

Fall 1999

**The honor of your presence is
requested at the
Dedication of the
Roland E. Schoenike
Arboretum
of the Clemson Botanical
Garden**

**on Saturday, the Second of October, 1999
at Three Hours Before the Clemson Football
Game**

**Light meal/Forestry Alumni Meeting
following the Dedication
at the Lehotsky Hall Lobby/Patio**

**Parking available behind the Wren House or
Shuttle Service provided from Lehotsky Hall**

Directions Enclosed

News About Clemson Forestry Alumni & the Department of Forest Resources:

- Our Annual Homecoming Meeting and Picnic will be at the Lehotsky Hall patio Saturday, October 2 immediately following the Dedication of the Roland E. Schoenike Arboretum. We have highlighted that dedication on our front page. The event will occur at the new entrance to the Arboretum behind the Wren House where there is plenty of parking. Note that you may park here or park at Lehotsky Hall and receive shuttle service (in our infamous Departmental vans--you ll get to feel like a student all over again!) to the Arboretum. In either case, we plan a short ceremony so that you will have plenty of time to make it back to Lehotsky for the picnic/homecoming meeting at Lehotsky Hall. The Dedication will be 3 hours before the Clemson Football game so you will have to pay attention to that announcement (which we are told won t be known until that week). Maps for the area between Lehotsky Hall and the Arboretum follow. Please try to attend the dedication as we will honor Dr. Schoenike s hard work over 25 years in establishing and caretaking this facility.
- For the second year in a row, our Society of American Foresters Student Chapter has been named the Outstanding Student Chapter. This is a great credit and distinction for the students and faculty of Clemson Forest Resources. The major reasons for this achievement are not only the larger number of students who belong to SAF but the very active programs which the students have provided. Dr. Van Lear (chapter advisor) and Dr. Gering (incoming advisor) will travel to the Portland, Oregon National Meeting with over 20 students to attend the meeting and accept the award.
- The search for the new Chair of the Department of Forest Resources still continues as of this writing (late August). Five candidates have been interviewed but no white smoke yet. Negotiations we hear are presently going on. Look for an announcement at Homecoming (we hope by then anyway!).
- Executive Advisory Committee 1999-2000:
 - As per agreements made in 1997, all members of the Executive and Advisory Committees have agreed to 2 year terms. Therefore the Executive Committee for 1999-2000 is as follows:

Tom Rowland - President (2nd year)
Jimmy Walters - Vice President (2nd year)
Bill Holmes - Treasurer (nominated to 3rd year)
Vic Shelburne - Executive Secretary (2nd year)
- Advisory Committee:
Bill Coleman - 2nd year (1998-2000)
Bill Bartle - 2nd year (1998-2000)
Rhett Bickley - Nominated for another term 1999-2001
Helen Mohr - Nominated for a term 1999-2001
David Castle (72) - 2nd year (1998-2000)
- Tom Waldrop, outgoing Advisory Committee member, will remain an ex officio member of the Advisory Committee in his capacity as loan fund coordinator.

The Executive/Advisory Committee is seriously considering moving the independent Clemson University Forestry Alumni under the greater umbrella of the Clemson University Alumni Association. There are a lot of good reasons for this but the number one reason, for you the alumni, is to provide direct tax deductible status for any gifts you may make through our Alumni group. For the most part, any change will be almost invisible and we will have the facilities and expertise of the permanent alumni staff to help us with the newsletter and other operations. If we have the details of the change by Homecoming, we will vote on the issue at the meeting.

- The SC Tree Farm Committee has created a \$10,000 endowment with the Clemson University Foundation in memory of Harrison Freeman Lathrop -- a past president and active member of the Tree Farm Committee. The endowment will continue to fund the Harrison Freeman Lathrop Award. The Award is given each year to the Outstanding Forestry Graduate . It consists of a \$250 check and a plaque recognizing the student s overall efforts. Shane A. Sprouse has received the Harrison Freeman Lathrop Tree Farmer Award as Clemson University 1999 Outstanding Forestry Sprouse, a native of Bradley, SC was recognized for his exceptional academic accomplishments (GPS 3.89), overall leadership, and contributions to the forestry program.

News from Clemson Forestry Alumni

(Please keep those e-mails and letters coming--see last page of newsletter)

Curtis Hutto (MF 83, Ph.D. 98) is a State Natural Area Steward employed by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of Natural Heritage in Richmond Virginia. He is still trying to figure out how to manage for everything ranging from rare beetles to longleaf pine.

Tom Haene (71) has resigned from I.P. Co. and started his own forestry services business in Biscoe, NC. Statewide Forestry Services, Inc. offers a complete line of forestry services and forest management advice to North Carolina landowners.

R. Scott Wallinger, Jr. (89) is currently an Assistant Attorney General in the South Carolina Attorney General s Office in Columbia. He presently handles criminal prosecutions for the State Grand Jury.

Bill Walker (79) is a Landscape/Irrigation Design and Installation Manager at Black s Nursery, Inc. He and his wife Vicki have been married now for 19 years and have 3 children, Matt 16, Joanna 14, and Katy 13. He still loves to hunt and fish with his best bud Matt. Bill wants to know if anyone knows the whereabouts of Dave Hunt and Larry Walton?

Torre Worley (89) anticipates moving from Fayetteville, NC where he has spent the last 4+ years with the 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) to Gainesville, FL. He will be enrolled in the Latin American Studies program working toward his MA at the University of Florida. E-mail him at torre_lori@sprynet.com.

Pat Flaherty (92) is completing his thesis at the University of Wyoming. He is going to Juneau, Alaska for another seasonal job this summer - an inventory field position with the Forest Service Experimental Lab. He is interested in a permanent position with GIS. He asks that we send the word that he is proof that there can be an academic life after a poor undergraduate performance.

Gary Seithel (77) is still minister of a church on the east side of London and Chairman of Havering Mission 2000. Recently he has been serving on the Evangelical Alliance s steering group for a national project called Groundswell. Life is challenging for him and his wife Penny with four kids.

Dwight Stewart (70) and Ward Gatlin (MF 83) report Clay Weeks (80) left in Jan. 99 to enroll full time at Columbia International University. He hopes to enter the foreign mission field. Dwight was elected to the FORS Board of Directors. He and Ward have opened an office in Dillon managed by Earl Dutton, a N.C. State graduate.

Thomas Ruckelshaus (BS 88, MS 90) writes Seaway Bitterroot (a.k.a. Biltrock Seaway) Wilderness had bad fires last year. This year the snowpack is well above average.

Ricky Ingram (81) was promoted to Refuge Supervisor in Atlanta for all Florida, south Georgia, and Carribean National Wildlife Refuges in January 1999. Wife (Glenda) and son (Evan) enjoy being closer to family in the Atlanta area.

Richard Ellis (63) has been named Forester of the Year in North Carolina for 1998. This award recognizes individuals who have provided outstanding service to the forestry profession in North Carolina.

Joseph Mills (61) retired from the South Carolina Forestry Commission effective June 30, 1999 after over 37 years. He plans to stay active in the forestry profession by consulting and working in his own woodland.

Jay Jackson (84) has volunteered as the Business Economics instructor for the South Carolina Forestry Association Timber Operations Professional program since 1995. They have graduated 1381 loggers, foresters, technicians, dealers, consultants and others from the 3 day program over a 4 year period.

H. Stroh Morrison III (77) reports that Harry S. (Stroh) Morrison, IV is graduating from Clemson (forest management) in May 99 and will enroll in Clemson s Graduate School (8/99) seeking a Master of Forestry degree - 2nd generation Clemson Forester then back to Estill to get a haircut and get a real

John Boyers (88) is teaching high school science and woodshop at Eagle Valley H.S. in Gypsum, Colorado. He notes none of the kids have tried to shoot me yet .

Henry Kodama (75) and wife Karen (76) have a son, Justin, who is a freshman in Financial Management at Clemson.

John Wilson (74) has a son, Sean, graduating from Clemson in Dec. 99 with a major in Mechanical Engineering and minor in Forestry. Daughter Tracy is graduating form Clemson in May 2000 with a nursing degree.

Mark Paul Kays (81) is now living in a house he built with rough sawn (Woodmizer) lumber with the help of Marshall Moore (80). Mark is married to Kelley Smyth (USC 82) and they have two boys, Leif

Anthony Watry (90) has recently been named as Broker-in-Charge of the Walterboro office of Shaw, McLeod, Belser & Hurlbutt and also as a member of ACF.

W. Dukes Isgett (91) and wife Beverly had a baby girl (Hannah Marie) on Nov. 30, 1997. Dukes went to work with Superior Land and Timber Corp. in Oct. 98 in Procurement. He has been hosting an annual camping trip on the Santee River the past 7 years that include most of the CU Forestry Class of 91! It s special to see a forestry class stay together as somewhat of a family .

Walt Credle (78) has been in business four years (Credle Irrigation) installing irrigation systems in Waddington, NC.

Rick Myers (79, MS 82, Ph.D. 96) and wife Jane Thompson have been in Virginia now for just over 1 year. They are adjusting to a new place, new job, and liking it. Lots of dogs and a demanding job managing Virginia Natural Area Preserve System keep Rick busy.

Jeff deGraan (88) of Olympia, Washington reported a new address because some animal rights activists burned his building last summer, so he had to move next door.

Barbara Crane (MS 90) is still working on her Ph.D. part-time while working full-time at International Paper in Bainbridge, GA - whew! Barbara notes International Paper just bought Union Camp.

Brad Thompson s (77) son Brad is a junior at West Point, daughter Jenna is a freshman at Clemson, son David is in the 10th grade and daughter Caitlyn is in the 8th grade.

Cecil Campbell (74) has been selected as the Coastal Regional Forester for the SC Forestry Commission effective July 1, 1999. His son, Jon, will graduate from Clemson in December 1999. He is majoring in construction science and management.

Peter Spangler (63) retired from West Penn Power in 1996. He is currently doing consulting involving electric line rights-of-way vegetation management and provides expert witness testimony in matters involving electric lines and vegetation contact cases. He would appreciate an update on all retired professors. What are they doing, where are they, etc.

Sam Craig (80) is still in Law School at USC - 2 years down, 1 to go.

Craig Hill (91) and wife Karen are proud parents of a baby girl born January 7, 1998 named Adrian Page Hill.

Justin Hilton (94) wrote that Patrick Mason is a 96 Clemson Forestry graduate and is also employed with Canal Environmental Services. Justin recommends him for potential membership.

Crad Jaynes (75) is now the Executive Director of the S.C. Timber Producers Association which is newly reorganized and renamed from Palmetto Timber Assoc. to SCTPA as of January 1999. Association for Timber Harvesting Contractors & Producers in South Carolina. Their mailing address is P.O. Box 811, Lexington, SC 29071.

Burl Carraway (MFR 93) is employed as BMP Coordinator and Stewardship Coordinator at the Texas Forest Service in Lufkin, TX. He has a son, Ausley Burl Carraway IV, born on May 27, 1999.

Mark Augspurger (78) resigned from Rust E&I/Earth Tech in May and joined 5 others to form The Pinnacle Consulting Group. Their corporation mission is Decision Support Through Knowledge and Technology which means they do technology, business process analysis, data management, GIS and spatial data management, web site and intranet resource development, project and program management, and related consultation for industrial and government clients in the areas of environmental management, compliance, environmental restoration, natural resources management, water resources and watershed management, risk management, etc. Their location is in the West End 120 year old cotton warehouse in the West End of downtown Greenville, a block from Reedy River Falls. Check them out at www.pincongrp.com.

Bill Holmes (79) recently accepted a position with Georgia-Pacific as a forester in the Forest Management Assistance Program. He has a 4 year old son and a 7 year old daughter and now lives in Wilmington, NC. His wife, Karen, recently accepted a position as a registered nurse at Cape Fear Memorial Hospital.

Clemson Forestry Alumni
Treasurer s Report
February 16 - August 18, 1999

Available Assets

Beginning Balance

Checking	2564.18
Certificate of Deposit	<u>5148.97</u>
Total	7713.15

Income

Contributions	2330.00
Interest (CD)	<u>0</u>
Total	2330.00

Expenses

Postage	260.06
Elaine Potts Fund	290.00
Clemson SAF Student Chapter Trip	300.00
Xi Sigma Pi Meals	<u>40.00</u>
Total	1150.06

Ending Balance

Checking	4004.12
Certificate of Deposit	<u>5269.41</u>
Total Available	9273.53

Student Loan Account

Beginning Balance 9674.68

Income

Donations	0
Interest	<u>101.47</u>
	101.47

Expenses

Three new loans	1500.00
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Ending Balance 8276.15

Total Outstanding Loans (11) 5055.00
(5 are overdue for payment)

Total Assets

Checking	4004.12
Certificate of Deposit	5269.41
Student Loan Account	8276.15
Outstanding Loans	<u>5055.00</u>
Total	\$22,604.68