



Tom Darden named 2000 CFR Alumni Fellow

Tom Darden, a 1974 and 1980 graduate of the College of Forest Resources, is the College of Forest Resources Alumni Fellow for 2000.

As regional director of wildlife and fisheries for the U.S. Forest Service, Darden oversees numerous programs and policies for some 12.5 million acres of forests and grasslands in 13 Southern states and Puerto Rico. If that's not enough, he has served as project leader since 1995 for a U.S.-India large-



Darden

scale assessment of Indian conservation management.

The New Albany native is sure some of his professional success comes from his time at Mississippi State. Darden earned a bachelor's degree in forestry in 1974 and a master's degree in wildlife ecology in 1980.

"MSU gave me a very sound technical background and helped me develop critical thinking skills," he says.

Although he has had several "mentors" in his career, he acknowledges Drs. George Switzer and George Hurst for

their lasting impressions and help in guiding his development in land ethics and science.

In his professional life, Darden is most proud of the role he has played in promoting interaction among both forestry and environmental interests at international, national, regional, and local levels.

In addition, he helped design the Forest Service's continuing education program, where he has served as instructor. The program has reached

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McCullough named 2001 CFR Alumnus of the Year

Curtis "Skip" McCullough, a 1979 graduate of the College of Forest Resources, has been named 2001 CFR Alumnus of the Year.

McCullough is president and owner of South Mississippi Forest Products of Mississippi Inc. which offers a variety of services to the timber industry. He also is president of Southern Timber Resources of Louisiana Inc.

At MSU, he earned a

bachelor's degree in forestry in 1979 with a minor in wildlife management.

While building both companies to the level they are today, Skip also has taken time to mentor MSU forestry students and has had several students co-op with his firms. In addition, he has hired CFR graduates as full-time employees with both of these companies.

"I feel that I attended the

greatest College of Forest Resources in the country," he said.



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In 1998, McCullough and his wife Julie established the South Mississippi Forest Products Annual Scholarship in the CFR. Each year, the

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Dear alumni and friends:

As the new dean of the College of Forest Resources and director of the Forest and Wildlife Research Center at Mississippi State University, I just want you to know that *"It is great to be here!"*

When I say "new," I really mean "new" because I just arrived on February 5 and am still unpacking boxes as I write this note!

While I am new to this job, I am not new to forest resources, the state of Mississippi, or the MSU College of Forest Resources. In fact, I have "been around." My 24-year professional career in forest resources includes: 12 years in private industry research and development (Weyerhaeuser, Crown Zellerbach, and International Forest Seed companies) and 12 years in the USDA Forest Service in the Southern Research Station (first as project leader of a new biotechnology research unit then as assistant director of the station). All of these jobs entailed work and collaboration in Mississippi. In fact, the first experiment that I helped establish in my professional career was in Scooba (Weyerhaeuser Co.), and I had the pleasure of living in Hattiesburg during part of the time that I worked for Crown Zellerbach Co. During my tenure as assistant director with the Southern Research Station, I managed projects in Gulfport, Starkville (here on campus), and Stoneville. I also represented the station on the Advisory Committee for the Forestry Department in the college.

The College of Forest Resources and the Forest and Wildlife Research Center are outstanding organizations. I hope to work with the administration, faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends, the Legislature, and our many collaborators and customers to reach the next level of quality and value of our programs. The college and center produce well-trained graduates from our education program, new technology from our research and development, and informed customers from our service and extension outreach. Even though our programs are well known throughout the state, nation, and world, we must strive for continuous improvements to remain leaders in natural resources issues. My personal goal is to help lead this college and center to a new level of prominence in the natural resources field. Ours shall be the program of choice whether someone wants to hire a new employee, answer a need through new technology, or learn to use technology through our service and continuing education program. Mississippi State University must be the first source to come to our customers' minds for any of these needs! We must work together to achieve this goal! We have the infrastructure, the talent, the political support, and support from industry, as well as from the citizens of the state. The state is blessed with an abundance of natural resources from which we can gain enormous value, both economic and social, in a sustainable way. We have strategic goals for our programs, and I invite each of you to work closely with us to maintain relevance for our goals and to implement them. The college and center cannot do this alone. We need everyone striving together in order to be successful.

Availability of resources to implement our programs will continue to be a challenge, but one that we can meet together. The state and national economy are beginning to slow, and financial resources to support our programs are waning. However, we must fully embrace a new model in which we work closely with all our customers to identify their needs and develop appropriate solutions in which they help provide resources, both financial and in-kind, to meet these needs. The days of expecting the state or federal government to provide all our needed resources are over. I am sure this is not news to many of you who are already practicing this model, but for many others this is somewhat of a revelation. Along with many of you, I have personally witnessed and been party to the enormous power of working together. This must be the goal that we all work toward as we seek to gain as much value as we can from our various programs. Please join me in this challenge. It works! In fact, the outcome is better! We make better use of the scarce resources that we have.

With these comments I hope that I have begun the process of joining with you as we continually strive to improve the college and center and the quality of life for our state, nation, and world. I look forward to working with all of you. I see that the MSU Alumni Association Spring Event is scheduled for April 21 and I look forward to meeting many of the alumni. Please mark that on your calendar and I will see you there. We need you!

Sincerely,



G. Sam Foster
Dean/Director



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Wood Magic Science Fair huge success in 2000

Approximately 7,800 Mississippi third- and fourth-graders and their teachers attended the sixth annual Wood Magic Science Fair at Mississippi State last October.

Organized by the Department of Forest Products, the fair is an action-packed series of events designed to teach young students the importance of wood and wood products. Free to participants, the fair is supported by industry grants.



Each day, 60 classes of students took part in hands-on, interactive demonstrations and experiments during the weeklong event. They had so much fun they

often didn't realize they were learning about science, math, and languages, along with the importance of one of our most valuable renewable resources—trees.

All three departments of the CFR play a part in the fair. The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries hosts a wildlife exhibit and the Department of Forestry hosts a logging equipment exhibit. The Department of Forest Products organizes and hosts the fair each year. Students from all three departments volunteer their help.

The Wood Magic Science Fair has hosted more than 70,000 visitors and organizers and hopefully has planted seeds



in the minds of many young Mississippians to pursue a career in the forest- and wood-based industries.

If you would like to make a contribution to the Wood Magic Science Fair or learn more about the program, telephone David Headley at 662-325-0348 or e-mail dheadley@cfr.msstate.edu.

\$50K grant supports 4-H field and stream

A \$50,000 grant from the National Wild Turkey Federation is helping more Mississippi 4-Hers get involved in outdoor activities.

Part of a \$1 million national allocation to the 4-H Field and Stream Youth and Development Program, Mississippi's 4-H program is receiving its portion in equal installments over 10 years. The state chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation is providing Mississippi's funds, which they raise through their banquet program.



Robert Higginbotham (l) presents one of 10 annual donations to Dean Stewart (c), Extension associate, and Jared Quillen, Extension assistant. Higginbotham is president of the Mississippi chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation.

Dean Stewart, Extension associate with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, said the money is being used to purchase equipment for shooting ranges, targets, ammunition, archery backdrops, and firearms for counties to use.

"The money will support both the county and state level 4-H shooting sports activities that we have," Stewart said.

The youth development program is designed to introduce 4-Hers to shooting sports, wildlife and fisheries management, natural resources conservation, hunting, and fishing.

"We introduce youths to these activities through county clubs where adult leaders trained in the various disciplines work with the kids, holding shooting events and wildlife competitions," Stewart said.



department

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

- **Dr. Bruce Leopold** was named head of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Leopold is an alumnus of Mississippi State and has served as interim department head for almost two years.
- **Dr. Stephen Demarais** and co-author Paul Krausman received The Wildlife Society's Best Edited Book Award for the book *Ecology and Management of Large Mammals in North America*.
- **Chad Dacus**, a master's candidate, won first place for his poster in the most innovative use of mapping category at the Fourth International Crime Mapping Conference. Dacus' poster was entitled "Crime Mapping in Conservation Law Enforcement." It will be on display in the National Institute of Justice Crime Mapping Research Center in Washington, D.C.
- **Dr. Hal Schramm** received the Best Fisheries Paper Award for 1999 at the 2000 SEAFWA conference.
- **Michael Brasher and Joshua Stafford**, graduate students, received awards for presentations made at the Second North American Duck Symposium in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. Both received Outstanding Student Oral Presentation awards.
- **Chad Dolan**, graduate student, received an honorable mention for his presentation at the annual

meeting of the American Fisheries Society held in Saint Louis.

- **Dr. Anita Kelly** recently received the best paper award in the North American Journal of Aquaculture. The paper was entitled "Cold Tolerance and Fatty Acid Composition of Striped Bass, White Bass, and Their Hybrids"

- **Drs. Don Jackson and Leandro Miranda** completed white papers for the World Commission on Dams, an agency of the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization. The reports will serve as guiding documents internationally as decisions are made about current and future dams.

Department of Forestry

- **Dr. Stephen Dicke**, associate area forestry Extension specialist, received a 2000 President's Citation at the Mississippi Forestry Association's annual meeting in Jackson. Dicke was honored for his work with the 64 county forestry associations. Dicke is an MSU alumnus.
- **Dr. Robert E. Carter Jr.** joined the Department of Forestry as an assistant specialist in September 2000. Carter's office is located at the North Mississippi Research and Extension Center in Verona.
- **Dr. Andrew W. Ezell** is serving as a member of the Planning Committee for the 11th Biennial Southern Silvicultural Research Conference. He also is helping plan the upcoming special symposium, "Vegetation Management in Cropland Areas," to be presented at the National Weed Science Society meeting.

- **Dr. Stephen H. Schoenholtz** is serving on the Program Committee for the 10th National Forest Soils Conference.
- **Dr. Stephen C. Grado** received the Distinguished Service Award from the Mississippi Society of American Foresters. Grado also was awarded the 2000 Sapling Club Award from the Mississippi Forestry Association.
- **Tim Traugott** was the national winner for video/TV presentation, awarded by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents.
- **Dr. Stephen Dicke** received the Southern Region Extension Forest Resources Specialists Award for Excellence in Programming in the mass media/TV category.
- **Dr. David Evans** is serving on the program committee for the Second International Conference on Geospatial Information in Agriculture and Forestry.

updates

Department of Forest Products

- **Dr. Ian Hartley** has joined the faculty in the Department of Forest Products. He specializes in wood drying and identification.
- **Drs. Mike Barnes and Terry Conners** served as faculty members for the Annual Crosstie Grading Seminar sponsored by the Railway Tie Association last July. The seminar was held in Dubois, Pa.
- **Drs. Terry Amburgey and Mike Barnes** attended a planning committee meeting for November 2001 Wood Preservation Conference sponsored by the Forest Products Society.
- **Drs. Mike Barnes and Philip Steele** attended the Society of Wood Science and Technology (SWST) executive board meeting in Marco Island, Fla. Steele is a director on the executive board and Barnes is SWST president-elect.
- **Drs. Mike Barnes and Terry Amburgey** and research assistant **Mike Sanders** received Patent No. 6,142,198 for the "Application of Mechanical Stress to Improve Wood Treatability."
- **Dr. Terry Conners'** project, "Radiofrequency Induced VOC Pre-extraction from Softwood Lumber," will be highlighted at the Fourth Biennial Industrial Energy Efficiency Symposium and Exposition. The Department of Energy Office of Industrial Technologies is conference sponsor.

5,000 tour wildlife, fisheries facility



Dr. Stephen Demarais explains deer research to members of the Legislature and officials from the state Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks who recently toured the facility.

Some 5,000 individuals tour the Wildlife and Fisheries Research and Educational Facility on Blackjack Road each year.

The 20-year-old facility houses deer, bobcats, foxes, turkeys, a black bear, and a cougar. The facility is used for research and to teach the public about wildlife resources.

For information on tours, please contact Bradley Taylor at 662-325-1526.



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Georgia-Pacific golf tournament supports CFR



Carolyn and Lee Meeks enjoyed the tournament at Mississippi State.

The inaugural Bynum Meeks Memorial Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament hosted 96 golfers at two locations.

A tournament was held in Jackson last October, followed by one at the MSU Golf Course in December. Together they raised more than \$18,000 for the Meeks scholarship at CFR.

The tourneys were hosted by Georgia-Pacific Corp. to honor the memory of Meeks, a long-time GP employee. Meeks earned his bachelor's degree in forestry from MSU in 1958.



Mike Wiseman, tournament coordinator, with Lee, Anne, and Carolyn Meeks.

Mortensens establish CFR scholarship

A longtime friend of the College of Forest Resources and an MSU alumna recently contributed \$100,000 to establish the Davis and Ann Mortensen Endowed Scholarship.

Davis, a 1956 graduate of MSU, recently retired from Georgia-Pacific Corp. During his tenure at GP, he advanced from being a young industrial engineer in Crossett, Ark., to having responsibility for almost half of GP's 52,000 employees, the company's six million acres of timber holdings, its manufacturing facilities, and the sales and distribution of products.

In 1989, Davis received Georgia-Pacific's coveted Distinguished Service Award for the "important role he played in helping GP grow and prosper."

Davis and Ann have been lifelong friends to the College of Forest Resources. In 1993, the Mortensens contributed to the construction of Thompson Hall and a laboratory bears a plaque recognizing the couple.

When establishing the scholarship, Davis said, "There are a lot of high school students who may not have the opportunity to go to college without a scholarship. We hope we are helping some worthy students who might not be able to attend Mississippi State, otherwise."

The College of Forest Resources is grateful to the Mortensens for their continued support.

"The Mortensens have been friends of the college for many years and this most recent gift reaffirms their passion for natural resources and the College of Forest Resources," said Bob Karr, associate dean.

The scholarship is open to all CFR students. Applicants must be full-time students, have a composite ACT score of 26 or greater, have records of academic achievement, and demonstrate leadership skills.



Associate Dean Bob Karr (l) welcomes Davis and Ann Mortensen to campus last October. The couple was on campus for the selection of the scholarship.

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more than 300 federal and state professional biologists and ecologists.

While at MSU, Darden was recognized at both undergraduate and graduate levels for academic achievement. He also was active in research and taught courses in natural resources, zoology, and computer science.

Among his fondest memories from his alma mater are "the people. The faculty and students.... mostly in forestry and wildlife, as well as the Trammel Computing Center."

"Dorman Hall was the center of activity in those days," he recalled.

Now an Atlanta resident, Darden is the father of two sons, David and Tom Morgan. When he has time away from the forest service, he enjoys fishing, sailing, birding, skeet shooting, and bird hunting. And, he claims to still be "a fair blues/jazz drummer and amateur photographer."



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If you would like more information on these scholarships or endowments, or would like to make a contribution to the College of Forest Resources, telephone Keith Gaskin at 662-325-3815 or e-mail kgaskin@cfr.msstate.edu.

Forest land . . . a special kind of asset!

Many people are fortunate enough to own forest land, an investment that often increases in value over the years. While growth of such an asset is certainly preferred, managing the land to maximize its productive capability can be a challenge for owners.

As you and your financial adviser plan for your future, consider the benefits of giving your appreciated property to the College of Forest Resources at Mississippi State. A lifetime income through a trust arrangement, called a life income agreement, could provide these benefits:

- Bypass capital gains tax,
- Reduce current taxes through a charitable deduction,
- Select a competitive rate of return that is fixed or variable,
- Reduce size of taxable estate, if applicable, and
- Ensure the future of forestry education and research.

For more information about giving appreciated property in return for lifetime income, telephone Keith Gaskin at 662-325-3815 or e-mail him at kgaskin@cfr.msstate.edu.

Your inquiry will remain strictly confidential.

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McCulloughs' contribution covers the full cost of tuition and fees for two students enrolled in any department of the college.

McCullough said that for his family MSU not only is a tradition—daughter

Stephanie is enrolled—but also a way to a wonderful life.

When asked about being named CFR Alumnus of the Year, Skip said, "To receive such a tremendous honor has been one of the high points of

my life. Never in my wildest imagination would I have ever dreamed of being named CFR Alumnus of the Year."

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Alumni Homecoming Barbecue held

Officers were elected to lead the recently reactivated CFR Alumni Association at its first Alumni Homecoming Barbecue.

Officers include Harold Gordon, president; Bill Tomlinson, first vice president; Don Burnam, second vice president; and Ruth Cook, secretary/treasurer. Debbie Gaddis serves as faculty adviser.

Forest Products Lab research technician Donnie Buckner and his band entertained alumni, spouses, students, staff, and faculty at the barbecue.



Software making furniture design easier

Scientists at Mississippi State's Forest and Wildlife Research Center, in cooperation with Weyerhaeuser Co., are expanding the distribution of a free software-training program for design and quality control engineers in the furniture industry.

Developed at the university, the "ChoiceFrame" program models 13 different joints used throughout the industry, according to Bob Tackett, a university research assistant and one of the program's developers.

"A designer can experiment with joints by interchanging different materials or by changing the sizes of the material or fastener sizes and types," Tackett said. "With each change, a corresponding strength prediction for the joint is displayed on the computer screen."

The software is provided at no charge to furniture manufacturers following completion of a training seminar. Recent sessions have been held in North Carolina, Mississippi, and Indiana, with another scheduled this spring in Utah.

The software also has a database of many hardwood species and engineered lumbers, including specific properties that can be displayed to the user. Another feature allows the user to add new material properties to the database.

For additional information on the ChoiceFrame program or training seminars, telephone Amy Garrard at 662-325-8453 or e-mail agarrard@cfr.msstate.edu.



events



Long-term deer population study—The Forest and Wildlife Research Center has embarked on a 20-year study of the impact of white-tailed deer on native vegetation and other animals. Data is being collected from in and around exclosures located in the DeSoto, Delta, and Tombigbee national forests. The five- to eight-acre exclosures exclude deer so inside vegetation that is undamaged by foraging deer can be compared with that outside. Checking data at one of the exclosures are (l-r), MSU deer specialist Stephen Demarais, Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks research coordinator Dave Godwin, MSU graduate student John J. Phillips, and U.S. Forest Service technician John Furr. The study is co-sponsored by MDWFP, the Forest Service, Weyerhaeuser Co., and Anderson-Tully Corp.

Calendar of Upcoming Continuing Education Classes (April—December 2001)	
Forestry Practices and Principles 2001	April 3 and 4
Advanced GIS for Natural Resource Managers	April 11-13
Prescribed Burning Short Course	April 16-19
Natural Regeneration of Hardwoods (Vicksburg)	May 7-10
Buffers in wildlife management (by invitation)	May 21-23
GPS for conservation officers	May 21-23
Basic wildlife forensics for conservation officers	June 4-8
Advanced wildlife forensics for conservation officers	June 11-15
Improving your tax position	June 19 and 20
GIS for natural resource managers	July 11-13
Wildlife and fisheries management	August 6-10
Communicating professionalism: presentation skills	August 15-17
Prevention and control of animal damage	September 4-6
Communicating professionalism: Presentation skills follow-up	September 7
GPS for natural resource managers	September 19-21
GIS for natural resource managers	September 26-28
Management of existing hardwoods	October 8-11
Prescribed burning short course	October 15-18

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Alumni Updates

Paul W. Henslee (Forestry, 1982) is working as a procurement manager for Coastal Lumber Co. in Thomasville, Ala.

Forrest W. Johnson (Forestry, 1999) is working as a procurement manager for Tri-State Timber Consultants in Mandeville, La.

Ansel Eldon Miller (Forestry, 1964) has been a faculty member at Clemson University in South Carolina since 1973. Miller became the first to receive an award named in his honor by the Clemson forestry class of 2000 when he was honored with the Ansel E. Miller Excellence in Teaching Award.

Joe Hensley (Forestry, 1972) is owner of Pachuta Timber Management in

Pachuta. He started the business in 1998 and does contract forestry work, timber cruising, and marking, among other procedures.

Andrew J. Scharr (Forestry, 1966) of Quitman, La., is a retired forester. He has written a book of short stories entitled *The Old Man Becomes a Legend*.

Jeff Pearce (Forest Products, 1999) of Wiggins is now employed with Georgia-Pacific in Madison, Ga., as technical director. He was promoted from management trainee to technical director within a year and a half after joining GP.

Jimmy Jackson (Forest Products, 2000) of Sturgis is

employed with Temple-Inland Forest Products Corp. in Pineland, Texas, as a continuous process improvement engineer.

Brad Bolding (Forest Products, 2000) is employed with Weyerhaeuser in outside sales of manufacturing housing. He lives in Tuscumbia, Ala.

Jeff Easterling (Forest Products, 1980) has accepted a position as president of the Northeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association in Portland, Maine. He was the 2000 CFR Alumnus of the Year.

Dean's council

The CFR Dean's Student Council provides the means for the exchange of information and ideas among the student body and administration.

The council coordinates and supports activities that enhance professional growth and social welfare of CFR students and provides counsel to the dean on academic and extracurricular aspects of student life.

Membership is composed of four elected officers (CFR Inter-school Council) and the president/chairman of each recognized CFR student organization. Rachel Singleton, coordinator of the Office of Student Services, is council adviser.

CFR Alumni Spring Event

The CFR Alumni Association Spring Event is scheduled for April 21.

Highlights include recognition of classes '51, '56, '61, '66, '71, '76, '81, '86, '91, and '96. Also planned are facility tours, a barbecue, and entertainment. Mark your calendar and plan to bring the family.

For more information, telephone Debbie Gaddis at 662-325-8002 or Harold Gordon at 662-773-9423.



Dean's Student Council members include, first row (l-r): Scott Edwards, Susan Stewart, Becky Drier, and Jason Morris; second row: Bill Howell, Paul Vincent, and Mark Smith; and third row: Greyson Campbell and Randy Whitaker. (Not pictured is Jeremiah Russell).

Students apply furniture skills to 'joggling'

An early 19th century favorite of children and couples in love is getting a 21st century makeover, thanks to a group of Mississippi State students.

Joggling boards originated in the Low Country region of South Carolina in the early 1800s. A legend soon developed that there was never an unmarried daughter in the home that had one of the pieces of outdoor furniture.

A joggling board consists of a piece of lumber about 16 feet long suspended between two sturdy supports. The supports are curved on the bottom to provide a rocking motion, while the natural give

in the board provides a bounce. The combined effect is "joggling."

When Hugh Thomasson, owner of Thomasson Lumber Co. in Philadelphia, considered adding the joggling board to the products his company manufactures, he had some safety and cost concerns.

He brought those concerns to assistant professor Jilei Zhang's furniture production class in the College of Forest Resources. Working in teams of two, the students set out to improve the 200-year old joggling board design and win the cash awards Thomasson offered for the first- and second-best design.

"This has been a wonderful project for the furniture production class," said Zhang. The students applied what they had learned about movement and stress in furniture to suggest design changes.

Changes to the basic design recommended by the students include a wooden cover for the rockers and a removable back rail to make the board safer for use by children.

"By combining their new concepts, we have a stronger and safer board," Thomasson said. "Joggling boards incorporating the students' recommendations are being tested."

MSU's Wildlife Society team captures honors

Mississippi State University's student chapter brought home honors from the National Wildlife Society's recent annual conference in Nashville.

The four-person MSU team captured second place in the national quiz bowl at the conference. The University of Minnesota placed first and Arkansas Tech came in third in the 16-university competition.

Students were asked questions prepared by academic professors and professionals on topics including

wildlife and fisheries management, wildlife and fisheries biology, and forestry.

The Wildlife Society, founded in 1937, is the scientific and educational organization serving professionals in wildlife management and natural resources conservation. The organization has



Quiz bowl participants were (l to r) Jim Asmus, graduate student; Scott Edwards, senior; Nicholas Winstead, senior; and Christopher Latch, senior.

9,000 active members and 78 student chapters.

Mississippi State's chapter was established in 1971 and currently includes 60 students in the College of Forest Resources.

In Memoriam

Bill McKee, class of 1970, died earlier this year in Meridian. Mr. McKee owned a wildlife consulting business.

Mississippi State University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, or veteran status.

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Forestry equipment show has a new home

The Mid-South Forestry Equipment Show has a new home at the intersection of Highway 25 South and St. Mark Road.

The area has a new camping area, replacing the one at Dorman Lake. The area includes 13 RV sites with full electric hook-ups, sewer, and water. There also are 10 primitive camping sites. Restroom facilities with hot showers are available. All sites

require advance reservations.

Rates are \$17 for 50-amp electrical hook-ups, \$15 for 30-amp hook-ups, and \$5 for primitive camping. Each site has a campfire area and a picnic table.

Reservations may be made by telephoning 662-325-2191 or by e-mailing cboyer@cfr.msstate.edu. The equipment show is scheduled for this fall, so call early to make your reservations.

Alumni also may want to reserve camping spots for the 2001 football season.



Pig kissing brings in bacon

Dr. Bob Daniels, Extension forester, kissed the pig during the Fourth Annual "Kiss-A-Pig" contest sponsored by the Society of American Foresters student chapter. The contest was used to raise funds to send 12 SAF student members to the national convention in Washington, D.C. The fundraiser helped generate more than \$1,000 for the student chapter. Daniels said he didn't mind kissing the pig. However, the pig reportedly demanded a recount.