

# Auburn Alumni FORESTRY NEWSLETTER

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## Six Forestry Students Receive Awards

Awards to outstanding forestry students and an address on "The Next Best Thing to the Real Thing" were the highlights of the annual forestry awards banquet held at Auburn recently.

Six forestry students from the Department of Forestry were presented awards for their outstanding achievements in forestry.

Timmy Wickersham, 4FY, won the cartography award, a lettering set and cash, sponsored by the American Can Company. Earl V. Allen, 4FY, won the first Forestry Mathematics award, a digital computer and cash, sponsored by American Can Company.

Wilbur B. DeVall, head of the Department of Forestry, presented the E. A. Hauss Scholastic Improvement Award to L. M. Ware, 2FY, and the L. M. Ward award to William B. Tomlin, 4FY. Both of these awards consist of cash donations.

Eugene Sample, president of the Auburn Forestry Alumni Association, presented the Outstanding Senior in Forestry Award to Bennie Vinson, 4FY. DeVall presented the Southeastern Section, Society of American Foresters Outstanding Senior Award to Joe Williams, 3FY.

Don Murray, an industrial engineer from West Point, GA, gave the keynote address at the banquet.

The awards banquet was sponsored by the student chapter of the Society of American Foresters and the Department of Forestry.

## First Female Graduate Student

Susan Horton of Meritt Island, Florida is the first female graduate student in the Department. The wife of George Horton, a graduate student in Wildlife, Susan is working under Dr. Hodgkins. Susan now holds a fellowship but she worked for one quarter as a teaching assistant in Dendrology and in the tree physiology laboratory. A second graduate student, Helen Williamson, has been accepted into the Departmental graduate program. She too, will work for Dr. Hodgkins.



*Xi Sigma Pi initiates Dec. 4, 1973*

## Xi Sigma Pi

Sigma Chapter is proud to announce that it initiated one of its largest classes during fall quarter. The initiation ceremonies were conducted at the Heart-of-Auburn-Restaurant on December 4, 1973. The new undergraduate members are: William Abernathy, Arnold M. Brodbeck III, Phillip O. Brown, Robert Kimbrell, Lyndon McCavitt, Charles Price, Charles Smith, Jack Williams, Joseph Williams, and Phillip Wilson.

As in the past, we hosted the annual Forestry Alumni Tea on Homecoming morning. Those who attended enjoyed coffee and doughnuts while visiting with old friends. I would like to encourage those of you who plan to attend Auburn's Homecoming Game next year to arrive a little earlier and come visit with us.

William B. Tomlin, Forester



*First Female Graduate Student—Susan Horton*

# FACULTY NEWS

## Curriculum Study

Professors Earl DeBrunner and Harry Larsen represented the Forestry Department in November at a workshop of the Curriculum Development Project sponsored by the Association of Forestry School Executives. The workshop was the third in a series initiated to meet the need for better methods of effectively teaching integrated resource management. Its purpose was to provide attending teachers an opportunity to examine a range of approaches to the teaching of an integrative course in resource management. Each participating school described its own approach, including subject matter covered, teaching methods employed, and instructional materials used.

## New Faculty

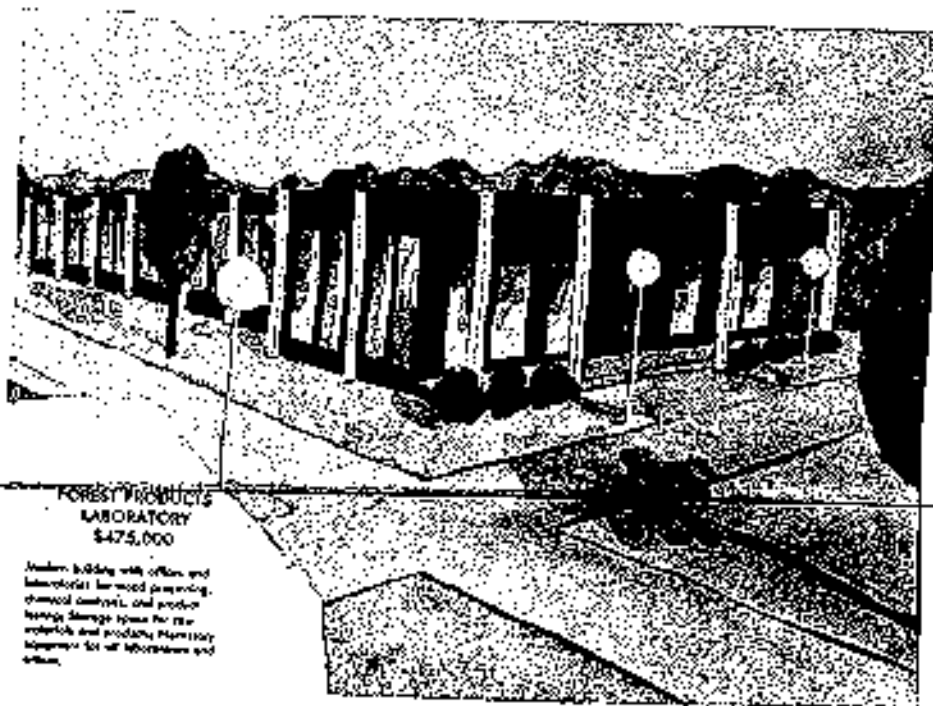
Two new faculty members joined the staff during 1973. Don Janes is Assistant Professor on a new 9 month appointment position and comes to Auburn from the University of Georgia where he is finishing up work on a Ph.D. degree. He teaches cartography and is developing a new computer oriented course to supplement summer camp. The other new member is James Frazer, class of March 73 who replaced Bob Wise as adjunct instructor.

## W. B. DeVall Heads Forestry Board And Forest Farmers Assoc.

W. B. DeVall was elected chairman of the State Board of Registration for Foresters at the annual meeting in Montgomery. He was also selected to be president-elect of the Forest Farmers Association at the Association's 32nd. convention in Biloxi, Mississippi.

## New Positions Open

There are several new positions to be filled in the department. Some of these are replacement positions for faculty who have left and others are new: These are for a Research Economist, Tree Physiologist, Wood Products Specialist, and a Silviculturist.



FOREST PRODUCTS LABORATORY  
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Modern building with offices and laboratories for wood processing, chemical analysis, and product testing. Storage space for raw materials and products. Forestry equipment for all laboratories and offices.

## FOREST PRODUCTS LABORATORY

The new Forest Products Laboratory building has not yet been funded but plans are under way and it is hoped that funding will not be long in being approved and that construction can begin early next year.

## Dr. Carter Heads Forestry Department At Purdue

Dr. Mason C. Carter, alumni Professor of Tree Physiology, became head of the department of Forestry and Conservation at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana as of July 1, 1973. Dr. Carter came to Auburn in 1960 and was a familiar figure to many throughout the state. He made many contributions to Alabama forestry by his work with herbicides and tree fertilization studies.

## Department Reviewed By CSRS

Dr. Wayne Smith representing the Cooperative State Research Service (CSRS), recently conducted a two day review of research projects being carried out by the Department. Dr. Smith is a Forest Biologist, currently on leave from the University of Florida. The CSRS conducts research periodically in each department of the Agricultural Experiment Station and other universities.

## Department Of Forestry Conditionally Reaccredited

The department was visited late last year by a three man reaccreditation committee from the Society of American Foresters consisting of Mr. John Wylie, Assistant State Forester of Missouri, Dr. Gerald Stairs, Head, Department of Forestry, University of Wisconsin, and Dr. Richard Skok, Associate Dean of the School of Forestry at the University of Minnesota. The department has been conditionally reaccredited for a period of 3 years because of several deficiencies noted by the committee. At the end of this period, the department will be reexamined by the SAF.

## Dr. Christen Honored

Dr. H.E. Christen was presented a mounted axe by the Student Chapter of the SAF and the Forestry Club for his 25 years of distinguished service to the students in forestry.



Beryl G. Toler

## Alumnus Highlighted

Beryl G. Toler (Class '54) received his degree in Forest Management at Auburn in March. The United States Army needed his services so for two years, one in Germany, he served with the 4th Infantry Division.

Following military service, he joined International Paper Company in 1956 as a Conservation Timber Marker. He was subsequently promoted to Forester and then Unit Forester in the Hattiesburg and Poplarville, Mississippi areas.

In 1960, Beryl joined the ranks of Tennessee River Pulp and Paper Company as Area Procurement Forester. This was followed by his promotion in 1967 to Area Manager at Pontotoc, Mississippi.

Classmates can reach him by adding Box 89, and zip code 38563 to this address.

Sharing of his free time in behalf of his profession has been one of Beryl's traits. He is a former chairman of the Mississippi Chapter, Society of American Foresters. He also served the chapter for two years as chairman of its legislative committee. The active Gulf States Section of the Society also sought him out for a term as vice-chairman.

The State of Mississippi has benefited from his leadership. As an active member of the Mississippi Forestry Association he has served as State Tree Farm Chairman, he arranged the Association's annual meetings for two years and provided further leadership as an officer in the capacity of treasurer, vice president and now as president in 1974.

Beryl and his wife Bess are proud parents of two daughters.

## From The President

The Auburn Forestry Alumni Association met for a short time during the annual Southeastern Section, Society of American Foresters Meeting held in Mobile, Alabama, January 31, 1974. Those in attendance were: William J. Watson ('58), Rt. 1, Box 26A, Camden, AL; Jim Smith ('49), 633 S. Sanders Rd., Birmingham, AL; Waymon Paul ('59), 3178 Dolly Ridge Dr., Birmingham, AL; Bob Lowe ('59), 451 Edgewood, Jackson, AL; H. C. Lucas ('50), 4129 Aspen Lane, Montgomery, AL; Clyde Webb ('53), 207 Williams Ave., Evergreen, AL; Tom Fell ('69), Rt. 1, Box 664, Mobile, AL; Young Rainer ('49), P. O. Box 1052, Albany, GA; Ralph Bonves ('69), Rt. 2, Camden, AL; Bill Williams (?), P. O. Box 758, Sheffield, AL; Jim Heath ('73), 1019 84th Street N., Birmingham, AL; Robert Wise ('72), 900 Downtown Blvd., Apt. 18, Mobile, AL; Greg West ('73), 304 S. Rooney, Union Springs, AL; Mike Wilson ('72), Notasulga, AL; Ray Covin ('62), 1807 Gatewood, Montgomery, AL; Jim Hyland ('71), 513 Madison Av., Montgomery, AL; Barton Williams ('62), 513 Madison Ave., Montgomery, AL; James H. Ferduc ('71), 513 Madison Ave., Montgomery, AL; M. D. Monk ('50), Rt. 1, Box 206, Ozark, AL; Bruce Johnson ('65), P. O. Box 392, Union Springs, AL; Robert L. Wiggins ('73), P. O. Box 1401, Clanton, AL; Eugene Sample ('54), 3909 Wood Haven Dr., Birmingham, AL. We missed all those alumni who were present at the section meeting but who did not attend the alumni meeting.

The following activities were accomplished during the year: 1) A letter to Sage Lyons written requesting passage of the amendment to the Forester's Registration Law. 2) Accepted a proposal made by Professor DeVall that the reading room (114) in M. White Smith Hall be dedicated to Lt. Harry C. Prince, Jr., killed in Vietnam, March 14, 1972. 3) Presented to Art Dyas, as recipient of the Outstanding Senior in Forestry award for 1973, a Forestry Handbook and a check for fifty dollars.

New things are happening at Auburn. Plans are under way for construction of a Forest Products Research Laboratory. Additional teachers and equipment will be needed to obtain the most benefit from this laboratory. The assistance of all alumni and friends will be needed.

Every effort should be made by each individual to make a contribution to the Auburn Forestry Foundation to provide continuing support for the Department of Forestry at Auburn University. Solicit con-

## Forestry Foundation Report

At the last annual meeting of the Foundation Board of Directors on April 20, 1973, the financial report showed a total of \$4,800.96 invested as of March 31, 1973. Membership numbered a modest 104 out of approximately 600 Forestry Department alumni.

The Foundation itself is prohibited from soliciting contributions as this function is to be accomplished through efforts of the Auburn Forestry Alumni Association and/or individual alumni. The Foundation objectives and purpose as stated in the by-laws are "to aid and promote by financial assistance from any source a supplement toward operational maintenance expenditures and the eventual formation of an endowment trust fund for the Department of Forestry of Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama."

Each year a certain portion, not to exceed 75% of the total monies contributed the preceding year are made available to the department and the balance is placed with invested funds. A total of \$518.88 consisting of \$134.38 carry-over from 1971 allocated funds plus \$382.50 from 1972 contributions was made available to the department in calendar year 1973.

Membership of the foundation consists of such individuals, firms, corporations, foundations, or trusts as shall make financial contributions to the foundation. Contributions may be mailed directly to the Department of Forestry for this purpose.

The annual meeting of the foundation's Board of Directors will be held at the department in May 1974.

Virgil Willett ('50)  
Chairman, Board of Directors

## Letter To The Faculty

143 Calhoun Avenue  
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December 21, 1974

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Auburn University  
Auburn, AL 36830

Dear forestry faculty:

I would like to express my appreciation for your intense desire to help me get my degree through encouragement and correspondence courses over my last six and 1/2 years of recovery which seemed impossi-

## Alabama's Extension Forester

L. Hilyard Wade, better known as Lackin Wade (Class '61) was born in Lee County, Alabama. After graduation from high school he entered the Alabama Polytechnic Institute in 1956 but received his B.S. degree in Forest Management from Auburn University in 1961—due, of course, to a change in name of the University. With his sheep skin he received a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Army. After serving 24 months, 13 of which were in Korea, he was honorably discharged with the rank of Captain.

Following military service he began his professional work with the Hudson Pulp and Paper Corporation in Palatka, Florida. His zest for further education brought him back to Auburn where he earned the M.S. degree in Forest Economics in August 1965. Since July of the same year he has served Alabama as its Extension Forester.

Proration of his time over an area comprising Alabama's 67 counties is a difficult assignment. However, he is best known for his leadership in the area of development and implementation of youth, adult, and continuing education programs in forestry. He is called the daddy of "patch cutting and clearing" on small, private forest ownerships.

Those who travel the Forestry circuits in Alabama will no doubt meet him at meetings of the Alabama Forestry Council, the Alabama Forestry Association, and the Society of American Foresters. He currently serves as chairman of the Council and of the Southern Group of Extension Foresters. His wide experience in Alabama Forestry prompted his selection as an advisor to the Forestry Sub-committee of the Joint Interim Committee on Agriculture of the Alabama legislature.

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ble. My car wreck caused me to be immobile and mute but through this time I have almost worked out these disabilities and someday soon hope to get a job in the forestry field as soon as I get my degree. I realize that the job will not be one that you must be real physically fit for, but one which you must know all the things in the forestry background to do well in. Thank you very much!

All the best,  
Swayze Hogue  
Yazoo City, MS 39194



### 1974 ALUMNI AWARD

Bennie F. Vinson of Birmingham looks over the Forestry Handbook he received with a check from Alumni Association President Gene Sample. The presentation was made at the annual forestry awards banquet. The award is made each year to an outstanding senior. Bennie was a member of Xi Sigma Pi and of the Auburn Student Chapter, S.A.F. Following graduation in March he was employed by Alabama Power Company in Dadeville.

## WOODLAND CONSERVATIONIST

Jerry L. Johnson (class of '70) is Woodland Conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service in Alabama.

Johnson will provide technical leadership and assistance in developing and promoting the Woodland phases of the Soil conservation programs.

He has served as District Conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service in Clark County with headquarters in Grove Hill during the past two years. He began his career with the Soil Conservation Service in Tuscaloosa, in April 1970 and in June was transferred to Brewton, where he served as Soil Conservationist until September 1971 when he was promoted to District Conservationist in Grove Hill.

Jerry is a native of Centreville, Alabama and received his B.S. Degree in Forest Management from Auburn University. While a student at Auburn he was a member of the Forestry Honor Fraternity, Xi Sigma Pi and received the Plant Service Science Award from the Garden Club of Alabama.



Jerry L. Johnson

### From the President (Cont. from page 3)

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