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## Texas Forestry Association Applauds S.F.A. Research

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On February 23 the Texas Forestry Association Executive Committee passed a resolution in support of the SFA Forest Research Program. The resolution will be forwarded to the Texas State Legislature.

The Texas Forestry Association is made up of Forest Industries of Texas as well as individuals. The director says he understands that one question forest industries ask of job applicants is "Were you a student member of the T.F.A.?" Membership costs \$2.00 for 1 year (The special student rate for SFA) which includes 12 issues of the T.F.A. paper as well as meeting registration fees. Applications can be picked up in the Forestry Building offices.

## Faculty Member Serves on Environmental Impact Committee

For the 13 county area of the Deep East Texas Development Council, Dr. J. Robert Singer currently serves as vice chairman of a newly appointed applications review committee. One provision of the Environmental Policy Act of 1970 insures that any project receiving federal funds from any of 42 agencies must submit an environmental impact statement to the proper authorities. Evaluation of these statements is

an important function of Dr. Singer's review committee.

Agencies from whom funds can be obtained include:

- Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Department of the Interior
- Department of Transportation
- Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Justice
- Department of Defense
- Appalachian Regional Commission
- Office of Economic Opportunities

Funds from these (part of 42) Agencies can be used for projects dealing with:

- Space lands
- Hospitals
- Airports
- Libraries
- Water Supply and Distribution
- Sewage Facilities and Waste Treatment
- Highways
- Other Transportation Facilities
- Water Development and Land Conservation
- Law Enforcement Facilities
- Planning Programs

### Pollution Fighters Course Suggested

It has been suggested that a "pollution fighters" course be offered by the School of Forestry. The Basic curriculum would include:

1. A birds-eye view of the ecological relationship between the animal kingdom, vegetable kingdom, earth's geology, and man.
2. Detailed studies of: (a) Liquid pollutants and control, (b) Air pollutants and control, (c) Noise pollutants and control--recognition, measurement of intensity, and critical intensity, sampling methods, and instrumentation for sampling.
3. A practical project for each student, who will survey, analyze, and report on present levels of pollution in the East Texas region, along with suggested means of alleviation.

Anyone interested in this prospective course or having any suggestion for it, please put a note in the Knothole suggestion box in the Forestry Library. This course will never be taught unless you (particularly non-foresters), make your interest known.

### Environmental Interest on the Upswing

Dean Walker reports that at a recent Science Club Symposium at Orange Texas, over 70 students turned out to hear a talk on Environment Management.

From the Library

Mrs. Linthicum reports that the new Directory of Forest Products Industry has just been received by the library. Since this directory lists the addresses of all forest products companies, it should prove invaluable to students seeking employment.

Distinguished Guest to Speak

Dr. John Anderson, Head of the Department of Forestry at Southern Illinois University, will speak to Forestry 150 and Graduate Student Seminar classes on March 16. Dr. Anderson has done important work in discovering new pine species in Mexico, along with other taxonomic studies.

Attention All Graduating Seniors

March 1 is the deadline for applying for degrees to be conferred in May 1971. Procedure is posted on the bulletin board.

Nancy King

Your Photo Is Needed

Edwina reminds us that all students who have not already should please give her a self photo for their files.

On the Go

On March 15, Dr. Victor Bilan will attend a meeting of the International Union of Forestry Research Organizations. This meeting will be held in Gainesville, Florida.

Research Assistantship Now Available

Dr. Bilan reports that a research assistantship is open to students who are or who will be Graduate students in the 1971-1972 academic year. The work will deal with the drought resistance of the Loblolly Pine to the Bastrop - including research in the rates of transpiration, photosynthesis, and respiration - as compared to the East Texas pines. This work can be used for a Masters Thesis or Graduate Special Problem. Interested students should contact Dr. Bilan.

Lost & Found

Dean Walker reports the following items.

Lost:

- (1) One ear off a ram sheep. Needed badly (head looks "lopsided" without it! Reward!!
- (2) Historic Timbermarkers Nail. 2 inches long, with date "09".
- (3) Cypress Knees (100). Lost in moving into new building.

Has anybody seen them? If you have any information on any of these, stop by the Dean's office.

Found:

One brand-new sweatshirt (still in sack). Found in the southeast stairwell. If it's yours, come by the Dean's office and identify it.

### Gripes and Thanks

Students: if you are going to use the secretaries' supplies (staplers, markers, etc.), please show the courtesy of returning them promptly!

Also: several students without the "S" parking sticker have been parking in the Forestry lab parking lot. Tickets can be issued to these illegal parkers. The area is small-- too small to accommodate both Faculty, Forest Service, and illegal student vehicles.

### Forestry Student Council Solicits Suggestions

Your Forestry Student Council is interested in your suggestions and opinions for improving our school. If you have something to say, write it down and put your note in the Forestry Student Council's pigeonhole under the northwest stairway in the Forestry building or address it to Box 7362 in the campus mail.

### S.F.A. Sharpshooters to Attend Houston Meet

In case anybody is interested, some of our foresters do other things than run around calling names at trees. A few of us tree nuts are on the SFA Rifle Team. Included are Harold Ives, Robert Haggard, and myself--Greg Beers, as well as some non-foresters. We call ourselves the "Piney Woods Shooters". This weekend we will fire in the Houston Invitational meet - called the "Gold and Silver Bullets".

Society of American Foresters Plan Meeting

There will be a meeting of the SFA Chapter of the Society of American Foresters on Tuesday, March 9 in the Student Center. Program and details will be announced in classes and by poster. The SAF is our professional forestry organization. All interested persons are invited.

A T T E N T I O N , S Y L V A N S

Ken Bragg reports that attendance at the weekly work projects has been dropping off greatly. We need all the help we can get! Last weekend we earned over \$200. but we could have earned a lot more if we had had a better turnout of the membership. Come on, Fella's, give us a hand!! Work crews meet in front of the Forestry building at 8:00 Saturday morning.

FINLEY FORESTER

by Ed Shirley

