foresters
Senior Leadership Award.



Billy McIntyre (l) presenting Brent Shaver
(r) the MacMillan Bloedel, Inc.
Forest Economics Award.

One of the social highlights for the School of Forestry is the annual Forestry Awards Banquet. Each year the Forestry Club hosts the event in order to recognize the outstanding members of our school. This year's banquet proved to be another great success. The festivities were held at the Auburn University Conference Center on Friday, May 28. Everyone enjoyed great food, good company, and a chance to see his or her peers and colleagues recognized. There were faculty, staff, and students in attendance, as well as many of the scholarship donors.

The dinner began at 7:00 p.m., followed by the awards ceremony. During the ceremony, the scholarship recipients were announced for the coming year and awards were given to the outstanding students for the 1998-99 school year. The students also presented their award, Teacher of the Year, to none other than Dean Richard Brinker. Dean Brinker has successfully completed his first year as Dean of the School of Forestry while also teaching Surveying at Summer Practicum and Harvesting during Spring Quarter. Our hats go off to a wonderful dean and teacher!

Three new scholarships and one new award, the Elizabeth Powers and John Coleman Banks '22 Endowment for Scholarships, the James Henderson Dukes Memorial Endowment for Fellowships, the William Frank and Mary Claire Walburn Annual Scholarship, and the SECAF Rising Senior Award were added to the School of Forestry in the 1998 calendar year. Each new scholarship increases our opportunity for deserving students to seek assistance with the cost of college. Each new award allows us to recognize another of our students who strive for excellence. We greatly appreciate those who made these new endowments and awards possible.

I hope that everyone enjoyed the awards banquet. If you were unable to attend, I hope you will join us next year. Congratulations to everyone for their excellent performances this year, and good luck to everyone in the future. In addition, I must personally thank Mrs. Lane Messer for providing much needed guidance and assistance in planning the banquet!

Ruth Hines '99
Social Chairman



Dr. David South (r) presenting Morgan
Werner (l) the James Floyd Goggans
Fellowship in Forest Biology.



Mark Bond (l) presenting Edward Cole
(r) the Forestry Alumni Association,
Outstanding Senior Award in Academics.



Dr. Ralph Meldahl (l) presenting Price
McLenore (r) the Fort James Corporation
Forest Measurements Award.

AUBURN FORESTRY CLUB
1998/1999 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

- Butgin Companies' Endowed Scholarship
- Charles Dixon Memorial Scholarships
- Christen, DeBruiner, Posey Endowed Scholarship
- Duain G. Luce Family Endowed Scholarship
- Edward A. Hauss Forestry Scholarships
- Garden Club of Alabama Forestry Conservation Scholarship
- Henry and Elizabeth Posey Endowment for Scholarships
- James Floyd Goggans Fellowship in Forest Biology
- James M. Wells, Sr. Memorial Scholarship
- James W. Richardson Endowed Forestry Scholarship
- L.M. and Mary Ware Endowed Forestry Scholarship
- Nichols Family Endowed Scholarship
- Noll A. Van Cleave Scholarship
- Rose Eugene Atchison Endowed Scholarship
- Russell Lands Scholarship
- Steve Jackson Memorial Scholarships
- Summer Practicum Stipend Scholarship
- Thomas G. Dedrick Memorial Scholarship
- Watters Family Endowed Scholarship
- W. Earl Hughes Annual Memorial Scholarship
- William F. Sahlie Endowed Memorial Scholarship

- John Finch
- Sarah Day
- Thomas Morgan
- Brent Shaver
- James Parker
- Arnold Brodbeck
- Matt Gerber
- Price McLenore
- Clint Moseley
- Fred Prawius
- Cory Trawick
- Jeremy Zills
- Hudson Williams
- Jason Robison
- Morgan Vainer
- Matt Whitley
- Brian Espy
- Edward Cole
- Brian Frederick
- Matt Veal
- Sandy Salo
- Lea Anna Melton
- William Beck
- Bradford Brannon
- Travis Gardner
- Travis Gardner
- Chad Avery
- George Sims
- Chandler Graham
- Brian Waldrep

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- Alabama Division, SAF Junior Leadership Award
- Association of Consulting Foresters Senior Leadership Award
- Forestry Alumni Association, Outstanding Senior Award in Academics
- Fort James Corporation Forest Measurements Award
- MacMillan Bloedel, Inc. Forest Economics Award
- SESAF Rising Senior Award
- USDA Forest Service Science Award

- Chad Bolding
- James Parker
- Edward Cole
- Price McLenore
- Brent Shaver
- Andy Glenn
- Matt Whitley



Dean Richard Brinker (r) presenting Andy Glenn (l) the SESAF Rising Senior Award.



Stan Parks (r) presenting Chad Avery (l) the Thomas G. Dedrick Memorial Scholarship.



Dr. William Bayer (l) presenting Matt Whitley (r) the USDA Forest Service Science Award.

LETTER FROM CAMP

Growing up we are often asked how we spent our summer vacation. Well, this summer I spent ten weeks participating in the great Auburn University Forestry tradition of Summer Practicum. In other words, I went to camp. My fellow "campers" and I arrived at the Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center in Dixie, Alabama on June 18. We were greeted by the South Alabama heat and a lot of new faces. In the first week, everyone got acquainted with each other and our new environment. Thankfully, Rhett Johnson, Director of the Solon Dixon Forestry Center, was there to answer many of our questions. This prepared us for ten weeks of learning the basics of Forestry Education.

Our first class was Forest Mensuration where we built a foundation for cruising timber. Dr. Glover, who was a demanding professor, taught this class. Although it was very challenging, by

working together in crews, everyone learned the importance of teamwork to achieve a single goal.

Our next course was Forest Biology, taught by Dr. Gjerstad, Dr. Enebak, and Dale "Flip" Pancake. During this two-week class, we worked together in dissecting pine trees, digging soil pits, and identifying various tree species.

Our next class lasted for a week. It consisted mainly of visiting and learning about various sawmills located in Alabama. Dr. Taylor and Dr. Elder gave us a good understanding of how wood products are manufactured.

Our most challenging class provided a solid foundation in the basics of surveying. With the help of Dr. Brinker and Dr. Tufts, the three-week duration of surveying went fairly well for everyone. Again, we worked together in crews to succeed in this very demanding class.

Rhett Johnson led our final session at Solon Dixon Forestry Center. This consisted of a weeklong study of Forest Management.

Although it sounds like there was not much time for anything but studying, eating, and sleeping, almost everyone found ways to make the days pass a little easier. After a hard day, it was always nice to go to the sandbar and relax. On those days, we definitely kept Parker's grocery store in business. In addition, groups went down to Destin to enjoy some nightlife. We also enjoyed playing cards, dominos, and Ping-

Pong to unwind and clear our minds.

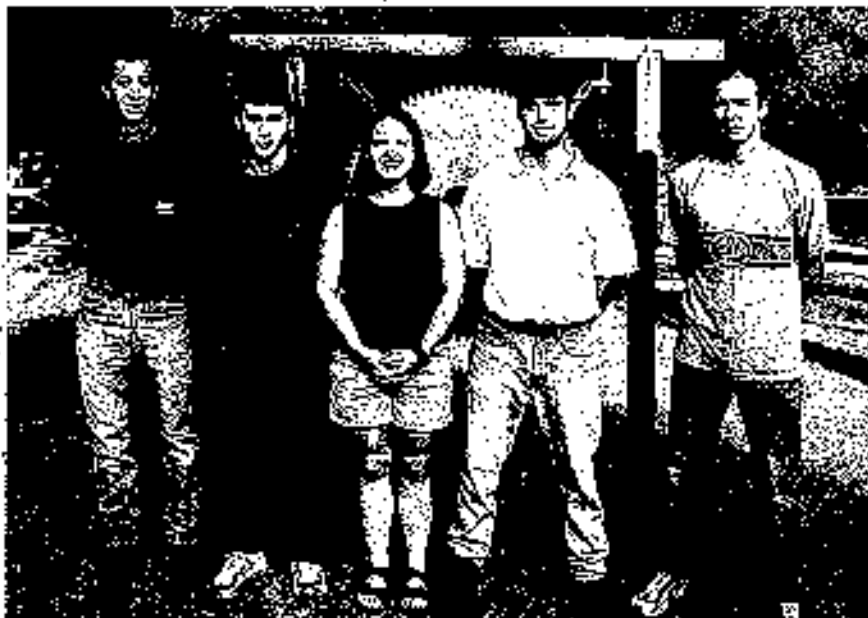
Although the hot summer months went relatively smoothly, some interesting mishaps occurred. From the beginning, a group of guys learned that playing with Rhett's snakes was not such a good idea. The girls learned that keeping the guys upstairs up all night can cause a serious insect problem in their room.

All in all, everyone got along very well. Being together all summer taught us a very important lesson that could never be learned in a

classroom. That is, friendship and teamwork will be more important throughout our lives than any terminology we have to memorize.

I believe I speak for everyone in thanking Rhett Johnson and Flip Pancake for running a well-established learning center. I would also like to thank the professors who provided us a strong foundation in Forestry Education. We are also grateful to the Teaching Assistants for their contribution in helping us understand what the professors were trying to teach us. Last and most importantly, I would like to thank the Dixon Family for their donation to Auburn University. The Dixon Center creates a learning environment that can not be compared to any other, and will continue to be a place for Foresters to grow.

Ben Coale
President
Summer Practicum



The 1999 Summer Practicum Officers: (l-r) Garner Westbrook, Dorm Representative; Chad Bassinger, Dorm Representative; Jessica Kelley, Dorm Representative; Ben Coale, Summer Practicum President; Donald Reeves, Dorm Representative.

George C. Moore '38/'40 knows a thing or two about wildlife. In fact, Moore has a wealth of knowledge about conservation, wildlife, and game management. He has held prestigious posts in four states while earning the respect of everyone from politicians to quail hunters. As a tribute to his commitment to wildlife sciences, his daughter and her husband, Paul R. and Judy Moore Leonard, set up the George Crenshaw Moore Endowment Fund for Graduate Fellowships in Wildlife Game Management in 1995. It is the only fellowship in Auburn's Wildlife Sciences, which has 25 graduate and 170 undergraduate students each year.



George Moore '38/'40.

Moore was born in west Alabama and raised on a farm in Perry County until his father moved the family to Auburn for better academic opportunities. He spent his youth working on the family's cotton and dairy farm and enjoying his studies. After completing high school during the Depression and working various jobs for two years, he borrowed \$100 to attend Howard College, now Samford University, in Birmingham. At the end of his first semester of college, he returned home to Auburn for the Christmas holidays. During this visit, his father agreed to help him attend Alabama Polytechnic Institute, now Auburn University, and Moore accepted. After receiving his bachelor's degree in 1938, Dr. Allen Pearson '31 provided Moore with a job with the Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit and the opportunity to get his master's degree in 1940. "Dr. Pearson had a profound influence on my decision to pursue wildlife sciences," Moore said. "It is the encouragement of professors like Dr. Pearson that makes the difference for many students. A good teacher recognizes the interest and talent of an enthusiastic student and challenges them to take their studies to the next level."

Since earning a master's degree in Biological Science in 1940, Moore has served various states and our nation through the following positions: Chief Biologist for the Alabama Department of Conservation; Commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy; Associate Federal Aid Supervisor with

the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the southeastern region; Chief of the Fish and Game Division for the Louisiana Fish and Wildlife Commission; Chief of the Game Division of the Georgia Game and Fish Commission; and the Director of the Kansas Forestry, Fish, and Game Commission.

Moore believes his greatest accomplishment in the wildlife sciences is his work in Kansas. While serving as Director of the Kansas Forestry, Fish, and Game Commission, his office reorganized the Commission, updated technology, and added trained professionals to the staff which had been mostly political hires.

Moore has already had an incredible impact on the Wildlife Program at Auburn. Tributes to his work include a library in Funchess Hall named after him. But, perhaps the true benefits of his hard work and dedication to his field are still to come through the profound way his family has found to honor him. The George C. Moore Fellowship enables a student of the wildlife sciences to obtain a master's degree, which will give him or her a much-needed level of expertise in this field. Moore believes reaching this level is important and gives this illustration to support his point. "Take an ordinary bird dog — now this bird dog may be perfectly able to do a good job, but with a pedigreed dog there is a level of assurance that he will be able to do the job." In addition, Moore hopes that others will realize the importance of having well-rounded, qualified professionals in the wildlife field because our nation's conservation, game management and land-use efforts rely on scientifically based principles to affect political policies.

Moore and his wife, Lois, live in Auburn, where Moore spends his time pursuing woodworking, photography and gardening.

Cathy Reynolds '94
Development Communication Coordinator
Office of Alumni and Development

Certainly we have experienced real satisfaction and joy in giving, not only to our family, but to a number of organizations and institutions which have been meaningful parts of our lives and which are contributing to the enhancement of the communities and the world in which we live.

There is an old Chinese saying that states . . . "To be young is to sit under trees you never planted." Certainly

we have sat under many trees we never planted and have benefited greatly from the shade of those trees. We consider it a great blessing, however, to be able to plant trees under which we shall never sit but where many people, young and old, may sit throughout eternity.

E. T. York, Jr. '42
Auburn University Friend

As the former dean, I am looking forward to new challenges by continuing my commitment to the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences as the chair of the Development Committee. This committee, which is composed of 14 members, works closely with Angie Stephens, the School's Development Officer. Together we share both the belief that the School's potential is tremendous and the knowledge that without significant private support there is little hope of achieving this potential.

The School of Forestry certainly will benefit from the addition of Wildlife Sciences and also from the designation of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences as one of the University's "Peaks of Excellence." But, let me tell you from experience, any enhanced funding that comes with this recognition will not be sufficient to realize our potential. Auburn's School of Forestry needs to be competitive on a national level. In fact, it should be a leader. To reach this level, we need the help of you—our alumni and friends.

All universities, public and private, are increasing efforts to attract private funding and as you can imagine, the competition for gifts is fierce. We must become more active in development, not only to keep up, but also to move Auburn's programs to the forefront. Our nation's booming economy and charitable-giving tax benefits make now a perfect time to increase our School's development efforts. I would like to take this opportunity to personally urge you to consider making or increasing your investment in the School.

There are two major categories of development gifts—annual giving and major gifts—both are important. The major gifts, those that can be used to establish endowments, are the future of the School. These are the gifts in which the

principal will be preserved and only interest will be used on an annual basis to support such things as faculty salaries, facility maintenance, graduate students, technicians, travel, equipment, etc.—in other words, the vital ingredients that make or break the program.

The other category is annual gifts. Annual giving is the backbone of the School's unrestricted giving program, which is necessary to keep up our development efforts. Forestry has a very good record of participation in the annual giving program by our alumni and friends. On a percentage of alumni basis, we lead the University—that's the good news. The bad news is we have one of the smallest alumni bases in the University. We are in the process of initiating an effort to increase participation in the development program, particularly the annual giving program, with a class leaders campaign. We are asking you to join with other alumni and friends to actively participate in our development program, in at least one of the following ways:

- 1) Participate in the annual giving program at a level commensurate with your ability.
- 2) Participate in the major giving program when it is appropriate for you personally or your company.

If you are already supporting the School's development efforts, please accept our thanks. We appreciate your continued interest in Auburn University's School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences. For additional information, please contact the School's Development Officer Angie Stephens at (334) 844-2791.

Ernett Thompson
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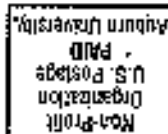
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Place: M. White Smith Hall (a.k.a. The Forestry Building)

Date: November 6, 1999

Time: 11:00 a.m. (or two hours before kickoff)

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