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A FORESTER

"The forester is an amateur woodsman with a college education. There are two classes of foresters. One class believes in keeping abreast of these broad dynamic movements of the present day that challenge the best efforts of the nation's thinkers. The other class fights fire, builds truck trails, plants trees, and wears old clothes."

"Some foresters have offices, some live in cities, and some work in the woods. Lots of the foresters spend practically their entire lives in God's great out-of-doors. They love to hunt and fish. They would, too, if they only had time."

"It used to be said that a forester's best friends were his horse and his axe. Today a forester has no need for a horse and he might cut himself with an axe. Years ago most every forester wore a big Stetson hat and carried a gun on his hip and a flask in his pocket. Now-a-days big Stetson hats are worn only in movies and you hardly ever see a forester carrying a gun."

"An interesting fact about a forester's life is that he meets all kinds of people from hobos to multimillionaires. It is not uncommon for a forester to have the privilege of personally doing a millionaire tourist favors. However, there is no record of a millionaire ever doing a favor for a forester. But even if they don't make much money, it's nice, steady work, and they have lots of fun."

"Another satisfactory thing about a forester's career is that he is his own master, absolutely independent and answerable to no one for his professional conduct. That is, except to his wife, ladies' garden clubs, sportsmen's associations, nature lover's, newspaper editors, and local politicians."

"Forestry is a very pleasant profession because it is so easy to get ahead. Many foresters graduate from college with only a few debts and immediately get a job and a wife. In about ten years time, in addition to the same job and the same wife, they have more debts and five kids. That's why foresters are so happy."

The Pinetum
North Carolina State University

Editor's Page

With the publication of this years Knothole my Auburn Experience will just about be over. It has been a very long time since I arrived at Auburn with the knowledge that I was 600 miles from home.

I always knew that I wanted to be an Auburn Forester, but I didn't know what I had gotten myself into when I arrived at Auburn that morning . It didn't hit me for over two years until I arrived at summer camp. Summer camp is truly one of the highlights of the forestry program at Auburn. After summer camp I had the friendships that have lasted me through my favorite years at Auburn. When I realized that the responsibility of being the editor of the Knothole was going to fall on my shoulders I again did not know what I had gotten myself into. It seems to have finally worked out though.

I would like to especially thank Lane for all the help and support she has given me not only with the Knothole but with my last couple of years as a student. John Bliss also deserves to be congratulated for the help and support he has given to the club in the last year. There were times when many advisors would have simply thrown up their hands and walked away, but he always stuck with us.

Last but not least, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the faculty of the School of Forestry for giving me an education to be proud of.

Thanks Auburn, it's been fun.

Jonathan A. Wallace
Editor

Advisor's Page

By: John Bliss

This past year's forestry club was the scruffiest, ugliest, most cantankerous bunch of hooligans ever to darken the halls of M.W. Smith. If I were a gambling man, I'd have bet big money that, by mid-winter, thirty percent of the club would have been incarcerated (that means put in jail), thirty percent would have met violent deaths, and thirty percent would have merely flunked out of school and gone home to crawl under a rock. (I know that doesn't add - the club couldn't add either!)

Somehow, and I haven't yet figured out how, very few club members were actually jailed, fewer still flunked out, and I am not aware of a single violent ending. Even more remarkable than the club's mere survival this year are its accomplishments: For starters, the club accounts ended up in the black - not a bad feat considering that it started the year with next-to-nothing. The newly purchased chainsaw was paid for and, at last report, was still running and in the club's possession. And it was actually put to work cutting firewood for club sales. By all accounts, the banquet was a great success, and it appears likely that there will be, after all, an issue of The Knothole in which this article may appear.

But the most amazing accomplishment of all was this: Auburn didn't take the toilet paper this year at Conclave! A small, hardworking, dedicated team of club members made up their minds that they were not going to come home from Conclave with their tails between their legs. Instead, they placed in the top three in three "brain" events - quite an accomplishment for the smallest team at Conclave.

As the saying goes, the future is decided by those who show up. A dedicated few in this year's club are leaving a foundation upon which next year's club can build. To you who contributed your time, talents, and energies to club events this year, I tip my Moon Pie hat. You got it together and pulled it off, and I congratulate you. Maybe you're not as ugly as I thought.

We would like to add a few more graduate students, who contribute so much to our programs here, but limitations of facilities and funds for their support make that difficult also. We're pleased with the quality and the diversity of these young people. Regarding diversity, the School is working with the Forest Service, Tuskegee University and Alabama A&M University to increase the flow of African-American students into forestry and natural resources professions, with Auburn education playing a significant role, particularly in the graduate study area.

Our faculty continue to place a premium on quality teaching, and several initiatives are currently underway to upgrade classroom and field experiences for our students. We think we're doing a better job of evaluating teaching here now and hope to draw recent graduates into that process in the near future.

Our new undergraduate curricula in Forest Resources and Forestry Operations are taking off nicely, as is the new M.F. (Master of Forestry) program. The latter provides opportunity for a professional forestry education to graduates of non-forestry baccalaureate programs. Summer camp continues as an important gateway to all our undergraduate programs, including forest engineering, as well as the MF program.

On the research side, our faculty, and research associates and graduate students continue to make important science contributions, to compete successfully for external funding support, and to gain regional and national recognition. The international conference on forest vegetation management here in April drew participants from all over the U.S. and from 20 foreign countries. Its marvelous success reflects great credit in the School and the University. Our continuing education program and offerings continue to grow as we seek to identify and meet educational needs of professionals and the general public. Our Extension specialists continue to do outstanding educational work with a wide range of clientele. Most supplement their programs with targeted research.

Much more could be recounted here. Suffice it to say, this is a busy and exciting place. We look forward to continuing constructive change under our new University President, Dr. William Muse. As our graduates leave we hope they'll remember their (mostly) good times here, and that they'll want to continue their professional growth as well as their ties to the School. We count on your continuing support and your counsel as to how we can do better.

Forestry Club

By: John Burch

The Auburn University student chapter of the Society of American Foresters was officially chartered as a university organization in 1970. To most of the students and faculty it is better known as the Forestry Club and has continued in the tradition of bringing together professionals and students to encourage a successful future for our profession.

The Auburn University Forestry Club keeps a full agenda of annual events. One of the projects we enjoy is our annual firewood sale. It not only provides some additional funding but also provides exposure for the club in our community. Another important event is our bi-weekly meeting. At these meetings we conduct business and have a guest lecturer. Our speakers are industry professionals from various types of jobs including procurement, management and consulting. These lecturers have provided interesting viewpoints, helpful hints and future contacts for the students.

Conclave is another annual tradition that provides an adventure each spring. The Auburn Forestry Club is a charter member of ASFC and has participated in the competition with varying success. We enjoy visiting the other schools and giving a shot at showing our skill and technical abilities.

The Forestry Club Banquet is another of our annual spring events. At the banquet we honor those of outstanding achievement in the past year including both students and professionals. It is an enjoyable time to socialize and experience the rewards of a job well done.

Our final event of the year is the annual Forestry Club picnic. This is a time for all the students to have fun together before summer. For some it provides the chance to meet or see friends before the break. For those who are graduating it will be their final farewell to the Auburn Forestry Club.

Conclave 1992

By: Jonathan A. Wallace

The 35th annual ASFC conclave was hosted this year by both LSU and Louisiana Tech at a Boy Scout camp near Ruston, Louisiana. This conclave was very well organized but the combination of cajun food, beer drinking with the folks from Texas, and the pit toilets didn't go well together.

The team from Auburn this year consisted of six dedicated students: Adam Dasinger, Troy Harris, David Pittman, Jon Wallace, Brigetta Wallace, and Angela Williams. We were accompanied by the faculty advisor for the forestry club; Dr. John Bliss.

We suprised many people at conclave this year. The Auburn team has traditionally come in dead last at conclave and brought home the toilet paper award. This year however we placed 11th out of the 14 teams present. We placed 6th in the technical events which is the highest Auburn has ever placed in these events. We did place last in the pysical events. This however was not due to a lack of effort!! Adam "Skippy" Dasinger demonstrated incredible skill with a bow-saw and a cant hook. David competed in the Chain throw, archery, and the Log Chop. Brigetta competed in the Womens Crosscut along with Angela. Brigetta was also in the Jack and Jill Crosscut with Jon. Jon competed in the Axe Throw, The Log Burling, The Pole Climb, The Mens Crosscut, and the Jack and Jill Crosscut. We were all dead tired at the end of the pysical events.

In the technical events we faired very well. David got second place in the Pole Classification, and the Timber Estimation. Jon got a third place in the Compass and Pacing.

Conclave was not all work and sericouness though. The Auburn team took part in the event that we have always been good at: The beer drinking and sitting around the campfire. The team from Texas A&M amazed us with the vigor at which they pursued this event. I think several of them stayed drunk the entire time.

The final results of this conclave were much like the ones in the past: Arkansas coming in 1st place and Stepen F. Austin and N.C. State coming in behind them. The Auburn Team has high hopes for next year, it will be the first year in several that we will have returning team members. Good luck next year!! Practice hard and remember that if you have to go up in the Log Burling contest against the Stepen F. Austin team you better be ready to go swimming.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

By: Bryan W. Cole

It is an annual tradition for the Forestry Club to select a professor "Teacher of the Year" from the Auburn Forestry Faculty. This award is based on the professor's popularity and the amount of effort put forth in educating the forestry students. This year we are pleased to announce Dr. Bob Jones as the 1992 "Teacher of the Year."

Dr. Jones first received his BS in Forest Management from Clemson University in 1979. In 1981 he received his Masters of Science in Forestry from Clemson University. He then finished his education at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. Here he received his PHD in Forest Ecology in 1986.

Research projects include: Vegetation dynamics in forested wetlands, ecophysiology, natural regeneration, population ecology, hardwood silviculture, plant competition, and below ground ecology.

Dr. Jones has always been willing to take time out of his busy schedule to help students with problems that arise, no matter if it involved his class or another teachers. Thanks for all your help and advice throughout the 1992 class year from all the Auburn Forestry Students. Congratulations Dr. Jones, you truly deserve this years "Teacher of the Year."

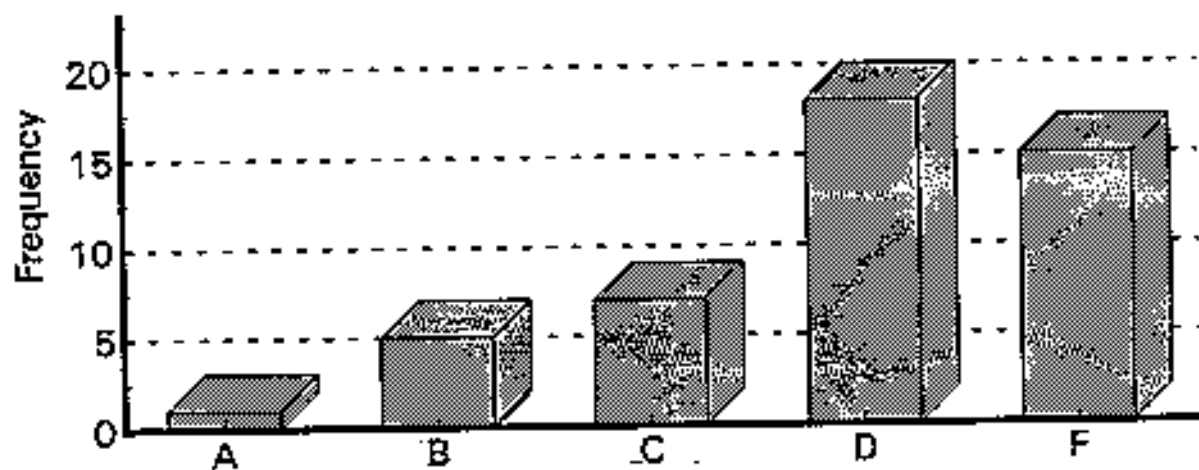
THE GOLDEN SHAFT AWARD

By: Matt Nespeca

Every year, it is our pleasure to award a worthy faculty member with the notorious Golden Shaft Award. The Golden Shaft is given to the faculty member who shows the least compassion towards our grade point averages. This year, it is only proper that we award Dr. Greg Somers with this tremendous honor.

Dr. Somers was definitely a victim of circumstance, since he had to teach Forest Measurements 1, which has just been combined and lengthened. We don't mind being a guinea pigs, but guinea pig statisticians is a little much. Every class period, we would enter the depths of hell as Dr. Somers introduced us to the world of forest biometrics. To this day, I don't know what a variance is. We could compute variances all day long, but the application to forestry is what killed us. Dr. Somers was speaking the language of P.H.D. without a translator for us novices.

So here was the final outcome: 1 A, 5 B's, 7 C's, 18 D's, and 15 F's. A very odd shaped bell curve if you ask me. Just to let Dr. Somers know that some of the statistics sunk in, here is what that bell curve looks like:



Don't worry, Dr. Somers, there are no hard feelings, just have a little more sympathy next time around.

Awards Banquet 1992

The Auburn Forestry Club's awards Banquet was held on May 20, 1992 at the University Hotel and Conference Center. This event that is held every year is not only to recognize outstanding performance by the faculty and the students but to also allow us to see what we all look like dressed up in a civilized setting. The following awards and recipients were honored:

The Charles Dixon Memorial Scholarships

Holmes Hendrickson	Arthur W. Powers
James David Martin	Matt L. Wilson

The Steve Jackson Memorial Scholarships

David B. Graves	Brian L. Kaplan
Richard E. Jones	D. Brigetta Wallace

E.A. Hauss Forestry Scholarships

Hubert J. Boatright	Hugh C. Lawley
Michael D. Cheaney	Steve D. Lloyd
Timothy Gothard	Paul D. Moore
John C. Gregson	Matt C. Nespeca
Jerry C. Hanks	Wade T. Richardson
Troy A. Harris	Roderick Smith
Robert N. Hughes	Randall R. Stapalton
J. Mark Ivey	Andrew S. Wakeford
Brian C. Kendrick	Chuck R. Watrous

Samuel Neil Crosby Forestry Scholarship

Russel A. Stringer

Noll A. Van Cleave Scholarship

Timothy P. Albritton

L. M. And Mary Ware Scholarship

David J. Pittman

Russell Lande Scholarship

Charles A. Bradley

James W. Richardson Scholarship

Adam P. Dasinger

Frank W. Boykin Scholarship

Angela M. Williams

The following students recieved recognition for participation in TVA's Land Between The Lakes Consortium

Tim Albritton	James McInnish
Anneta Burdette	Chuck Watrous
Gregg Hope	

James River Timber Corporation
Forest Measurements Award
Troy Harris

MacMillan Bloedel, Inc.
Forest Economics Award
W. Tom Richardson

Southeastern Society of American
Foresters Outstanding Senior Award
David Pittman

Auburn Forestry Alumni Association
Outstanding Senior Award
Marc Ivey

U.S.D.A. Forest Service
Science Award
W. Tom Richardson

Teacher of the Year
Dr. Bob Jones

Golden Shaft Award
Dr. Greg Somers

Special Senior Award
Torched Earth Award- Dr. Earl DeBrunner

Graduates

The forestry department has had a very high number of graduates in the last year. For those of us that are about to enter the job market this is not especially good news but for the people that graduated I imagine they are happy to be out of school. The following people are recent graduates of Auburn University:

Winter 1992

Robby L. Findley
B.S. Forest Engineering
Brewton, AL.

Paul Bayne Moore
B.S. Forest Engineering
Linden, AL.

William Witsell
B.S. Forest Engineering
Phenix City, AL.

Spring 1992

Charles Al Bradley
B.S. Forest Management
Lanett, AL.

Bryan W. Cole
B.S. Forest Management
Russellville, AL.

Adam P. Dasinger
B.S. Forest Management
Jacksonville, AL.

Edward Lee Davis
B.S. Forest Management
Camden, AL.

James Frank Kyzar
B.S. Forest Management
Goshen, AL.

James E. McInnish
B.S. Forest Management
Monroeville, AL.

Albert Thomas Harris
B.S. Forest Management
Anniston, AL.

Troy A. Harris
B.S. Forest Management
Marietta, GA.

C. Pat Jones
B.S. Forest Management
Florence, AL.

Lawrence R. Jones Jr.
B.S. Forest Management
Selma, AL.

Craig M. Russell
B.S. Forest Management
Cedartown, GA.

Richard A. Vise
Master Of Forestry
Birmingham, AL.

Eric C. Mudd
B.S. Forest Management
Anniston, AL.

J. David Pittman
B.S. Forest Management
Eufaula, AL.

Jason B. Rollins
B.S. Forest Management
Enterprise, AL.

Matthew L. Wilson
B.S. Forest Products
Selma, AL.

Jessee C. Wright
B.S. Forest Management
Jasper, AL.

Summer 1992

Kenneth Dunn
B.S. Forest Management
Lilburn, GA.

J. Mark Ivey
B.S. Forest Engineering
Selma, AL.

Joseph C. James
B.S. Forest Management
Warner Robbins, GA.

A.W. Powers
B.S. Forest Management
Bell, FL.

Wade Thomas Richardson
B.S. Forest Management
Alexander City, AL.

Jonathan A. Wallace
B.S. Forest Management
Russellville, ARK.

Congratulations Graduates and Best Wishes in the future!!

The Scorched Earth Award

By: Jonathan A. Wallace

This Year Dr. Bob Jones received the teacher of the year award. This led several of the seniors to create a special award for a teacher because we had never had Dr. Jones for a class.

This decision led to much brain-storming (which consisted of a night drinking beer at Billy's). We tried to decide on a unique experience in Forestry that we had been exposed to at Auburn. We thought about each class individually. Silviculture, Ecology, Dendrology (which offered several possibilities), and the mensuration classes. We finally hit on something that was extremely unique.

Dr. DeBrunner had exposed his fire control class to a situation that is very rare in southern forestry. A crown fire. The burning conditions on the last lab day were ideal for this situation to occur, all that was needed was a match. When the fire was started it took it perhaps ten minutes to seriously scorch the tops of many trees at the gate of that infamous demonstration forest, The Mary Olive Thomas Tract. The remaining two hours of lab were used in the demonstration of how to mop up a crown fire. This consisted of throwing dirt as high up the sides of the trees as was possible to put out the remains of the stand. We seniors appreciate this experience in forestry and we hope to God that when we become professional foresters we will never again have to mop up a crown fire!!!

BURNING OUT

Do not burn yourselves out. Be as I am--a reluctant enthusiast, a part-time crusader, a half-hearted fanatic. Save the other half of yourselves and your lives for pleasure and adventure. It is not enough to fight for the west; it is even more important to enjoy it. While you can. While it's still there. So get out there and hunt and fish and mess around with your friends, ramble out yonder and explore the forests, encounter the griz, climb the mountains, bag the peaks, run the rivers, breathe deep of that yet sweet and lucid air, sit quietly for a while and contemplate the precious stillness, that lovely, mysterious awesome space.

Enjoy yourselves, keep your brain in your head and your head firmly attached to the body, the body active and alive, and I promise you this much: I promise you this one sweet victory over our enemies, over those desk-bound men with hearts in a safe deposit box and their eyes hypnotized by desk calculators. I promise you this: You will outlive the bastards.

(Edward Abbey, quoted in "Wild Oregon," January-February, 1979).

Faculty

Robert Beadles
Supervisor, Maintenance

Dr. H.O. Beals
Wood Products

Dr. E.J. Biblis
Wood Technology/Mechanics

Dr. John Bliss
Extension Forester

Tim Bottenfield
Computer Specialist

Richard Brinker
Harvesting

Dr. H.F. Carino
Forest Products Marketing

Dr. Jon Cauffield
Forest Management

Dr. Art Chappelka
Physiology

Dr. T.C. Davis
Forest Pathology

Dr. L.E. DeBrunner
Coordinator of Student Services
Fire, Recreation

Dr. T.J. Elder
Wood Technology/ Chemistry

Dr. W.A. Flick
Forest Economics

Dr. D.H. Gjerstad
Tree Physiology

Dr. G.R. Glover
Mensuration/ Biometrics

Dr. M.S. Golden
Silviculture

Rhett Johnson
Dixon Summer Camp Manager

Dr. Robert Jones
Dendrology

Dr. Walter Kelly
Forest Pathology

Dr. Bobby Lanford
Forest Harvesting

Dr. Graeme Lockaby
Forest Soils/ Ecology

Richard Martin
University Forestlands Manager

Dr. Ken McNabb
Extension Forester

Dr. R.S. Meldahl
Mensuration/ Biometrics

Dr. Robert Mitchell
Tree Physiology

Bill Montgomery
Intro. to Forestry

Charlie Raper
Forestry Investments

Dr. Greg Sommers
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Nursery Management

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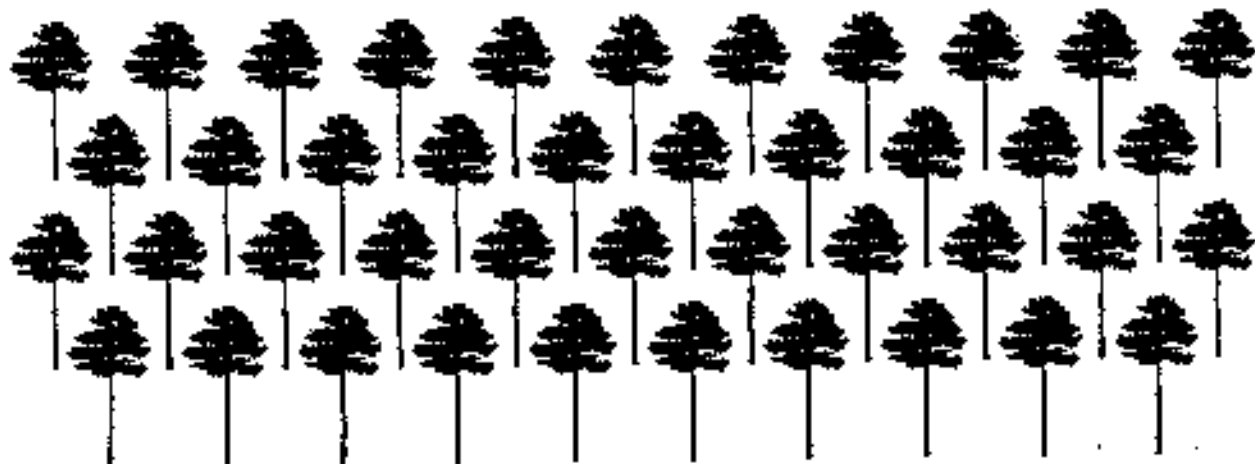
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