



Fall 2004

News from your Forestry Alumni Association

May 2004 Lowcountry Cookout



Dr. Pat Layton, Chair, greets alumni at the lowcountry boil

Our 5th Annual Lowcountry Alumni Cookout was held for our middle state and coastal alumni (and anybody who could make it for that matter) on May 6th. The site was the Harbison State Forest in Columbia.

The lowcountry boil was well received and we will duplicate it again this coming May 12th. Come join us!

October 2003 Homecoming

Our Annual Homecoming Meeting on October 11, 2003 had approximately 60 alumni, family and friends on hand. Randall Johnson, President for 2002-2004, introduced the Officers for 2003-04 as follows:

Continuing Officers are:

Randall Johnson – President 2002-2004

Sam Coker – President Elect 2002-2004

Executive Secretary – Vic Shelburne

(appointed by Executive Council 2003-2004)

Executive Council:

Bill Coleman – 2nd year

Tom Waldrop – 2nd year

Michael Mills – 2nd year



Plenty of shrimp and other goodies for alumni and families

Nominations were made to fill two slots on the Executive Council—Helen Mohr (a third two-year term) and Parker Hill (begin a new two-year term).

These officers were elected by acclamation for the coming year.

Finances for the Association were brought up-to-date and our present funds and efforts to support a variety of activities were as follows:

Clemson Forestry Alumni Account	\$8,400
Bing Cool Student Support Fund	\$9,200
Koloman Lehotsky Memorial Fund	\$40,675
Elaine Potts Memorial Fund	\$6,900
William A. Shain Endowed Scholarship	\$18,650

Randall then recognized Mr. Micky Scott (BS 1973) as the Clemson Forestry Alumni Association's Outstanding Alumnus of the Year.

Mark Your Calendar

Annual Homecoming Meeting and Picnic. Saturday, October 16, 2004. Patio of Lehotsky Hall at 10:30 a.m.



Homecoming 2003 was held in the lobby of Lehotsky due to rain.

Chair's Corner

Dr. Pat Layton, Chair

Department of Forestry & Natural Resources

Yes, that's right our name has changed. Last spring and summer the College of Agriculture, Forestry & Life Sciences underwent a major reorganization that involved eliminating administrators and merging departments. Public Service and Agriculture Vice President John Kelly and Provost Doris Helms made the changes to cope with state budget cutbacks and to refocus the College for the future.

Timed with the reorganization, Provost Helms named Calvin Schoulties as Dean of the College. Schoulties appointed John Sweeney and Bruce Pinkerton as Interim Associate Deans. Both have half-time appointments in administration in the dean's office and half-time academic appointments. Tom Schwedler was recently named full-time Associate Dean and Allen Dunn will now serve as full-time Interim Director of Clemson Institute for Environmental Toxicology.

The Department of Forest Resources merged with faculty from the Departments of Aquaculture, Fisheries and Wildlife and Environmental Toxicology, and now is the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources. Following this merger and a formal internal search process, I was named Chair of the new department.

Budget cuts led to a retirement incentive program during the spring. Faculty members Don Ham, Urban Forestry Extension Specialist and George Kessler, Forest Management Extension Specialist, retired. Both Ham and Kessler returned to work in the new department on grants

and special projects. Steve Muzal, Extension Continuing Education Coordinator, Steve Perry, Manager of the Clemson Experimental Forest, and Stan Addis, Research Technician, also retired during this incentive program. Knight Cox is now Manager of the Experimental Forest and Erik Flemming, formerly working with the TOP program, has moved to a new slot and manages the whole continuing education program. Secretarial changes include the addition of Sheri Stanley and Deanna Burns. Jeanne Campbell continues in Extension. And finally in February, Richard Harper moved to the US Forest Service in Knoxville to work on the FIA for Georgia.

The merger to form the new Department of Forestry and Natural Resources has brought together a remarkable group, and I am pleased to have a leadership role in shaping its future. I would like to help faculty, staff and students grow and achieve their best—personally and for Clemson University—thereby helping them build their own futures, as well as the Department's programs and the University's stature. We are striving for continuous improvement, and our goal is for our Department to become a leader within Clemson University, the region, and the nation.

Faculty and Staff Awards:

- ★ 2003 Frank Burtner Advising Award for excellence in advising – Dave Van Lear
- ★ 2003 Urban and Community Forestry Partnership Award – Don Ham
- ★ 2003 Sigma Xi Researcher of the Year – Dave Van Lear
- ★ 2003 Charles H. Flory Award (SC Forestry Commission) – Dave Van Lear
- ★ 2003 Chief's Award for Excellence in Technology Transfer – Don Ham
- ★ 2003 Barrington Moore Award (National SAF award) – Dave Van Lear
- ★ 2003 Award for Excellence (Cooperative Extension Service, Southern Region) for TV program, "Tree Talk" – Drew Lanham, George Kessler, Dave Van Lear
- ★ 2003 Award for Excellence (Cooperative Extension Service, Southern Region) for Master Tree Farmer/ Master Wildlifer programs – Greg Yarrow and George Kessler
- ★ 2003 SC Wildlife Conservation Award – Rick Willey
- ★ 2004 Wildlife Society Outstanding Faculty Award – Drew Lanham
- ★ 2004 Ansel E. Miller Excellence in Teaching Award – Dave Gynn
- ★ 2004 Outstanding Staff Award (Wildlife Society) – Knight Cox

In Memoriam ... Dr. Robert Allen, Head of the Department of Forestry 1970-1982

ROBERT MAX ALLEN, 83 years of age, of 1562 Fort Hill Drive, Seneca, South Carolina, died Thursday, September 16, 2004, at Anderson Area Medical Center. Born June 5, 1921, Bob grew up in Hampton, Illinois, along the Mississippi River. He was the son of the late Max Allen and Gretchen Gray Allen. He recounted his childhood in his book entitled *HAMPTON REMEMBERED: BOYHOOD PERCEPTIONS*.

Bob entered Iowa State College in 1939 and left after Pearl Harbor in 1941 to enter the Marines. He was a radar and radio technician and served on Engebi and on several islands around Okinawa. He was discharged in November, 1945, with the rank of Master Technical Sergeant. Bob is survived by his wife of 58 years, Billie Mansell Allen of the home. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in forestry from Iowa State University. In 1948, he took a job in forestry research with the United States Forest Service in South Mississippi and was transferred to Duke University where he earned a Ph.D. in tree physiology. In 1966, Billie, Bob and their three children, Betty, Reed, and Mary, moved to Clemson, South Carolina, where he became the Belle W. Baruch Professor of Forestry with Clemson University. He was named Head of the Department of Forestry in 1970 and remained in that capacity for twelve years before requesting to return to teaching and research. He retired in 1991 but continued to work for another two years. Author of 52 scientific publications, Dr. Allen enjoyed his time interacting with his students. Bob and Billie were members of IPTAY for 29 years and enjoyed supporting Clemson athletes.

He was currently serving as an officer in the Marine Corps League. He was a Fellow of the Society of American Foresters. He was a longtime member of the South Carolina Forestry Association and served as Board Member and Chairman of the Board. He received the Charles H. Flory Distinguished Service Award from the South Carolina Forestry Association. He served as Chairman of the Appalachian Society of American Foresters and received its Distinguished Service to Forestry Award. He served as Chairman of the Southern Region of the Association of State College and Forestry Research Organizations. He was a member of the Clemson Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta and received its Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award of Merit. He was also a member of Sigma Xi.

In addition to Mrs. Allen, surviving are a daughter, Betty Allen Boyles and her husband, Craig, of Anderson; two grandchildren, Michele Boyles Taylor, and her husband, Stephen, of Simpsonville, and Jason Robert Boyles of Anderson; a daughter, Mary Bizzigotti, and her husband, George, of Herndon, Virginia; and a son Reed, of Easley. Also surviving are Beth Boyles Martinez and her husband, German, of Easley, their daughter, Kristina Jayne, and her husband, Brandon; a niece, Karen Hall of Duncan, Oklahoma.

The Robert M. Allen Forest Technology Transfer Award has been established at the Clemson University Foundation. The Award will be available to faculty and students who excel in the transfer of natural resource technology. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be directed to the Robert M. Allen Forest Technology Transfer Award, The Clemson University Foundation, Box 345601, Clemson, SC 29634-5601.

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