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Looking Backward . . . And Forward

Today, as we witness the dedication of the new Forestry Building, one can't help but wonder about the past history of events that led up to the present. The events taking place today have been made possible by the efforts of many people and much time, heartbreak, and frustration. Today marks a milestone in forestry education.

It all began in 1942 when the college started offering courses in forestry. The Sylvans Club, a forestry student organization, was founded in 1946. The establishment of a forestry department was delayed by the war. However, in 1947, while Paul L. Boynton was president of Stephen F. Austin, the Department of Forestry was established under the direction of W. R. Owens. From the very beginning, a Bachelor of Forestry degree was offered.

In 1955 Dr. Arne K. Kemp arrived as head of the department succeeding Dr. John Guher whose tenure was six months. The forestry student body then totalled 31, the faculty numbered three and the budget was \$25,000. Later in the 1950's came the establishment of the Forestry Summer Camp, construction of the saw mill at the Summer Camp and the beginning of the Texas Tally, the Forestry School's yearbook.

By 1963 the school had grown to 125 students, a faculty of eight and a budget of approximately \$100,000 from State sources. In September

of 1964 a new \$200,000 forestry research laboratory was opened. Dr. Laurence C. Walker, present dean of the School of Forestry, was later appointed head of the Department of Forestry. By the fall of 1965, the faculty had grown to 10 full-time professors, two part-time instructors, one associate faculty member (in forest history), a full-time librarian and a research technician. In this same year, the graduate program was instituted.

When the college was re-organized into six schools on September 1, 1965, the School of Forestry replaced the department and the head was promoted to dean.

Along with the beginning of the Fall Semester in 1966 and the enrollment of 300 students came the long awaited accreditation from the Society of American Foresters. Since this important event the School of Forestry has continued to grow rapidly. Since 1955, the school has granted 280 Bachelor of Forestry Degrees and 18 Master's degrees. These graduates are now employed in states from Washington to Maine down to Florida across to California and almost all states in-between (including Texas).

The fall of 1970 finds the School with an enrollment of 480 undergraduates, 15 full-time faculty members and four part-time members and one beautiful, modern, newly-constructed Forestry Building!

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Speech By Paul Dunn Hi-lites Forestry Building Dedication

This Friday - October 23 - the School of Forestry will formally dedicate the new Forestry Building. It is a proud time for everyone in any way connected with the School of Forestry - a sort of "dream come true". Students and faculty have, of course, been using the building since the beginning of this semester - and have found it to be an excellent facility.

Students of the School of Forestry are especially urged to attend the dedication ceremony at 10 A.M. An address will be delivered by Mr. Paul Dunn of the Saint Regis Paper Company. Forestry students are excused from all classes Friday to be able to attend the formalities. Xi Sigma Pi fraternity; the Society of American Foresters, student chapter; and the Sylvans Club will assist during the activities.

SAF Accreditation Committee Scheduled To Visit SFA

The accreditation committee of the Society of American Foresters will visit SFA November 9-11. Composed of Donald Duncan - head of the University of Missouri School of Forestry, chairman; Ed Heacock, Forestry Consultant from Washington State; and Donald Theol, SAF staff member from Washington D.C., the committee will "look into" all aspects of the SFA School of Forestry before making its recommendations.

Farmer and Parr Receive Scholarships

Two SFA forestry students, Walter Farmer and Joe Parr, were awarded \$250 scholarships at the Texas Forestry Association Meeting in Houston October 16. These scholarships were awarded on the basis of scholastic standing and need. Our heartiest congratulations to both of these fine students.

IN MEMORIAM

Danny Sharpe

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SFA Forester Killed By Train

Saturday, Oct. 17, the SFA School of Forestry suffered a sad loss. Danny Sharpe, Junior forestry major from Amarillo, Tex. was struck and killed by a train. Danny was the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Sharpe of Amarillo, Tex., and was a graduate of Tascosa High School. We of the Knothole Staff join with the School of Forestry and the University in extending our deepest and most sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe upon their loss.

Pete Skuba Injured In Workday Mishap

This past Saturday morning, forestry senior Pete Skuba was badly injured on a Sylvans Club work project when a chain saw rebounded from a falling tree into his face, damaging face, nose and lips. Over 50 stitches were required to repair the injury. "Good Luck, Pete, and we'll look forward to seeing you back in class soon."

Sylvans Plan Homecoming Float; Meeting

HELP!!! Now is the time for all good men (and women) to come to the aid of their club!! This Sunday afternoon all persons willing to help are urged to meet at the forestry parking lot at 1 P.M. Object: Construction of the grand prize-winning Sylvans Club Homecoming float. All members and other interested persons please come. For further details, contact Pete Nichols at 564-5357 (Unit 1, Room 20).

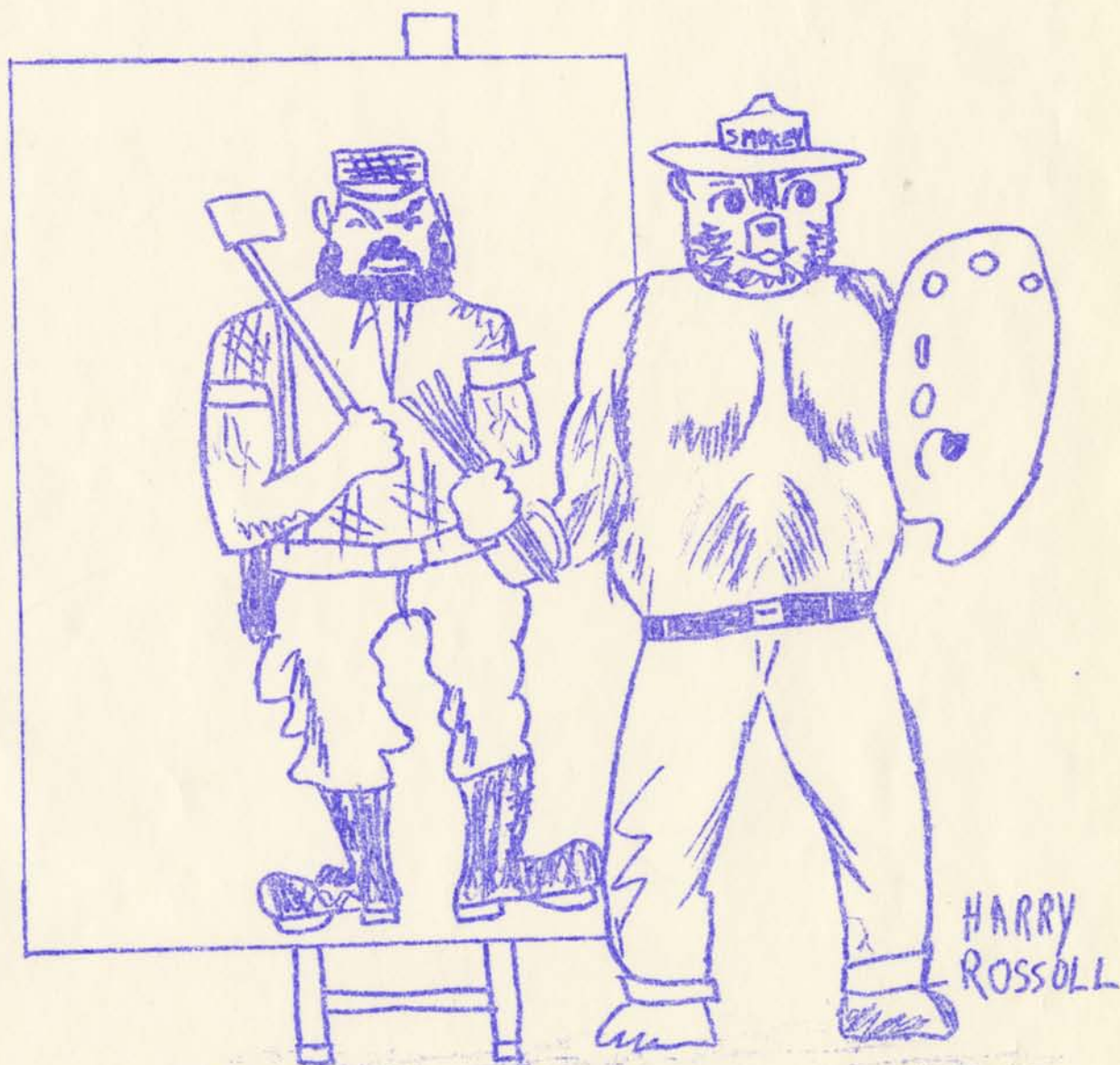
Also: There will be a regular meeting of the Sylvans Club on Thursday, October 29 at 7:30 in the Aztec Room of the University Center. The program will be a slide presentation on cave exploration - and will be given by forestry student Jerry Burr.

Finally, this Saturday morning at 8:00 there will be a Sylvans Club work project. Conclave is getting closer and we need all the money we can get to finance our entry. All members are urged to attend.

Your Suggestions Are Needed

If anyone has anything they would like to see written up in the Knothole please contact any one of the Knothole staff (Sylvia Albrecht, Ed Shirley, Gary Litton, Bill Briggs, or Felix Revello) or place the information in the Knothole suggestion box in the Forestry Library. We would very much appreciate any comments or criticism. Thank you.

In Closing



Smoky's Portrait of a Forestry Student