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From The Editor

Enter Autumn!! The graceful sweetgums are fast losing their bountiful garlands of multicolored leaves. The lordly oaks and sycamores--more reluctantly--are at last acknowledging the season--and assuming their festive hues of yellow and scarlet.

The trees now shiver to the blasts of occasional cold fronts which deliver forceful warning of the brisk months that lie ahead. Throughout nature the mood is one of anticipation of the coming winter.

Likewise on campus a mood of anticipation pervades, but for a somewhat different reason. Immediately ahead lies Thanksgiving--with its overflowing tables and soon-to-follow aching stomachs. Activity among faculty and students is picking up, for term paper deadlines are approaching. Students are girding themselves for the "final push"--the surge which will bring them the necessary grades.

In this hustling, moving anticipating season, we of the Knothole staff wish to take this opportunity to wish you--the faculty and student body of the Stephen F. Austin State University School of Forestry--the very best of holiday seasons. May your goals be accomplished, deadlines be met, and above all--may you enjoy a safe Thanksgiving holiday.

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Dr. Walker Comments On School Of Forestry Reaccreditation

The recent reaccreditation of the School of Forestry went well. The accreditation committee was concerned about a couple of matters, though, none of which related to the students themselves. President Steen has pledged prompt remedies for these problems. The accreditation team was composed of Mr. Donald Theo (on the SAF Staff in Washington, D.C.), and Dr. Donald Duncan (Dean of Forestry at the University of Missouri), and Mr. Ed Heacox (retired forester for Weyerhaeuser).

Recreation Positions Available

Dr. Wiant reports That there is information on the bulletin board about jobs with the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. Senior level forestry students should check into this. The Bureau of Outdoor Recreation coordinates recreation programs among various state and federal recreation agencies and does not have any land of its own to manage.

Oops, We Goofed

In the Nov. 6 issue of the Knothole there appeared an article dealing with Dr. Baker's work on waste product research. This was an error. The work described in the article is being done by Dr. Leonard Burkart. To both Dr. Baker and Dr. Burkart we sincerely apologize and will try not to let it happen again.

Photogrammetry Meeting Success

Dr. Baker informs us that the meeting of the Texas-Louisiana chapter of the American Society of Photogrameters--held in Houston last Saturday--was very successful. Attending the meeting from SFA were Drs. Baker and Smith and several students. The society is currently engaged in a study on the applications of the art of photogrammetry to forestry.

Calculator Room To Be Closed, Copier Available

Secretary Connie Reynolds warns that the Forestry Calculator Room will be closed over the Thanksgiving Holidays. Regular hours of the room are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Also Mrs. Linthicum reports that there is now a copy machine available for student use in the Forestry Building. It is located near the base of the southeast stair case on the first floor and costs 5 cents per copy.

Two Opinions Of The Job Situation

Opinion I.

After reading Mr. Juttner's data and opinions on the forestry job market (see Journal of Forestry, July, 1970, p. 385), I would like to hear the countering argument I am sure Dr. Walker has prepared. I must say, Mr. Juttner's assertions sound about right, though I'm sure Dr. Walker will question my authority to say so. Whether Mr. Juttner's information comes from research or just personal experience, it seems to run remarkably parallel to the experiences of graduate friends of mine in getting jobs. One restaurant manager, one tree trimmer, two temporary cruising jobs and one complete goose egg run about par with Mr. Juttner's letter. At least one of these was a member of the renown honor frat. I am not giving this listing in proof of anything except, as Dr. Walker will probably say, I know a bunch of eight-balls.

I would, though, like to know: Is Mr. Juttner right, or anywhere close to right, and if he is, why isn't something being done about it instead of continuing to put out stuff like the front page of the Pine Log on October 23, 1970? This sure fits his discription of "publishing an idealized view of the profession" !

(Note: The above article was submitted by an anonymous student. The views expressed do not necessarily agree with those of the Knothole staff.)

Opinion II.

The main objective of the School of Forestry is to give a professional education in forestry which will enable graduates to manage forest land for the maximum return of timber and associated products. Another objective of the school and its faculty is to counsel students concerning their individual interest in the forestry curriculum, its options, and in the profession. This includes helping graduating students and undergraduates in finding employment in forest-related positions.

To begin with, the school has printed up and sent a booklet entitled "A Message to Employers and Personnel Managers" to many potential employers to tell them of the SFA School of Forestry and the qualifications of its students. The Sante Fe Railroad and the Boy Scouts of America are just two examples of recent replies to this booklet.

The school also maintains files of job opportunities and files for graduating seniors seeking employment as well as students seeking summer jobs. The School itself is a placement service for U.S. Forest Service summer work.

Another effort by the school in aiding its students has been periodic seminars entitled "How to get a job." These seminars have stressed the fact that obtaining a job is really up to the student himself. The school has no funds or legal responsibility in job recruitment. All its assistance is voluntary.

Dr. Laurence C. Walker, Dean of the School of Forestry, has outlined the obligations of the student seeking employment this way:

- I. Write perfect (no erasures) letters of application to desired employers (25 is not excessive)
- II. Take the U.S. Civil Service Commission Assembled Exam
- III. Take the U.S. Civil Service Commission unassembled exam for foresters, game managers, etc.
- IV. Attend "How to get a job" seminars
- V. Use Society of American Foresters referral service (must be a member of S.A.F.)
- VI. Attend Society of American Foresters, Texas Forestry Association, etc., meetings to make contacts
- VII. Keep up grades and be active and cooperative to insure favorable school references

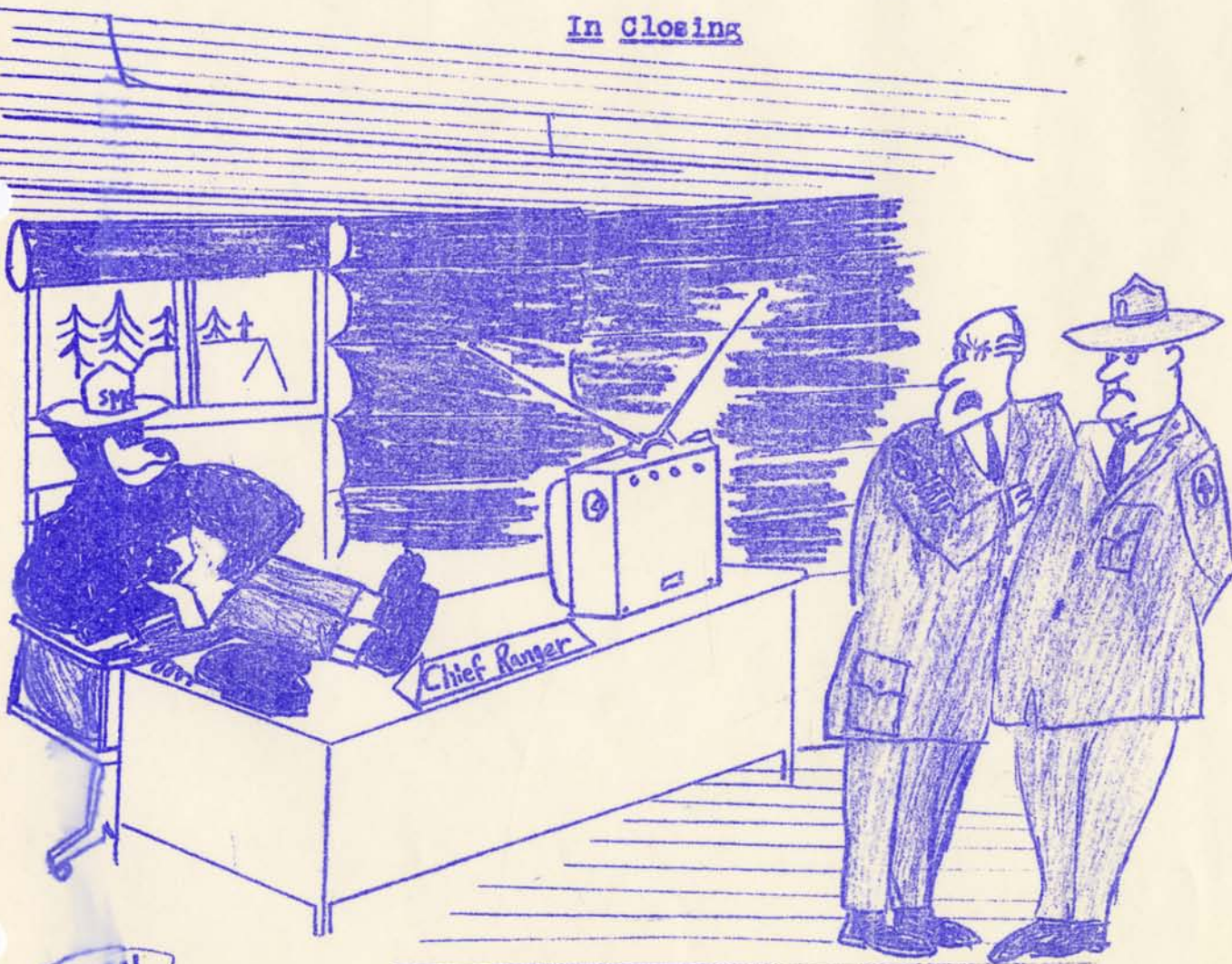
It was cited by Dr. Walker that approximately 85 percent of SFA graduates are now employed in forestry or other related jobs. When asked about the future, Dr. Walker said, "I believe that by this spring the national economy will be sufficiently stimulated to provide adequate employment opportunities for foresters in wood-using industries, government, and environmental organizations."

G. L.

"How To Get A Job" Seminar Scheduled

There will be a "How to Get a Job" seminar held in Forestry 221 at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23. All interested students are urged to attend.

In Closing



"As far as I'm concerned, his publicity value is wearing a little thin!"

TAM