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Dear Fellow Forester:



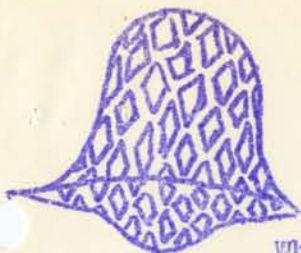
On a very disappointing deer stand in the Texas hill country one recent weekend, I pondered the proper words for this occasion. Christmas and Natural Resources! Suddenly the relationship is obvious. Only in the Hebrew-Christian ethic is there, or has there ever been, concern for stewardship. Plato, Aristotle, and lesser lights spoke wisely about this subject. The entrance into the world of men (cosmos: mankind) of God-Man-- which is what Christmas in all of its sentimentality is all about--resulted in proclamations, preachments, and parables about using wisely those resources entrusted to us. We often fail to heed, because of greed, a very normal characteristic of man can be turned to advantage when controlled by the Master of Men. "And they shall call His name Emmanuel, which means, 'God with us'."

Merry Christmas to all.

Laurence C. Walker

P.S. There will be Christmas punch and cookies in the library all day Wednesday, Dec. 166





When an overfed squirrel somehow wedged itself in a hole of a tall pine tree outside Gibbs Hall, several pleas went out to hasten its rescue. In weeks preceeding this event, foresters had been observed in the very tops of trees, fearlessly trimming them. But alas! When one small squirrel needed a crusader, not a forester could be found. Finally, help arrived in the name of the Fire Department. It was a very embarrassing situation - for the squirrel.



"Don't Tread on Me!"



Walking around the campus this week, have you noticed anything new--particularly near the ground? I hope so, for this week the Forestry 111 class and the Sylvans Club have been planting pine seedlings--in an effort to "do something" about the steady decrease of trees on campus at SFA. We would like to ask your cooperation as well as that of the maintenance department in not disturbing these tiny trees. Thank you.

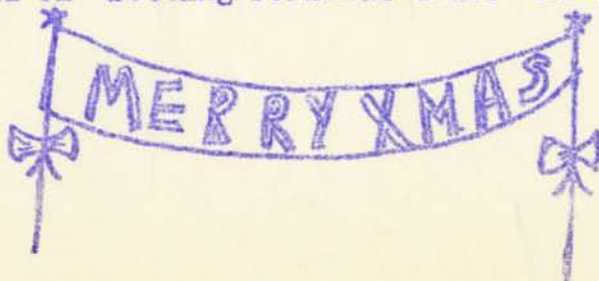


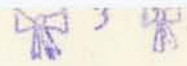
Distinguished Forester Visits SFA



Mr. Merlin Dison, Project Leader, with the Southern Forest Experiment Station a Mississippi State, was on campus December 7 and 8, conferring with Dr. Dickerson, associate faculty member in the school.

He talked on "Fire Prevention Needs" in the Forestry 111 class December 7 and on "Setting Personal Goals" in the Forestry 520 class December 8.





Check This

Students taking Summer Camp in 1970 for eight credits will need to take an additional four hours of electives if their degree plan called for a 12-hour camp and their total hours are not more than 140.

Also: Unusual forestry courses scheduled for the upcoming Spring Semester are:

- Forestry 436 - Forest Law
- Forestry 437 - Logging Techniques
- Forestry 464 - Section I: River Basin Planning
- Forestry 464 - Section II: Readings in Resources



These courses would be valuable electives for any forestry student. Finally: Forms are now available for any forestry student offering suggestions for improving any of his forestry courses. This form, available in Dean Walker's office, is sent by Dean Walker to the professor that it concerns. The students' name is not mentioned to the course professor.

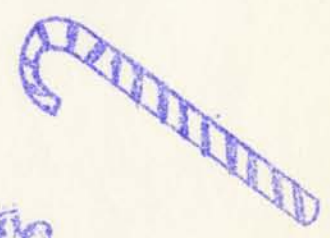
Attention All Students

Mrs. Linthicum reports that all library material must be turned in by Dec. 18. Come on, folks, get with it so the librarians can have a Merry Christmas, too.

Sylvans Elect Spring Officers. Plan Last Work Project

Thursday, Dec. 3, the Sylvans Club elected its officers for the Spring Semester. They are:

- President - Ken Bragg
- Vice President - Gregg Beers
- Secretary - Sylvia Albrecht
- Treasurer - Don Grillo
- Parliamentarian - Kirk Wynns
- Reporter - Ed Shirley
- Advisor - Dr. Somberg



The Knothole staff would like to congratulate Bill Sandeen and the other retiring officers of Fall, 1970 for a great job.

Sylvans Work Project Chairman Bill Fansler reports that Saturday, Dec. 12 will be the last Sylvans work project. It will begin at 8 a.m. in front of the Forestry Building. Much help is needed. Y'all come!!!

Wrapping It Up

Well, this issue about concludes Volume IV of the Knothole. It's been a good semester with lots of things happening in the School of Forestry. I'm proud to say that cooperation with the faculty has been excellent and I look forward to a better Knothole next semester.

At this time I'd like to thank all those who have served on the Knothole staff this semester and all those who have submitted articles. Special thanks go to Sylvia Albrecht who has faithfully typed our stencils and to Felix Revello who has done a great job of reporting and who has submitted some fine articles. Thanks also to proof reader Jan Ryan.

I'd especially like to thank Bill Briggs who has been a great aid in compilation & stencil typing. Bill & Felix will be graduating this semester and will be greatly missed. Congratulations to you are also in order, and to the rest of the December graduating class.

Lastly, I'd like to thank you the faculty and students of the School of Forestry without whose support the Knothole could not function. The very best holiday wishes to all!!

The Editor

Spring Seminar---Forestry 462-02 (Dr. Singer)

The area of study for this seminar has been announced as "Urbanite---Forester Interrelations". Emphasis will be on urban demands from East Texas' forested lands. Focus may be on demands as they influence water quality. Other foci will be considered; team approaches with close student-professor communication is required.

Contemporary Problems in Forestry---Forestry 464-01 (Dr. Singer)

The area of study for section one will be River Basin Planning. Emphasis is placed on case studies, plan components, interrelationships between plan components, agency responsibilities by component, concepts, legislation and terminology. Available for graduate credit. Offered Thursday evenings (three hours once a week), seminar atmosphere, outside speakers, student participation and term papers required.

Special Problems in Forestry---Forestry 463

A cooperative special problems is available. Composed of three parts, the problem is being offered jointly by Drs. Smith, Watterston, and Singer. It will consist of

- 1) site map development via photogrammetric methods on selected areas
- 2) soil descriptions of these sites
- 3) collection and analysis of quantitative and qualitative spring and stream data at these sites.

Additional special problems are available from these and other professors.

In Closing



Ed NOF ZIGER
October-November
National Wildlife

"just when the tourists take their traffic jams and carbon monoxide out of the park, we gotta hibernate!"