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## Forest Reseachers Find a Home

Members of the Wildlife Habitat and Silviculture Laboratory, under the Southern Forest Experiment Station of the U. S. Forest Service, are eagerly awaiting the May '71 completion of their new \$450,000 facility adjacent to our forestry building here at SFA. These researchers have been operating without housing or laboratories of their own since starting operation here in 1945.

Although the original appropriation for the building was not enough to cover the cost of additional research equipment, members of the unit expect to have the funds for impressive microbiology, herbarium, game feed, photography and chemistry labs and an extensive library in the near future.

Dedication of the new building is planned for July of this year and will recognize the fiftieth anniversary of the Southern Forest Experiment Station. Presently, the unit is being temporarily housed in part of the forestry department's lab building. The new facility will also house Mr. Phil Goodrum of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife and Mr. Daniel W. Lay of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

There are 10 other units of the New Orleans-based Southern Forest Experiment Station, but this one has some unique qualities. Mr. Lowell Halls, project leader of the laboratory, stated, "This is the single center of the Southern Forest Experiment Station that specializes in game habitat studies in the mid-south." Another point of interest might be that the unit's 2,500-acre experimental forest, located southwest of town, is the only one of its kind that was actually set up by an act of Congress.

Location of the Wildlife Habitat and Silviculture Laboratory on our campus is a great asset to the University, too. Both Mr. Halls and Mr. John Stransky, who is also with the unit, teach courses relating to game habitat and game management in our forestry curriculum. The unit has also cooperated with graduate students in their thesis research.

Mr. George Stephenson, forestry department faculty member and past project leader of the unit, is quite pleased with this new building. "This unit has for some time needed modern laboratories of its own in which to carry out its research. Let's be optimistic for their even more successful future," he said.

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#### What's New in Forestry Program Held in University Center

Last Tuesday (Jan. 26) approximately 90 area foresters gathered at the SFA University Center to hear a series of talks collectively entitled "What's New in Forestry--1971." SFA forestry faculty gave the talks, which included the following; The Small Computer (Wang and Olivetti) in Survey Competitions, Dr. David V. Smith; Possible Income from Deer Leases as Related to Kill Success, Dr. Eugene F. Hastings; What's New in Watershed Research, Dr. J. Robert Singer;

In Defense of Clearcutting, Dr. Harry V. Wiant, Jr.; Pine Plantation Site Index in Northeast Texas, Dr. David Lenhart; Water Quality as Affected by Forest Fertilization and Effluent Disposal, Dr. Kenneth G. Watterston; Intergrated Deer Habitat Management and Timber Production--A Review of Case Studies, Dr. John J. Stransky.

An introduction by Roy E. Peterson (chairman, Texas Chapter of the SAF) and conclusion by Dr. Seymour I. Sonberg were also on the agenda. Attendance included several SFA forestry students--although not as many as hoped for. Mr. Ellis V. Hunt Jr., chairman of the program, termed the project "successful."

#### From the Dean

Dr. Laurence C. Walker would like to express his appreciation to you, the students, for your conscientious care of the new Forestry Building. This, he says, shows the pride on which the School of Forestry is based. The Knothole staff would also like to offer its thanks and urges you to keep up the good work.

Dr. Walker would like to hear if the students feel that the Tuesday "Lunch with the Dean" should be continued this semester. All comments may be addressed to the Knothole suggestion box in the library or to the dean's office. Your comments are welcomed.

An interesting note from the deans's offices shows that the SFA School of Forestry is still growing. This semester we are joined by 60 new freshmen transfer students. Also, concerning Forestry 150 (Conservation of Environmental Resources), 124 non-forestry majors have expressed their interest by enrolling in this course taught by Dr. Walker. Welcome to forestry, students.

Notice to Seniors

Mr. Roy Gandy will discuss employment with the USFS, especially in New Mexico and Arizona, where openings are available. Mr. Gandy will speak at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9 in FO 221. Lower classmen are also welcome.

Parents Day, Conclave Approach

The Third Annual SFA Forestry Parents Day will be held March 27. All forestry students are asked to urge their parents to attend. Included in the activities will be lectures by forestry professors, a luncheon and conclave eliminations. This year the eliminations will be open to all forestry students.

This year's conclave will be held April 22-25 in College Heights, Ark. Since these times are getting close, prospective contestants in all events are especially urged to start practicing now! We want to win conclave this year, and we need the best possible team.

Also--the second meeting of the Sylvans Club for this semester will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2 in the Presidents Room of the University Center. The program is to be announced. All members and interested persons are invited to attend.

On the Move

This past weekend (Jan. 23-25) Dr. Somberg attended a meeting of the South Central Region of the ACUFRC (Association of College and University Forest Research Organization) in New Orleans, La. Present were all the regional directors. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the 1972 fiscal year--and the apportionment of the McIntyre-Stennis budget.

Attention All Freshmen and New Forestry Majors

You must fill out a Forestry Student Record Sheet. These may be obtained from Edwina Bishop in Room 103 A, Forestry Office.

New Book Comes to Library

Need a job for this summer? Mrs. Linthicum reports that a new book (provocatively entitled Summer Employment of the United States) is now available for use in the Forestry Library. It lists more than 90,000 jobs--primarily dealing with the outdoors--with particular emphasis on jobs as summer camp counselors. It includes "where to write" for each and may be found on Mrs. Linthicum's desk.

Attention, Summer Campers

Session I of the 1971 summer camp is now closed and only 15 openings still remain for Summer Camp II. The deadline for payment of the \$25 fee is March 1. Deadline for "backing out" and receiving a refund is May 1. Now is the time to act, fellas.

We're with You!

Lastly, Dr. Burkart says that with the spring-like weather we've been having the last couple of weeks, he thinks we should dismiss all classes and go fishing--making up classwork during the often-rainy Saturdays. At last--a professor who understands!

In Closing



Thank YOU,  
Dr. Watterton