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Dedication

by Tammy Ellis

The 1985 *Knot Hole* is dedicated to two people who have done a great deal for Auburn Forestry students. Mr. and Mrs. Solon Dixon have contributed time, money, and hard work to make the Auburn University School of Forestry the best there is. Through their great generosity we have the Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center in Andalusia where forestry students can learn first hand what the forestry profession is all about.

Mr. and Mrs. Dixon's contributions will benefit many generations of Auburn Foresters to come.

Auburn University Student Chapter Society of American Foresters



Class 1985: Richard Crenshaw, Mark Causey, John Armstrong, Nicki Terry, Tony Moore, Greg Turner, (Second Row) Gary Cole, Lane Linton, Bill Easis, Joe Hill, Tammy Ellis, Terri Garner, John Colberg, (Third Row) John Merrill, Chip Bates, Robert O'Neil, Doug Scott, Glenn Johnson, Ray Clifton.



Class 1986: Kimball Swift, (Second Row) Connie Chestnut, Kellie Wallace, Ronnie Cornhill, Jeff Dunson, Keith Finlayson (Third Row) Kevin McCasley, Alan Williams, Lacey Kendrick, Hooper Mathews, Andy Loftus, Beth Carter.

School Report for the Knothole

by Emmett Thompson, Acting Dean

By now, I imagine most students are well aware that the biggest news during the past year was the establishment of a separate, free-standing School of Forestry. This long awaited event took place on October 1, 1984, and was the culmination of many years' effort on the part of faculty, alumni, students and the state's general forestry community. To each of you who had a major role in bringing this about, I want to express appreciation. School status certainly brings added visibility, both within and outside the University, and also additional incentive to work even harder to provide the very best education for our students and the highest-quality, relevant research for our clientele.

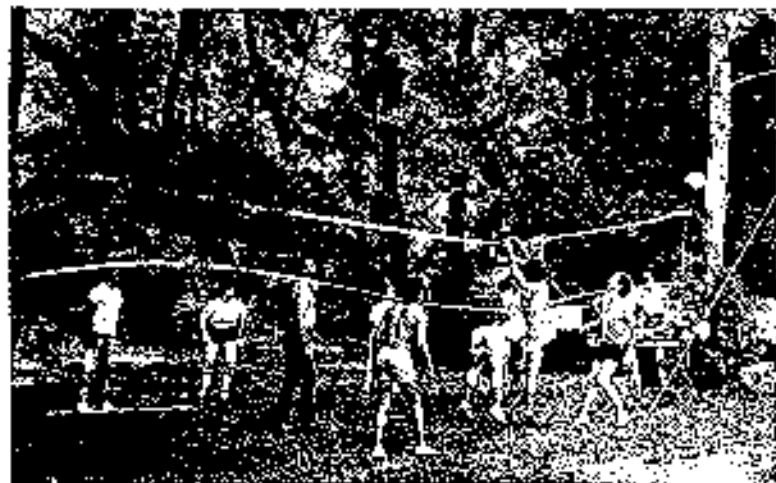
The period since becoming a separate School has been one of adjusting and learning. As you might expect, there is a considerable increased administrative load dealing with maintaining the official student records, being the decision point for such things as course substitutions,

student transfers, course drops, etc. Dr. Earl DeBrunner, in addition to his normal teaching load, has shouldered a large amount of the administrative burden of shifting from a Department to a School.

As indicated, there are many benefits associated with separate school status. We now have direct access to the University Administration. In the years ahead, I am sure this will prove extremely beneficial in terms of presenting our own case with respect to budgets, curricula requirements, research priorities, and many other areas. These benefits were quite evident recently in our participation in the Student Government Association's annual Honors Day Banquet. For this event, a student and a faculty member are selected as the outstanding junior student and outstanding faculty member for each of the University's several schools. In the past, as one of many Departments in the School of Agriculture, we only occasionally had one of our

students or faculty members so honored. As a separate School, we will participate in this activity on an annual basis. The 1984-85 outstanding forestry student is Ms. Connie Jo Chestnut, a forest management major from Nashville, Tennessee. The first School of Forestry outstanding professor honor went to Dr. Ever Johnson.

The Schools' student enrollment appears to be on the increase, at least at the undergraduate level. After several years of declining enrollment, we had reached the point where we had at least needed to level out, and the anticipated increase is welcome. Hopefully, we will not rebound all the way to our enrollment levels of the late 1970's, but something in excess of our recent experience is easily within our capabilities to handle while maintaining a quality education. Graduate enrollment appears to have leveled off and may be declining slightly.



Conclave 1985

by *Connie Jo Chestnut*

When the forestry club returned from Louisiana and conclave in 1984, they decided something must be done. After competing in conclave and coming in dead last, the club set to work. They worked on individual performances and in improving practice facilities. The conclave practice area behind the Forest Products Lab saw many improvements and much use this past year.

With help from many people the conclave area became a very helpful facility. The birling pond was cleaned out and is now no longer a mud pond thanks to the help of Dick Martin. While the cant storage area is being worked on, the cants can be stored in the pond to prevent drying. And birling-mania became rampant. A new bowsaw stand was built by Jim Scott and put into use. The area around the crosscut and

bowsaw stands was covered with woodchips to provide better traction. A compass and pacing course was set up with the help of Dick Martin. Dr. Ralph Meidahl was extremely helpful in establishing timber estimation plots. A DBH estimation course was also set up. The archery range was made regulation size. A new climbing pole was put up and a pole felling area was established. All of the work was coordinated and much of it done by this year's conclave vice-president, Ray Clifton.

All of these improvements showed when Auburn went to conclave. Although we did not claim first place we did increase our standing by finishing seventh in a field of thirteen. The improvements on the conclave area made a difference. The following people helped by

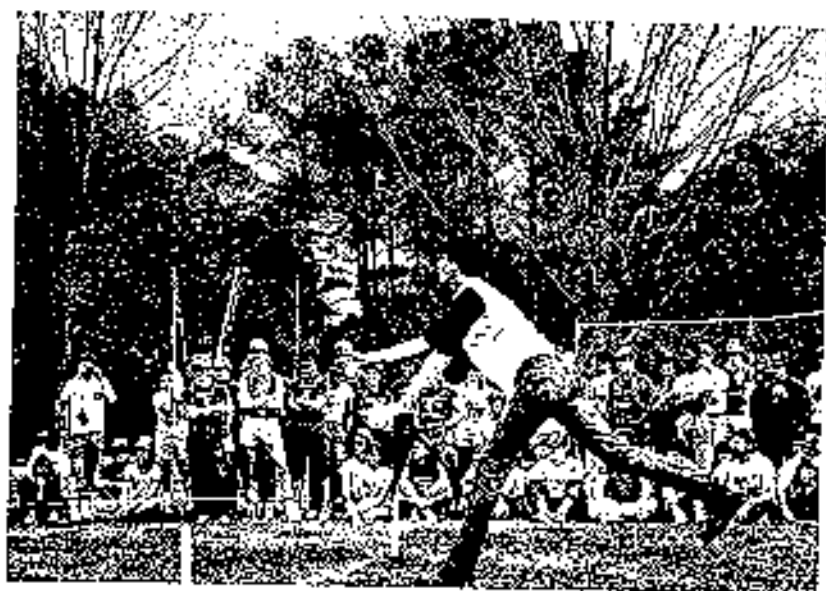
finishing in the top five in their respective events:

4	Pole Felling	David Arnold
5	Dendrology	David Arnold
1	Tobacco Splitting	Greg Bailey
2	DBH Estimation	Mark Cawsey
5	Chain Throwing	John Colberg
4	Jack and Jill X-Cut	Ray Clifton Nicki Terry
3	Women Pulpwood Toss	Terri Garner
4-tie	Log Birling	Tony Moore
2	Women's X-Cut	Nicki Terry Kellie Wallace
2	Speed Chopping	Greg Turner

Congratulations to all who participated and good luck to next year's competitors!!!







Auburn Forestry Club Banquet

by Doug Scott

The Auburn University Student Chapter of the Society of American Foresters presented its Annual Forestry Award Banquet at the Auburn Conference Center on February 15, 1985. This year, the banquet was held on Friday and was well attended by faculty, students, and supporters of Auburn Forestry. Greg Turner served as the Master of Ceremonies, while Tony Moore was charged with presenting the students' awards to the beloved profs. Aubie was again present at the banquet and kept everyone in stitches with his usual antics. Highlights of the awards presentation were: Auburn Forestry Alumni Award received by Mr. Bob Freese and the Alumni Association Award for the Outstanding Senior in Forestry received by Stephan Tomlinson.

Other awards presented were:

American Can Company Forestry Measurement Award; presented by Mr. Charlie Minogue; received by Chris C. Graham

E.A. Hauss Scholastic Improvement Awards; presented by Dr. Earl DeBrunner; received by W. Marc Causey and Donna N. Terry

Southeastern Society of American Foresters Outstanding Senior in Forestry Award; presented by Dr. Emmert Thompson; received by Greg D. Turner

L.M. Ware Outstanding Senior in Forestry Award; presented by Dr. Harry Larsen; received by David H. Arnold

MacMillan-Bloedel, Inc. Forest Economics Award; presented by Mr. Billy Wayne McIntyre; received by John W. Armstrong

H.B. Christen Memorial Summer Camp Award; presented by Mr. Rhett Johnson; received by Mark Saunders, Andy Loftis, and Glenn Smith

A.U. Forestry Club's "Professor of the Year"; presented by Tony Moore; received by Dr. Conrad Brewer

A.U. Forestry Club's "Golden Shaft Award"; presented by Tony Moore; received by Dr. Michael Golden

The 1984-85 edition of the Auburn University Forestry Club would like to thank everyone who attended and extended their support to make this year's banquet a success. We also take this opportunity to give a heartfelt "Thank You" to Mrs. Tammy Shoemaker and Mr. Dick Martin for their efforts on the banquet and throughout the year.





Captain Procrastination and His Sidekick Apathy

by John Colberg

This is a true story about two men and their search for someone else to do their work. Their mission is to eradicate the concept of DEADLINE from the minds of the masses. Armed with their chief weapon, tomorrow, they fight a never ending battle against diligence and punctuality.

Planning, scheduling, pre-determination, and ahead-of-time, are all concepts which are diametrically opposed to everything Procrastination and Apathy stand for. It is people who exhibit these tendencies that Procrastination and Apathy have targeted for conversion.

Often, in order to conquer a specific, difficult problem, Procrastination and Apathy employ the services of their ally, Commander Chaos. They are convinced that all the problems of humanity are rooted in the two simple human emotions, anxiety and tension. But these two emotions if left alone, will grow and tear at a person, turning him in-

to a raving lunatic, typical of people who make 4.0 GPA's. Procrastination and Apathy, who have trained themselves to resist and ignore tension, are in an ideal position for saving people from this fate.

Sometimes Commander Chaos visits Captain Procrastination and Apathy and bring news of 25¢ draft beer from the village.

Without further delay, the three of them go to the village to barter quarter tokens for steins of cool nectar. It is in this and instances like this that Procrastination and Apathy use their primary weapon, tomorrow, to carry out their work.

Rest, relaxation, and all other desirable activities always take priority over any kind of work. This policy must be followed at all times or the true identity of Captain Procrastination and his sidekick Apathy will be discovered. Only under the guise of uninhibited care-freedom can Procrastination and Apathy reach their goal of global total relaxation.



Firewood Sale

by Tony Moore

At a certain time every year the weather starts turning cold, leaves fall off trees, and members of the Auburn Forestry Club happily scramble for their chainsaws and mauls in anticipation of the merriment to be had during the firewood sale season. Although the merriment of cutting and delivering firewood wasn't as great as expected, the club did manage to have a very successful year. We sold 14½ cords of wood at \$80 per cord and \$45 per half cord for a total of \$1,363.

The participation this year was outstanding. There are a lot of members who deserve recognition but the list would be too long to write so we would just like to say thanks to all of them.

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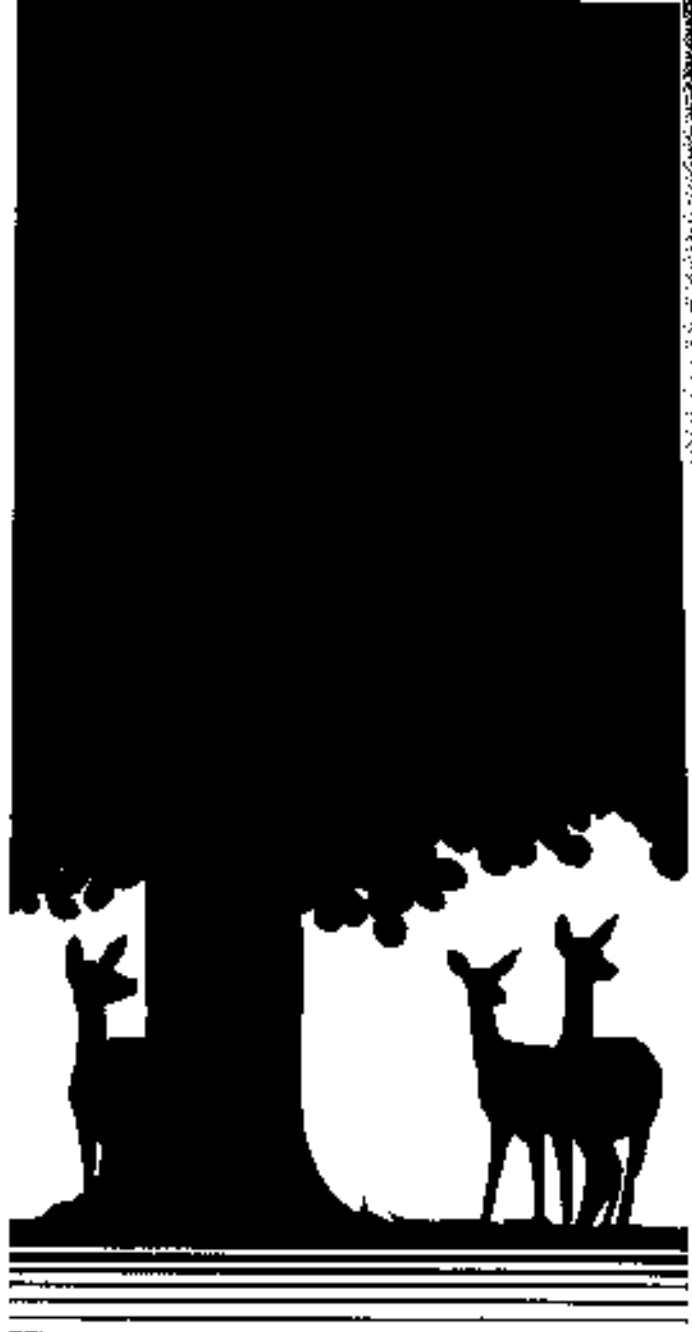
TVA Consortium

by Ray Clifton

During Christmas break six seniors, Dr. DeBrunner and Dr. Johnson attended the 9th Resource Management Consortium at Land Between the Lakes in western Tennessee and Kentucky. This area is a vast stretch of woodlands that lies between Kentucky and Barkely Lakes. It serves as a national demonstration area for resource management.

The week we spent at LBL was one of the most educational and enjoyable of our forestry education. Each of us was placed on a crew comprised of one student from each university attending. Universities represented at this consortium included Stephen F. Austin, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Southern Illinois. Each crew was given a management problem to solve ranging from preserving a rare natural stand of short-leaf pine to the possible reintroduction of ruffed grouse to the development of a plan to utilize a fragile creek ecosystem for interpretive purposes. Each of these problems was to be solved under multiple use management.

During the week we were able to tour many of the interesting areas of LBL, including the Homeplace, a reconstructed 19th Century homestead, and the buffalo range. Various aspects of resource management at LBL were presented by the TVA staff, which proved to be very informative. We also found time for other activities such as volleyball and snowball fights. It was a highly enjoyable week for all of us.



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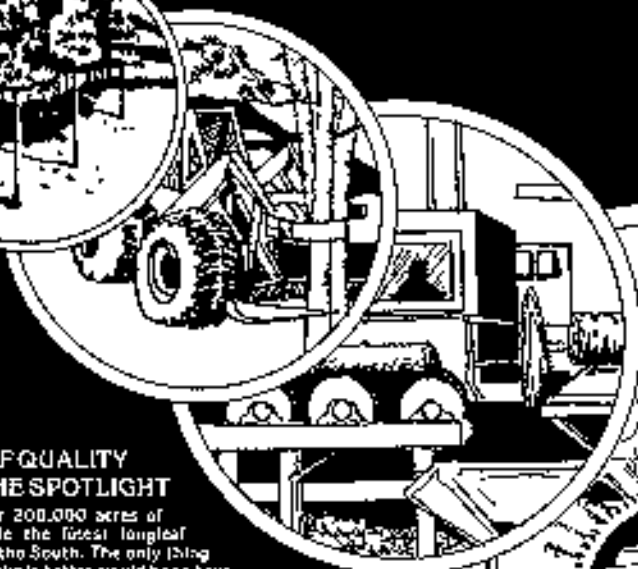
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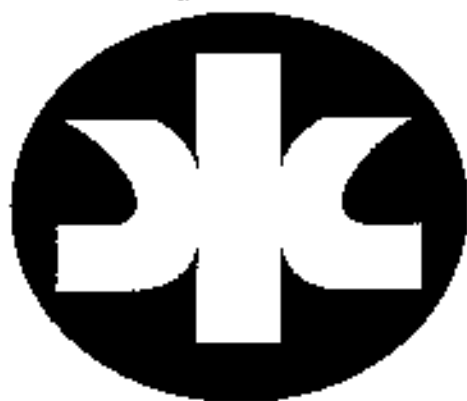
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