Warnell School of Forestry & Natural Resources
2011-2012
Dedicated to:

The Alumni & Faculty of the past; to all of those who have shaped our views and thoughts, without their effort we would not be where we stand today
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March 2, 2012

To: Warnell Graduates and Friends

From: Mike Clutter

Subject: The Cypress Knee

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Dear Warnell Seniors:

The Warnell School has three highly valuable human resources: faculty who love to teach, staff who are committed to enriching our academic programs, and students who are eager to learn about our natural resources. Every time I conduct our senior exit interviews, I am highly gratified to hear how well this tripartite effort works from the perspective of our graduating students. They are highly enthused about the quality of their education at Warnell, and proud of their successes within our challenging classes. They also point to the additional professional and social benefits provided by our very active student clubs. Due to the Forestry Club’s renewal of the Cypress Knee, you are now holding an excellent example of this added value in your hands.

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation from Warnell! I hope you too are proud of your achievements and eager to face new challenges. As you take the next steps in your professional development, I wish you great success. Please stay in touch with us and do not forget that our career services are available to Warnell alumni as well as students.

With my best wishes,

Sarah F. Covert
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
History of Warnell: Building on Greatness

By: Bob Izlar

The two biggest problems early foresters and forest landowners faced in Georgia were piney woods rooters and fire. The forests of South Georgia were so open in the 1910s you could see a white mule a mile away. War, poor agricultural practices, forest pillaging in the “cut out and get out” era of the late 1800s and early 1900s, and destructive naval stores practices left Georgia’s once magnificent forests a mere memory.

The story of Warnell is a story of people in love with the land, a people with a Faulknerian sense of place, a people with a sense of duty to the land and future generations. This article tells the story of the influence it had on Georgia and Georgians over the past century. It is the story of a journey over a hundred years taken by a people, individuals, a state, corporations, and an academic institution with a dream they could make things better. It is a journey of hope and renewal. The Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources started with grand aspirations. These dreams were tempered through the years by disappointment, financial trouble, lack of direction, the Great Depression, and wars, as well as indifferent political leadership. Yet during all these trials, there always seemed to be a core of dedicated people who made things happen. They had a passion about conservation, Georgia, and natural resources specifically. For them, conservation was more than a vocation or avocation—it was a cause.

So it is with many organizations. A dedicated few can accomplish much.

It is fitting that the South’s oldest forestry school (1906) was established at the nation’s oldest state-chartered university (1785). In the literally reams of papers, books, manuscripts, minutes, magazines, pamphlets, news articles, letters, account sheets, scholarly works, broadsheets, working papers, and who knows what else that were reviewed in researching this book, there is a harsh story of the School starting strong and then getting moved, renamed, reorganized, going almost dormant, being severely affected by wars and bad economic times, and somehow making it through. Through all of this, the school never lost its strategic vision, and it stuck to its purpose. Perhaps that is why the School has had such a profound, positive influence. It has been all about the good people involved and sterling leadership.

A Story of Relationships

One of the many things that has been so amazing about this mutual journey is the personal friendships and relationships that are woven throughout the last one hundred and six years. It is not just the friendship of Hill and Peabody, but that of Ackerman and Stone, the Oettmeiers and Langdales, Hargreaves and Lufburrow, Grant and Shirley, Yearwood and Lancaster, Jones, and the Gillises, Patterson and Talmadge, and so many others who made things happen. Those friendships were born in the classroom and forged on the battlefield or boardroom. They worked.

A simple but striking example of this is retold by the late Dr. Charlie Fitzgerald, Forestry Class of 1942, who taught silviculture at the School for many years. Sergeant Fitzgerald went into a PX canteen with several officers who were his classmates. There was no saluting, just fond remembrance. “Perhaps this was the first time I realized the value and depth of old college friendships,” he said.

He mentioned that Professor “Bish” Grant obtained for him an interview with Georgia-Pacific. He was one of the first graduate foresters hired by G-P. “As a group, we proved the value of the professional forester for generations to follow. I’m proud of this—we made it.” As a professor at Georgia, Fitzgerald summed up his love of the profession and passed it on to others with this: “…I sincerely hope that I have given some of my experience and knowledge to the next generation. I’ve never forgotten what my preceding generation did for me.
The Right Three

Warnell was blessed by the friendship of three men in the right place at the right time—George Foster Peabody, University Chancellor Walter B. Hill, and Chancellor David C. Barrow. There was no teaching of forestry in the state other than a small reference in some College of Agriculture courses. In fact, in the University’s early years, students were forbidden to go more than a mile off campus. Registrar Tom Reed noted, “… if they [the students] ever saw forests or walked through them, it was when they were home or on their vacation, and even then they were not carefully and effectively studied as to their real value, their protection from fire or their conservation and improvement.”

University Chancellor Walter B. Hill saw the need for improving the forest condition in Georgia, and he determined the University of Georgia was the place to do it. Hill was good friends with George Foster Peabody, a Georgia-born New York philanthropist. According to Reed, Peabody was a “willing listener and enthusiastic helper” who became “thoroughly convinced of the usefulness” of a forestry school to the University. Peabody became acquainted with the University of Georgia and its needs. Peabody became the School’s benefactor, offering the University trustees $2,000 per year for three years and $500 per year for expenses. The money was to be used to establish a school of forestry and hire a professor of forestry. However, before it was accepted, Chancellor Hill died. Yet, there was no need to despair; as Reed noted, “The guidance of the new school could not have been given to a greater lover of forests than David C. Barrow.” So, Barrow was a champion of forestry and a strong proponent of the newly endowed school. Reed noted, “The forest had great fascination for Mr. Barrow. It is doubtful whether, aside from his fellow-men, he loved anything quite so much as a tree.”

Former Dean Gordon Markworth offered this summary of the beginnings of the School:

This offer was accepted by the Board and the School was established as “The George Foster Peabody School of Forestry.” At the meeting of the trustees in April, 1906, Mr. Alfred Akerman, then State Forester of Massachusetts, was elected Professor of Forestry, and was to begin his duties on the first of July. Alfred A. Akerman, a native of Georgia born in 1876, was a Georgia graduate in the Class of 1898 with a B.A. degree and an M.F. degree from Yale.
Starting the Job
The Department of Forestry was inaugurated in the University Chapel on November 27, 1906, with Chancellor David C. Barrow presiding and the principal address given by Alfred Gaskin of the U.S. Forest Service on “The Progress of Forestry in the United States.”

The School was first housed in Terrell Hall. The new School had one room, a few books and chairs… and no students. Waddell Hall, built in 1820–21, was known as Agricultural Hall from 1903 to 1909 and was the second home of the School.

Moving under Agriculture
In 1908, Akerman mentions his support of the transfer of the “Forest School” to the College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. The Division of Forestry was transferred to the Georgia State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts in 1907. The first rooms for the Division were in Lumpkin House. They moved to Barrow Hall, home of Agricultural Engineering, when it was completed in 1911.

The Interwar Years
The Department of Forestry became involved in the war effort in 1918 as a Student Army Training Corps. The program, sponsored by the War Department, consisted of a two-year technical course in forest engineering. At war’s end, the School provided vocational education, known as “rehabilitation,” to returning veterans by offering two two-year courses for forest rangers. Much of the idealism of the conservation movement ended with the disillusionment that followed the “Great War,” when Thomas D. Burleigh became Division head in 1920. Despite the slump in conservation activity, the Division of Forestry had increased to sixteen students and three professors by 1924. The Forestry Club became very active with publication of the first Cypress Knee that year. This publication lasted until 1972 until it was revived in 2012.

A log cabin was also built that year—entirely by hand— by members of the Forestry Club. Each afternoon, students who didn’t have classes worked from noon to dark until the structure was completed. The fact that the log cabin lasted until 1956 before it finally rotted beyond repair attests to the builders’ skill. Its granite chimney still remains in Oconee Forest Park.

The years following World War I saw a change in attitudes toward traditional male roles. Forestry was no exception—Jane Oakley enrolled as the first female forestry student in 1924. However, she did not graduate. The first woman to graduate, Pat Holbrook, did so in 1969. The excellence of the postwar student body was recognized in 1926, with the establishment of the Gamma Chapter of Alpha Xi Sigma, Forestry Honor Society. This society remained active until the beginning of World War II.
Independent…Again

In 1931 the Georgia General Assembly passed the Reorganization Act, which reorganized all state government agencies. It created the University System of Georgia Board of Regents. The new Board of Regents took over the previously independent Georgia State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts in 1933. There was a severe personality clash between University of Georgia President Sanford and State Agriculture College President Andrew “King Andy” Soule over this reorganization. Soule lost out and resigned. In 1935 the Board of Regents authorized changing the Division of Forestry, College of Agriculture to the George Foster Peabody School of Forestry, and in 1936 the School was deeded the Whitehall forest from the Georgia Rehabilitation Corporation.

The Student Revolt of 1933

When they returned to campus, they were hastily summoned to the president’s office where they received an “official” scolding and were told never to do anything like that ever again. Yet, the subtle message they took away was, “You did the right thing, and I appreciate what you did.” The students published, at their expense, the now famous “Do You Know?” pamphlet that explained in detail the possible loss of accreditation, living in the “dog house,” and salary and facility conditions. This call to action was distributed throughout the state. The “student revolt of 1937” made headlines in the Atlanta Journal Constitution with a three-column article. The students complained the school was “in the dog house” because it was forced to take up shabby quarters in the building vacated by the recently closed Veterinary Medicine School. After that, Executive Secretary Downing Musgrove (who was also a big forest landowner) helped to quietly move things along.

Langdale notes this was the first time there was any legal consideration of the importance of timber to the state. Dean Markworth left in disgust.

Senior forestry student Harley Langdale, Jr., and five other forestry students went to see Governor E. D. “Ed” Rivers, who was from Lanier County in South Georgia. Downing Musgrove was Rivers’ executive secretary, and he was from Homerville, also in South Georgia, so Langdale felt he at least had an audience of men with similar backgrounds. He recalls the governor told them, “What you boys should do is see the Board of Regents chairman.” The student delegation went to see him the same day and complained about no buildings, old books, treatment as outcasts in the old vet school “dog house” and the same “song and dance” they gave the governor. But they were flatly rejected. The Regents chairman, Marion Smith, got mad that they even dared see him, and he phoned University President Harmon Caldwell. According to Langdale, the Regent hotly told Caldwell, “If boys like these ever worry me again, I’ll resign as Chairman of the Board of Regents.”

Conditions at the School were in a fine mess in early 1937 when Professor Allyn M. Herrick resigned in disgust and left. This resignation prompted a mass student meeting in the Chapel to discuss the situation. There were threats of a student strike. President Caldwell tried to maintain calm by saying he would place a new building for the school on an emergency list for the Board of Regents.
Out of the “Dog House” and into War

After being bounced from Lumpkin Hall to Barrow Hall in 1911 and then in 1934 to the abandoned veterinary medicine building, the School of Forestry was finally settled in the present “Classic” Forestry Building in 1938, following the student revolt and hints on non-accreditation by the Society of American Foresters. The new building was considered one of the most beautiful on campus. The offices, halls, and classrooms were richly paneled in donated pecky cypress, knotty pine, heart red gum, white oak, cypress, and tupelo gum. A special niche was built to hold the wooden bust of the school’s namesake, George Foster Peabody.

It is sad to read through Dean Weddell’s personal copy of the 1943 Cypress Knee. It listed a class roster for each graduating class back to the first graduate. He annotated many names in pencil with “dead.” The Cypress Knee was suspended in 1944–45. In his 1946 Cypress Knee message, Dean Weddell noted that on a percentage basis, the School had more students in WWII and more gold stars on the Service Flag than any other school or college within the university.

Out of the Sapling Stage

In 1950, the wildlife management curriculum was instituted through cooperation of the School of Forestry and the Biology Department. The program offered a BSF with a major in wildlife management. The Ph.D. in Forestry was authorized in 1963 and first awarded the following year to William R. Sizemore. Forestry Buildings Two and Three were completed in 1967 and dedicated September 28, 1968, with U.S. Senator Herman Talmadge as keynoter. The Board of Regents formally changed the name of the George Foster Peabody School of Forestry to the School of Forest Resources on January 10, 1968. Dean A. M. Herrick said the new name “… better describes the educational and research missions of the School. Whereas the emphasis originally was principally on timber management and administration, in more recent years other resources and amenities such as fish and game, forest recreation, watershed values and environmental quality have drawn increasing attention from foresters.”

Expanded Focus

On July 1, 1971, the School attained professional school status so students entered in their junior year. Of the nine southern schools with forestry courses, the one at the University of Georgia was known as the best. In 1976 the Whitehall Mansion was restored by the School with proceeds from the salvage sale of beetle-killed timber in White Hall Forest. The School’s recreational cabin, Flinchum’s Folly, burned in 1977 but was rebuilt as Flinchum’s Phoenix in 1979.

Warnell students have long been active in extracurricular activities. The University of Georgia Forestry Club was founded February 4, 1914, by Professor Alfred Akerman as chairman and the seven students then enrolled in the School. The club’s all-time membership high was 180 in the 1948–49 academic year. The Forestry Club helped found the Association of Southern Forestry Clubs and hosted the first annual Conclave of Southeastern Forestry Schools on May 10, 1958, along with seven other schools at Rock Eagle. The University of Georgia student chapter of the Wildlife Society was founded in 1967. It has consistently placed first or near the top in the Southern Wildlife Quiz Bowl competition.
Preparing Professionals

Research cooperation between the School and the U.S. Forest Service started in 1939. Through the political power of Georgia U.S. Senator Dick Russell, the Forest Service received several large appropriations beginning in 1954 for research and facilities in Athens. The long cooperation between the two groups enabled each to concentrate on problems without direct competition. This enabled the School to develop a strong graduate program that helped train Forest Service scientists.

In 1980 Leon Hargreaves, former Forestry Club president and professor of the School of Forest Resources, was appointed Dean following Dean Herrick’s retirement. Hargreaves oversaw significant increases in the School’s endowment during the UGA Bicentennial Capital Campaign. The School significantly expanded its programs in wildlife management, fisheries, and aquaculture and biotechnology while it continued its strong orientation to quantitative timber management.

Arnett C. Mace, Jr., buried his tacky Florida orange and blue and became Dean in 1991. He served until he was promoted to university senior vice president for academic affairs and provost in 2002. Mace oversaw the next highly successful phase of the capital endowment campaign, the dedication of Building 4 in 1993, construction of the Warnell Center in Effingham County, and the renaming of the School of Forest Resources. The School’s name evolved from the George Foster Peabody School of Forestry, in concept, to Department of Forestry; to Division of Forestry; to George Foster Peabody School of Forestry; to School of Forest Resources; and finally to the Daniel Brooks Warnell School of Forest Resources in 1991.

The school was renamed and dedicated to Warnell in April, 1991. As a legislator, Warnell was a strong supporter of Charles H. Herty’s research work on improved turpentine processes and developing the southern pulp and paper industry.

Interim Dean Dr. James Sweeney succeeded Mace and served until 2004. Dr. Richard Porterfield was selected as permanent Dean. The Natural Resources Recreation and Tourism major was added. Under his leadership, the School once more changed its name to better reflect its expanding mission of teaching, research and outreach. It became the Daniel Brooks Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources in its Centennial Year.

Following Porterfield’s brief tenure, Professor Bob Warren was named Interim Dean until Warnell alumnus Dr. Mike Clutter became permanent Dean in 2007. Clutter had been serving as Hargreaves Distinguished Professor of Forest Finance after a long private sector career.

The School’s reputation was strongly formed in the 1950s, and it continues to be widely admired and respected. Both the Seaboard Airline Railroad and the Georgia Forestry Commission issued special publications to celebrate the School’s golden anniversary in 1956. The GFC editorial noted the finest tribute to the School of Forestry was its graduates and the good they had done.
Faculty

Dr. Bruce Beck
Dr. Pete Bettinger
Dr. Bruce Borders
Dr. Robert Bringolf
Dr. John Carroll
Dr. Steven Castleberry
Dr. Michael Chamberlain
Dr. Chris Cieszewski
Dr. Michael Clutter
Dean
Dr. Kim Coder
Dr. Mike Conroy
Dr. Robert Cooper
Faculty

Dr. Sarah Covert
Dr. Dick Daniels
Dr. Jeff Dean
Dr. David Dickens
Dr. Kamal Gandhi
Dr. Mikell Gleason
Dr. Gary Green
Dr. Dale Greene
Dr. Gary Grossman
Dr. Scott Harding
Dr. Tom Harris
Dr. Jeff Hepinstall-Cymerman
Faculty

Dr. Sonia Hernandez

Dr. Bill Hubbard

Michael Hunter

Dr. Kris Irwin

Bob Izlar

Dr. Ben Jackson

Dr. Rhett Jackson

Dr. Cecil Jennings

Dr. Michael Kane

Dr. Walter Lorenz

Dr. John Maerz

Dr. Dan Markewitz
Faculty

Dr. Mary Anne McGuire  
Dr. Bin Mei  
Dr. Mike Mengak  
Dr. Scott Merkle

Dr. J Meyers  
Dr. Karl Miller  
Dr. Clint Moore  
Dr. Rebecca Moore

Dr. Dave Moorhead  
Dr. Larry Morris  
Dr. Joe Nairn  
Dr. Nate Nibbelink
Warnell Faculty Alumni welcome the return of the Cypress Knee

Bruce E. Borders, PhD 1984
Steven Castleberry, BSFR 1993, MS 1997
Mike Clutter, MFR 1983, PhD 1993
Robert J. Cooper, BSFR 1975, MS 1979
Bob Izlar, BSFR 1971, MFR 1972
Joseph Michael Meyers, MS 1978
Karl V. Miller, PhD 1985
Jacek P. Siry, PhD 1997
James M. Sweeney, BSFR 1967, MS 1971
Susan Bennett Wilde, PhD 1998
Faculty

Dr. Doug Peterson  
Dr Neelam Poudyal  
Dr. Todd Rasmussen  
Dr. Uttiya Raychaudhuri

Dr. Laurie Schimleck  
Dr. Jay Shelton  
Anuj Sinha  
Dr. Jacek Siry

Dr. Jim Sweeney  
Dr. Michael Tarrant  
Dr. Bob Teskey  
Dr. C.J. Tsai
**Professors. Instructors. Mentors.**

To all of those who have spent endless hours teaching us, attempting to get us to think for ourselves and to explore the corners of our mind; to all of those who have devoted their lives to coaching those of us to pursue our dreams; to those that lead and encourage leadership in others; to those who provide positive role models; to those that care; to those that motivate by example; to all of those who inspire us to make more of ourselves and challenge the obstacles that stand in our path. We thank you. You have a greater influence then you may be aware of. Without you we may have cut ourselves short; we thank you for never giving up on us and helping us achieve everything we can and more.

—Editor, Danielle Hernandez
"If you don't get what you want, it is a sign either that you did not seriously want it, or that you tried to bargain over the price."
—Rudyard Kipling, 1970

The teacher who is indeed wise does not bid you to enter the house of his wisdom but rather leads you to the threshold of your mind.
—Khalil Gibran

2011 Pictures-
Top Left: Dr. Richard Daniels
Xi Sigma Pi's Professor of Year
Top Right: Dr. Karl Miller
Working at the Deer Barns
Middle: Mr. Bob Izlar
At Faculty Awards Ceremony
Bottom: Dr. Bob Cooper
Received Award for Outstanding Contribution to Bird Contribution

1969
Wilbur R. Mattoon, 1942

1950- Illustration of how students feel,
2012- Not much has changed...
To the Warnell graduating class of 2012, Gaudeamus igitur, juvenes dum sumus. “Therefore, let us rejoice while we are young.” Whether you are graduating summa cum laude or just laude how cum, this is your time. Cherish your memories. Value the lifelong friendships you have forged. Your classmates are now your future colleagues.

The Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources Alumni Association welcomes you to the roll of graduates which dates back to 1912. You stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before you. Leave a record for this class that is equally brilliant. Be proud of who you are, of where you are from and of your chosen profession. Your profession is one that makes a difference, and it is also a cause. There will be plenty of opportunities for you to shine because natural resource problems are always with us.

When I graduated from this place in the last century, I started a job I was trained to do 13,000 miles from here on another continent and in another culture. I learned several lessons of immediate importance:

- If the enemy is in range, so ARE you,
- Have a plan,
- Have a backup plan because the first one probably won’t work,
- Never fly in the same cockpit with someone braver than you are,
- Working with a sorry boy who won’t try is like going bird hunting and having to tote the dogs,
- Having authority does not make you a leader. You have to earn it.
- Officers eat last. Take care of your team first.
- Learn to be a follower too. The world will rarely line up to reward you for it, but you must know how to follow, if you are to lead and you will eventually have to lead.

I also got to observe how not to do things and I learned that:

- When there is hard work to be done, you can always find someone to supervise it,
- If you cast doubt on the skills and abilities of others, there is no end to the things you can fail at without being noticed,
- Never assume that just because someone holds a license that they know what they are doing.

You have learned much here, and you certainly know you have much more to learn – about car payments, mortgages, credit card debt, a rugged commute, working on weekends and holidays, balancing your family life with two jobs and putting children through college. Catch the higher vision. Find the greater beauty in a life of cheerful service.

There is a portrait of former President Stanford in the Administration Building on North Campus. It shows him holding a scroll with three words of encouragement for you as you go forth from this campus. Those words are: Cognitate illos canes or “Consider those canines.” But you know them better as:

**HOW BOUT THEM DAWGS !!**

Go Dawgs!

Bob Izlar
Class of 1971
The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet. —Aristotle
The past is not dead, it is living in us, and will be alive in the future.

- William Morris

Tyler Allen
2011

Forestry Club Meeting at the Chimney, left over form the cabin, 2011

Summer Forestry Field Camp, 2011

Summer Forestry Field Camp, Logging Operation, 2011

Boy Scout Forestry Merit Badges 2011

1925

1928

1934

1942

1950
The past is not dead, it is living in us, and will be alive in the future which we are now helping to make. -William Morris

1954
Boy Scouts
Forestry Merit Badge
2011

John Hickman
2011

1957

Daniel Atkins
2011

1961

1963

Carmen Mancia
2011

1969
Forestry Field Camp
2011
2012 Seniors

Joel Adair
NRRT
“Remember me; one of these days I’ll be famous!”

Tyler Allen
Forestry
(Community Forestry Certificate)
“Finally brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable - if there is any moral excellence and if there is any praise - dwell on those things” Philippians 4:8 (HCSB)

Ashley Alred
Wildlife & NRRT

Bridget Altman
Wildlife
“In all things of nature there is something of the marvelous” - Aristotle

Annaliise Ashley
Wildlife & NRRT
“Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.” 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

Daniel Atkins
Fisheries
“Don't reinvent the wheel. Learn from others mistakes, and move forward. Strive to be a leader, not by demanding respect, but by earning it and leading by example. Above all, honor God in all things you have been blessed with.”

Lauren Austin
Fisheries & Wildlife
“Not all those who wander are lost.”
- J.R.R. Tolkien

Jordan Beasley
Forestry
“The only easy day was yesterday”
2012 Seniors

Thomas Bennett
Forestry

Erik Biang
Forestry
“‘You have enemies? Good. that means you’ve stood up for something, sometime in your life.’”
-Winston Churchill

Dessie Bower
Fisheries & Wildlife

Hannah Brooker
Wildlife
“I believe in the theory of evolution, but I believe as well in the allegorical truth of creation theory. In other words, I believe that evolution, including the principle of natural selection, is one of the tools used by God to create mankind. Mankind is then a participant in the creation of the universe itself, so that we have a closed loop. I believe that there is a level on which science and religious metaphor are mutually compatible.”

Susan Bruno
Wildlife
“Be good or be good at it”

Mark Butler
Forestry & Wildlife
“In short, a land ethic changes the role of Homo sapiens from conqueror of the land-community to plain member and citizen of it. It implies respect for his fellow members, and also respect for the community as such.”
- Aldo Leopold

John Caubo
NRRT
“Tiger got to hunt, bird got to fly; Man got to sit and wonder, ‘Why, why, why?’ Tiger got to sleep, bird got to land; Man got to tell himself he understand.”
- The Books of Bokonon

KayLeigh Chapman
Wildlife
“Where you invest your love, you invest your life.”
- Mumford and Sons
2012 Seniors

Zachary Clark
Forestry
“You gotta do what you gotta do.”

Alyson Davis
Wildlife
“Body active and alive. And I promise you this much, I promise you this one sweet victory, over our enemies, Over those desk-bound people with their hearts in a box, And their eyes hypnotized by calculators I promise you this one sweet victory, You’ll outlive the ***!”
~Tabasco Donkey’s I Don’t Mind

Annie Davis
Wildlife
“Sometimes if you stand on the bottom rail of a bridge and lean over to watch the river slipping slowly away beneath you, you will suddenly know everything there is to know.” - Winnie the Pooh

Brynn Davis
Wildlife Pre-Vet
“Laugh your heart out... Dance in the rain... Cherish the moment... Ignore the pain. Live, Love, Learn Forgive and Forget... Life is to short, To live with regrets.”

Collin DeCamp
Wildlife

Zach DeWolfe

Jane B. Diener
NRRT
“Like water, be gentle and strong. Be gentle enough to follow the natural paths of the earth and strong enough to rise up and reshape the world.”

Tess Doggett
NRRT
“Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in where nature may heal and cheer and give strength to the body and soul.”
~John Muir
2012 SENIORS

Kevin Dorsey
Wildlife

Sara Duquett
Fisheries

Swanny Evans
Wildlife
“If you are not working
to protect hunting, then
you are working to
destroy it.”
-Fred Bear

Brittany Furtado
Fisheries & Wildlife
“One man’s fish is
another man’s poisson”

Skilor Gay
Wildlife
“There are two spiritual
dangers in not owning a farm.
One is the danger of supposing
that breakfast comes from the
grocery, and the other that heat
comes from the furnace.”
Aldo Leopold, A Sand
County Almanac

Allison Griffin
Wildlife
“Use what talents you
possess; the woods
would be very silent if no
birds sang there except
those that sang best.”
-William Blake

Thomas Hamilton
NRRT
“Chins without beards
deserve no honor.”
Spanish Proverb

“You have brains in
your head. You have
feet in your shoes.
You can steer
yourself any
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Summer Stories

“I think we take for granted how much we know about animals, or natural resources in general. I worked at Fernbank Natural History Museum, and while I won’t be specific about visitor comments, I was overwhelmed by how little the everyday person knew about the animal kingdom. I found myself explaining things I thought everyone knew. I could ridicule the school system, or the general public, but I don't think ridicule is particularly productive in this case. We’ve been blessed with a wonderful school, a wonderful Warnell family, and a wonderful passion for natural resources. But, we’re a small subset of the population. As we graduate and travel to our separate corners of the country, or the world, it becomes our responsibility to share that passion with the general public. Those moments when we realize we know a lot more than we think we do are awesome for our ego, but they're also incredibly important for us to share what we know. We have to if we want to protect that which we love. If I learned nothing else, I learned that this summer at the museum: sometimes you have to start from the beginning, but it’s not a bad thing, especially if it gives someone a new fun fact or a new look at our wonderful Earth.”

-Annaliese Ashley

“In Summer 2011, I volunteered for the Georgia Dolphin Ecology Program. I photographed dolphin dorsal fins and assisted building a photo catalog of the study population around St. Catherine's Island.”

-Anna Taylor

“This summer I took the opportunity to go on Dr. Carroll's International Issues in Conservation study abroad to Botswana. All I can say is most AMAZING experience of my life. Sitting five feet from a lion, climbing forbidden rocks, standing in the spot Cecil Rhodes ate dinner, sunbathing on buxom beach, learning to drive a land rover, and riding through a heard of over 100 elephants- you don't forget that kind of stuff!”

-Brianna Williams

“Northern Bobwhite.”

-Seth Sofferin
2012 Seniors

Danielle Hernandez  
Wildlife  
“Make the most of yourself, for that is all there is of you”  
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

John Edward Hickman  
Wildlife  
“Now then, please take your gear, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me.”  
Genesis 27:3

Morgan Hickson

Patrick Drake Honan  
Wildlife  
“Live each season as it passes; breathe the air, drink the drink, taste the fruit, and resign yourself to the influences of each.” Throreau

Shannon Hotch  
Water & Soil Resources  
“Wherever life takes you, do not forget the importance of ‘thank you’ and a smile. Laughter helps too!”

Kara Huntsman  
Forestry  
“We are not an endangered species ourselves yet, but this is not for lack of trying.”  
-Douglas Adams

Ashlee Janda  
Wildlife  
“It’s what we know we aren’t, that makes us who we are.”  
-August Burns Red

Jordan King  
Fisheries & Wildlife

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Kelly Laity
Wildlife

Todd Lee
NRRT
“Read the Bible. Work hard and honestly. And don’t complain.”
-Billy Graham

Lauren Lipcsei
Wildlife
“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”

Carmen Mancia
Wildlife Pre-Vet
“Do what you feel in your heart to be right—for you’ll be criticized anyways”
- Eleanor Roosevelt

Aaron Mathys
Wildlife
“In the modern techno-industrial culture, it is possible to proceed from infancy into senility without ever knowing manhood” - Edward Abbey

Willie McCranie
Forestry & Wildlife
“It’s not the mountains we conquer, but ourselves.”
-Sir Edmund Hillary

Amanda Mercer
Wildlife
French Minor
“Aw, Shoot! Bojangles. Uhm.”

“Promise me you’ll always remember: You’re braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.”
- Christopher Robin
2012 Seniors

Jackson Middleton
Forestry

Emily Mitchell
Wildlife
“I am the Lorax. I speak for the trees. I speak for the trees for the trees have no tongues....Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, Nothing is going to get better. It's not.”
Dr. Seuss, The Lorax

Catherine Mary Mullen
Wildlife
“Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves.”
-John Muir

Laura Nesbit
Wildlife
History Minor
“The past is a ghost, the future a dream and all we ever have is now.”
-Bill Cosby

Lauren Ninke
Wildlife
“You've gotta dance like there's nobody watching, Love like you'll never be hurt, Sing like there's nobody listening, And live like it's heaven on earth.”
-William W. Purkey

Ryan Pemberton
Forestry & Wildlife
“Do or do not. There is no try”
- Yoda

Henry Pepin
Wildlife
“When you come to a fork in the road, take it.”

“Don't let the fear of the time it will take to accomplish something stand in the way of your doing it. The time will pass anyway; we might just as well put the passing time to the best possible use”
-Earl Nightengale
Short Stories

“In the summer of 2011 I worked on Cumberland Island doing sea turtle patrol. That summer I saw some of the coolest things I have even seen in my life, and it made me realize that I am fascinated by the ocean. One morning my coworker and I were driving down the beach looking for new turtle crawls and off in the distance I saw a huge dark spot on the beach. I pointed it out and asked her what she thought it was. After a short discussion we still were not sure what it could be. I decided to drive faster because it looked like it was moving and I did not want it to be gone when we got to it. All of a sudden I realized that it was a huge sea turtle! I slammed on the breaks and threw the truck in to park. I grabbed my camera and started running towards the turtle. It ended up being a huge Leatherback Sea Turtle!

The Leatherback was easily 6 feet long and over 300 pounds. She had just finished laying a nest and was on her way back to the ocean. We took lots of pictures and got to watch her swim off into the sun rise. Seeing this turtle was by far the coolest thing I have ever seen. My boss has been working the beach on Cumberland for over 8 years and has never seen a Leatherback alive and one that was that big. It is amazing to me to think that an animal that big can be so elusive and that once she was back in the water you would have no idea she was even out there.”

-Emily Mitchell

“While working as a backpacking guide in New Mexico, I encountered a large black bear moving toward our campsite one day. Valiantly protecting my crew, I leaped across a creek and chased him off with a green plastic lightsaber.”

-Willie McCranie

“June of 2011 was spent in Botswana on Dr. John Carroll's International Issues in Conservation study abroad. One memory that sticks out is laying in a dry river bed with the class, watching a lunar eclipse. Once the shadow crossed the moon completely it seemed like I could see every star in the sky. The Milky Way was especially brilliant. After the moon appeared again, a leopard started calling upriver, signaling that it was time to head back to camp. This is only one memory of millions that I will never forget from that trip.”

-Abby-Gayle Prieur

“Airborne!”

-Aaron Mathys
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Jeffery Poston
Forestry

Abby-Gayle Prieur
Wildlife
“The question isn’t who is going to let me; it’s who is going to stop me.”
-Ayn Rand

Brian Romm
Wildlife & NRRT

John Rossow
Wildlife Pre-Vet
“I still find each day too short for all the thoughts I want to think, all the walks I want to take, all the books I want to read, and all the friends I want to see.”
-John Burroughs

Cody Seagraves
Wildlife
“We like trees, deer, and graphs”

Noah Shealy
Wildlife
“Nothing is certain”

Justin Sheppard
Forestry & NRRT

Allen Sherrod
NRRT

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Brantley Smith
Forestry & Wildlife

Justin Smith
Forestry & Wildlife
“To those of you who received honors, awards and distinctions, I say well done. And to the C students, I say you too may one day be president of the United States.”
-George W. Bush

Kristopher Smoot
NRRT
“Not all who wander are lost”

Seth Sofferin
Wildlife
“Use what talents you possess; the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best.”
-William Blake

“Dare to live the life you have dreamed for yourself. Go forward and make your dreams come true.”
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Christopher Strojan
Fisheries & Wildlife
“To those devoid of imagination a blank place on the map is a useless waste; to others, the most valuable part.”
-Aldo Leopold

Anna Taylor
Wildlife
“Live by the currents, plan by the tide, and follow the sun.”

Katherine Tharp
NRRT

“Not all who wander are lost”

-George W. Bush

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-Ralph Waldo Emerson

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James Vance
Wildlife
“You can do anything you want to do”
-- Thin Lizzy

Caleb Vermilya
Fisheries

Matthew Walter
NRRT
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-Bill Waterson

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Brianna Williams
Wildlife Pre-Vet
“In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks.”
- John Muir

Tracy Worsham

Katherine Zornig
Wildlife
“What lies before us and what lies behind us are small matters compared to what lies within us”
- Emerson

Not Pictured:
Julie Creamer
Brianna Galbreath
In 2010 I was honored with the Xi Sigma Pi Herrick Professor of the Year award. Along with this award came the privilege of giving the graduation speech for the Spring 2011 Warnell Graduation ceremony. Having the opportunity to speak in front of that large group of students, parents, and guests caused me to reflect on my job as a teacher and to think about the students I interact with every day. Almost all of our graduates have had at least one class with me—some have had more than they’d like to remember. Many of you know that I love to tell stories, and I view each of our students as a story in progress, with only the first few chapters written.

At graduation a few years ago, the mother of one of our seniors whom I advised came up to me with a serious look on her face and said, “Dr. Shelton, you were very hard on our son over the last couple of years.” Naturally, I thought I was in trouble and prepared for a scolding. But then she smiled and went on to say, “I have to say that things worked out for the best—thank you.” Her son had just been accepted to graduate school. I recently received an email from him that said, “I am writing you from my new office at my new job. I just thought that you might enjoy hearing that I finally made it. Thanks for all the encouragement (and the butt kickings) along the way.”

In my office there is an original work of art that I am especially proud to display (reproduced here with permission of the artist, a graduate of Warnell). Anyone who sees the drawing is impressed, but my pride comes from the story behind it, which is secretly inscribed on the back. If you turn the frame over, you’ll find these words:

“This is the first piece I’ve done in seven years, and before the first line was drawn it was intended for you. I just thought that you might enjoy hearing that I finally made it. Thanks for all the encouragement (and the butt kickings) along the way.”

Every faculty member has many such stories to tell. We love to know where our graduates are and what they’re doing. That is our goal—to see that each of you “makes it.” So please come see us often so that we don’t have to keep telling the same stories over and over again.

-Dr. Jay Shelton
Abouhamdan, Zachariah — Wildlife
Adams, Heather — Wildlife
Alewine, Steven — Forestry & Wildlife
Ammons, Hampton — Forestry
Anderson, Adren — Wildlife
Ansley, Emily — Fisheries
Bartkovich, Mercedes — Wildlife
Belinfanta, Emily — Wildlife
Bird, Christopher — Forestry
Bond, Alexander — Fisheries
Boswell, Alexandra — Wildlife
Brewer, Austin — Forestry
Brissey, Courtney — Wildlife
Burge, William — Forestry
Burns, Laura — Wildlife
Cameron, Lauren — NRRT
Caudell, Thomas — NRRT
Clay, Rebecca — Fisheries
Clayton, Brooks — Wildlife
Cohen, Eric — Wildlife
Coleman, Amanda — Wildlife
Coleman, Kyle — Wildlife
Conring, Courtenay — Wildlife
Dalton, Jacob — Wildlife
Della Torre, Carl — Wildlife
Diehl, Elise — Wildlife
Dukes, Michael — Wildlife
Dunn, Kevin — Wildlife
Dupuy, Madeleine — Fisheries
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Gagat, Tyler — Fisheries
Gaw, Matthew — Forestry
Geitner, Tyler — Fisheries
Gorse, Zachary — Forestry
Griner, John — Fisheries
Grizzle, Gordon — Forestry
Gronborg, Autumn — Wildlife
Hale, Tyler — Wildlife
Hancock, Daniel — Wildlife
Hardeman, Sarah — Wildlife
Hattaway, Christine — Wildlife
Hayes, Matthew — Wildlife
Haynes, Cory — Wildlife
Hein, Inez — Wildlife
Heldreth, Michael — Wildlife
Henderson, Christine — Wildlife
Hinkson, Kristin — Wildlife
Huang, Joyce — Wildlife
Jenkins, Chad — Wildlife
Jennings, Michelle — Forestry
Jordan, Cassidy — Fisheries & Wildlife
Kao, Jeffrey — NRRT
Kates, Sarah — Wildlife
Kicklighter, Kevin — Forestry
King, Rachel — Wildlife
Kirby, Grady — Wildlife
Knoll, Matthew — Fisheries
Kupar, Caitlin — Wildlife
Legette, Robert Jr. — Wildlife
Leonard, Max — Fisheries
Lewis, Joshua — Fisheries
Lipham, Tyler — Wildlife
Lock, Rachel — Wildlife
Lock, Tyler — Forestry & Wildlife
Mackenzie, Michelle — Wildlife
Marbury, John — Wildlife
Martin, Aubrey — Wildlife
McCollum, Kathryn — Wildlife
McNeal, Clifton — Wildlife
Moon, Moriah — Wildlife
Morgan, Keri — Wildlife
Moyer, Stefanie — Wildlife
Navarro, Valerie — Wildlife
Newton, Aleandra — Wildlife
O’Neal, Joshua — Fisheries
Parks, Adam — Wildlife
Partrick, Katherine — Wildlife
Pau, Shana — Wildlife
Pawlowski, Ryan — Wildlife
Penn, Carrie — Fisheries & Wildlife
Phillips, Ryan — Wildlife
Poppp, Anakela — Wildlife
Poydasheff, Remington — Forestry
Riordan, Kathleen — Wildlife
Robertson, Ethan — Forestry & Wildlife
Shea, John — Wildlife
Skipper, Caleb — Forestry
Smith, Mireya — Wildlife
Stephens, Andrew — Fisheries
Stevens, Kaili — Forestry
Stroud, Clay — Wildlife
Sutton, Shelby — Wildlife
Tharp, Lauren — Wildlife
Thomas, Byron — Wildlife
Tuck, Rebekah — Wildlife
Turner, Kelsey — Wildlife
Waldrop, Cassandra — Fisheries & Wildlife
Watkins, Richard — Fisheries
Webber, Michelle — Fisheries
Weldon, Timothy — Wildlife
White, Seth — Wildlife
Whorton, Michael — Fisheries
Wilburn, Sara — Wildlife
Wilder, Charles — Forestry
Williams, Courtney — Wildlife
Wolff, Hannah — Fisheries
Wood, Chandler — Wildlife
Forestry is a profession that embraces the art, science, and practice of creating, managing, using, and conserving forests in a sustainable manner to address the goals and values of human society, according to the Society of American Foresters. Among other things, the profession of forestry requires knowledge of ecology and management, physiology and economics, societal values and computer technology. It is a diverse profession that involves assessing goals that range from timber production to ecosystem services. Foresters need to know how management actions can be applied, and how these actions can affect objectives at various spatial and temporal scales from economic, environmental, and social perspectives. As graduating foresters, hopefully these ideas and concepts have become firmly entrenched in your mind.

The word forest is understood to arise from the Latin words foris (outdoors) and forestis (unenclosed open ground or woods). Many people like yourselves are attracted to the profession of forestry because it allows you to work outdoors, yet today the profession demands broader interests than simply a desire to work outside. Over last few centuries, forests have played important roles in the development and history of human society. At times forestry has concentrated on the extraction of wood chiefly for the development of housing material and the development of military equipment, such as ships. However, the importance of forests in the mitigation of climate changes is now a hot topic. Forests not only comprise many of the most diverse ecosystems on the Earth, they also serve as refuges for plant and animal species and provide sustenance and employment for a large portion of the human population. There are certainly differences in opinion regarding how forests should be managed, and therefore the role and importance of forests to human society will certainly evolve. Forests are continually changing due to environmental factors, natural disturbances, and human interactions, and as a result we need to adjust and adapt to new circumstances and keep an open mind regarding other points of view.

As you enter the working world, you should find that employment opportunities within the field of forestry are numerous and diverse. For example, as a forestry graduate you could seek employment as an operations forester, a consulting forester, an urban forester, a fire management officer, a utility forester, or a state and federal land manager. Further, you could seek employment in the areas of wood procurement, research, planning, and mapping. You could become a forest engineer, a silviculturist, or a forest entomologist, and you may one day work with invasive species, become an educator, or get involved in law enforcement. We have done our best to prepare you for entrance into the field. Best of luck in your future endeavors.

-Dr. Pete Bettinger
You make a living by what you get, you make a life by what you give. — Winston Churchill

Organizations
“Hold fast to your dreams, for without them life is a broken winged bird that cannot fly.”

Langston Hughes
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Kara Huntsman  Danielle Hernandez  Lauren Austin
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Courtenay Conring (Not Pictured)
Staff
The mission of UGA SAF Forestry Club is to promote fellowship and wholesome recreation, foster interest in school, and better acquaint members with the forestry industry and conditions.

The Forestry Club holds bi-monthly meetings in which there are regular guest speakers. Topics include the different fields of the forestry business from the point of view of loggers, the Forestry Commission, GA Department of Natural Resources, Georgia Forestry Association, etc. Forestry Club also hosts cook-outs on the field by Flinchum's Phoenix and at the chimney, the remains of the old cabin that was built by the Forestry Club of 1925. The cabin, located in Oconee National Park, was built by the Forestry Club members after class hours, providing a hang out spot until it was forced to be demolished. The chimney still remains because, at the time, it was too large to be knocked down.

The Forestry Club also volunteers with various boy scout programs, such as Advance-O-Rama and teaching forestry merit and orienteering badges, helping teach 3 sessions this year. The annual fundraiser is firewood sales. The members split wood attained from various sources, which is then sold by the face cord. Firewood splitting is a typical club activity to bond with other members and usually ends with a cookout. Forestry Club hosts Round Table every year, which is a free networking dinner to allow students to meet with various natural resource businesses. They also participate in Conclave along with 14 other Southeastern universities and compete in physical and technical aspects. In 2011 Forestry Club hosted the 54th Annual Conclave and placed 3rd Overall.
Members:
Hampton Ammons
Daniel Atkins
Lauren Austin
Andrew Barary
Susan Bruno
Jordan Beasley
Erik Biang
Will Burge
Thomas Bennett
Jess Cadwallender
Zach Clark
Courtenay Conring
Cory Dukes
Gordon Grizzle
Brandon Hatchett
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Evan Johnson
Kevin Kicklighter
Tyler Lock
Henry Pepin
Remington
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Ethan Robertson
John Rossoow
Noah Shealey
Justin Sheppard
Caleb Skipper
Clayton Smith
Justin Smith
Timothy Smith
Tray Tison
Carl Della Torre
Sam Varn
Brianna Williams
Reid Yates

Top Left: Officers Meeting
Top Right: Meeting at the Chimney, remains from the old Cabin pictured to the right

1929

Right: Firewood Splitting - Clayton Smith, Daniel Atkins, Erik Biang
Left: J-Smoove (Justin Smith), the “Master of the Grill”.
Bottom Right: 1950's Firewood

Danielle Hernandez
Secretary

Daniel Atkins
Firewood Chair
Conclave Captain

Brianna Williams
Activities Chair
Georgia Forestry Association (GFA) was founded in 1907 and is one of the oldest conservation organizations. GFA works to protect property rights and adopt land management practices to be sure forests can continue providing their bioservices: clean air, clean water, soil conservation, wildlife habitat, and recreations. GFA works to keep responsible forest management practices in place and informs members of updated legislative and regulatory issues. GFA provides various services: Georgia Forestry Today, Capitol Forestry Reports, Georgia Forestry Foundation, Tree Farm Program, etc.
“Warnell:”

A field of passion, few seasons to grow,
We start off frail, like the seeds we sow;
Cultivated with love, and dedication to spare,
An education is bequeathed with the utmost care;
As the seasons progress, we establish our hold,
We grow toward the stars, not reach for the gold;
Our time has come; we now hold our own,
Nurtured with knowledge, that we may stand alone;
The newest class of the seasons of old,
Be encouraged now; work hard, be bold;
We have all we need for each to prevail,
May we remember our roots, our home …Warnell
   —Daniel Atkins, 2012

“The Man Who Likes a Tree”

I like a man who likes a tree
And wants no better company,
For such a man I always find
Is just the very sort and kind
Who’s not too content unless it be
He too can grow much like a tree

I like a man who likes a tree,
He’s so much more of a man to me;
For when he see its blessings there,
In some way, too he wants to share
Whatever gifts his own may be,
In helping others, like a tree.
   —Charles A. Heath, 1942
The Wildlife Society

The mission of UGA Chapter of The Wildlife Society (TWS) is to create a forum for wildlife professionals and students to exchange knowledge and discuss current wildlife conservation issues. The goal of the organization is to provide opportunities for experience in the field, research, and to serve the community through education and management of wildlife resources.

Members:

Kim Alles
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Laura Burns
Alex Butler
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Hannah Stanford
James Stickles
Shelby Sutton
Anna Taylor
Lauren Tharp
Rebekah Tuck
Kelsey Turner
Jay Vance
Ashley Warren
Brad White
Sara Wilburn
Brianna Williams
Chandler Wood
Sheila Wright
TWS hosts professional speakers at bi-weekly meetings. Some of the speakers that have come this past year include individuals from Georgia Department of Natural Resources, National Wild Turkey Federation, Georgia’s Important Bird Area, and National Resources Conservation Service. TWS also has many volunteer opportunities in the community which include working at hunter check stations, helping with the National Wild Turkey Federation’s JAKES Day and Kids Fishing Day, and hosting an informational table at Sandy Creek Nature Center’s annual Scary, Oozy, Slimy Day. Additionally, TWS also hosts many social activities that allow for students and professionals to socialize with one another. Some of these activities are the chili cook-Off, wildlife conclave practices, bon fires, new hunter dove and deer hunts, and the wildlife supper.

Pictured Top Left: Speaker Pete Griffin from Charlie Elliot Wildlife Center

Below: Conclave Fun Day Skeet Shooting Competition. Pictured-Matthew Walter (shooter), Dr. Castleberry and Seginak (throwers), Mercedes Bartovich, Chandler Wood, Ani Popp, Lauren Ninke, John Rossow

Clay shoot before the inexperienced dove hunt. Pictured: Abby Prieur, Kelly Philips, Annie Davis, & Cody Seagaves

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Annie Davis

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Emily Mitchell
Xi Sigma Pi

The History of Xi Sigma Pi

The Forestry Honor Society tradition first began on campus as Alpha Xi Sigma in 1926. Alpha Xi Sigma was founded at Syracuse School of Forestry, and until that point, the University of Georgia’s Forestry School was considered too small to be a chapter of the Fraternity. The first mention of this honor fraternity was in the 1928 Cypress Knee. The ideals of Alpha Xi Sigma were included in the 1928 edition:

“The aim and purpose of this fraternity is to promote a higher standard of scholarship among forestry students, and it is hoped that a greater number of those who are enrolled as students in the profession of forestry will strive hard to gain this honor. We hope that the objective will not be for the honor alone, but through greater effort during their years in college, they will be better fitted for practical service.”

Alpha Xi Sigma continued to be mentioned in the Cypress Knee until 1941. The 1942 edition, welcomed the first class of the Xi Chapter of the Xi Sigma Pi, which was charted on the 23rd of May, 1941. “Prof” Archie Patterson was responsible for leading the movement of chartering the Xi Chapter on campus. The Society was founded in 1908 at the University of Washington as an honor society meant to recognize excellence among students of traditional forest management. Xi Sigma Pi has a mission statement of being “dedicated to promoting and maintaining a high level of scholarship, to work for the improvement of forest resource professions, and to foster a fraternal spirit among those engaged in activities related to the forest.”

Xi Sigma Pi looks for members that excel scholastically, are committed to service, and have upstanding character traits including: honesty, morality, industry, friendliness, dependability, leadership, and the willingness to cooperate. As a campus organization, Xi Sigma Pi strives to secure and maintain high standards of scholarship in forestry education, to work for the building up of the natural resource profession, and to promote fraternal relations within the society and the school. We look forward to continuing this prestigious tradition with continued participation in this organization from across all of the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources disciplines.

Advisors (Left-Right): Dr. Michael Kane, Mr. Bob Izlar, Dr. Gary Green

Officers-
Brianna Williams
(Co-Forester),
Annaliese Ashley
(Co-Forester),
Ani Popp (Fiscal Agent), and
Lauren Ninke
(Ranger)

Alpha Xi Sigma 1934

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1957 Lumber-Jack Ball

Left: Josh Seahorn as Paul Bunyon at 2011 Lumber Jack Ball Competition

Right: Gresham Cash pieing Adviser Bob Izlar at 2011 Lumber Jack Ball

Xi members preparing food at the Low Country Boil outside Flinchum's Phoenix

Allison Griffin, Catherine Mullen, and Rebecca Todd running the front table at the Low Country Boil

Corn Hole being played outside Flinchum's during the Low Country Boil

Robyn Albritton
Ashley Alred
Annaliese Ashley
Daniel Atkins
Lauren Austin
Michael Bednarshi
Katherine Bell
Thomas Bennett
Erik Biang
Hannah Brooker
Samantha Brown
Susan Bruno
Mark Butler
Kristen Cecala
Michael Cherry
April Conway
Brian Crawford
Alyson Davis
Annie Davis
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The Student Ambassador Program provides opportunities for students to grow and develop beyond their educational experiences. Our ambassadors represent the School at University functions and off campus as well. This group of students participates in numerous events such as Homecoming, Georgia Forestry Association’s Legislative Luncheon, recruiting trips throughout the state, Georgia Forestry Day at the Capitol, road clean-ups, and much more. Being an ambassador allows students to network with alumni and leaders in the forest resources professions while environmentally reaching out and helping the public any way they can.
American Fisheries Society

The University of Georgia Fisheries Society is an officially recognized student subunit of the American Fisheries Society. The UGA Fisheries Society promotes the professional development of undergraduate and graduate students interested in fisheries and aquatic sciences. This goal is achieved by hosting seminars several times throughout each academic year. These seminars span topics that include contemporary research, career options in fisheries, and current conservation issues. In addition, the professional development of members is furthered by providing funds for members to attend professional conferences and by providing networking opportunities with fisheries professionals.

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NWTF was founded in 1973 and is a national nonprofit organization for upland wildlife habitat conservation in North America. Members of NWTF are sportsmen, women and children that cherish natural resources and wish to preserve the hunting heritage. NWTF has restored wild turkey populations throughout North America with the help of state, federal and provincial wildlife agencies. To date nearly 17 million acres of habitat. Many other species, such as quail, deer, grouse, and pheasants, have benefited from NWTF efforts and habitat restorations. Through various events NWTF spreads awareness and brings new hunters into the organization. Some of the events are: Women in Outdoors, Wheelin' Sportsmen, and JAKES Days.
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NATURAL RESOURCE, RECREATION, AND TOURISM SOCIETY

The Natural Resources, Recreation and Tourism Society (NRRT Society) strives to foster appreciation of natural resources through promotion of sustainable recreational opportunities. NRRT pledges to contribute to the conservation, stewardship, enhancement and enjoyment of natural and cultural resources and the management of those resources in a way that produces both land health and human benefits. We seek to provide a platform for research, education, and participation related to natural resources recreation and tourism, thus providing opportunities for leadership and experience. The Society strives to provide informative, fair, and open programs conducted with integrity, intellect and honor.

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Joel Adair
Katie Tharp
Cassandra Waldrop

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Alex Bond
Kyle Coleman
Jane Diener
Tom Hamilton
Cassidy Jordan
Rachel King
Matt Knull
Katie McCollum
Ani Popp

NRRT society members, Matthew Walter, Ashley Alred, and Joel Adair, visit Joyce Kilmer Forest
The University of Georgia Herpetological Society (UGHS) was founded in 2005. From the beginning, UGHS purpose has been: 1) to provide a social community for those interested in amphibians and reptiles 2) to bring in academic lecturers for events and 3) to serve as an outreach group to educate the community about the beauty and importance of amphibians and reptiles. The three annual events held are 1) Day on the Lawn 2) Bioblitz and 3) Field Trips

- Day on the Lawn: In April, we have a large outreach event on the Warnell lawn where we bring dozens of live animals to educate anybody who comes by.
- Bioblitz: A competitive 48 hour Bioblitz vs. Auburn to survey a poorly-documented area of (typically) Georgia or Alabama.
- Field trips: At least one camping trip and a tour of Zoo Atlanta and the Atlanta Botanical Gardens every year.

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**Presidents**

Todd Pierson  
Theresa Stratmann
Congratulations to the Warnell graduating class of 2012. You have accomplished great things over the past 4 (or more) years. I am confident that you will accomplish greater things in the future.

While I was thinking about what words of wisdom I could give as you go forth from the hallowed halls of the Warnell School, I thought about bats. I think about bats a lot. Bats are exceptional in many ways. They are capable of doing things that other mammals can’t. They remind me of Warnell graduates. Warnell graduates are exceptional too. Someone gave me a t-shirt once that has on the front “Advice from a Bat” with bits of advice from a bats perspective. I would like to convey that advice to you. We all have much to learn from our flying relatives.

Advice from a bat number one, trust in your senses. Much like a young bat leaving the cave for the first time, you are about to enter a whole new world, a world with great opportunities, but also great challenges. You are equipped with knowledge but most of you with little in the way practical experience. Trust in the knowledge and skills you have acquired here at the Warnell School. They will not let you down. Those of us who helped you acquire that knowledge want you to succeed. Hopefully, we did not let you down.

Advice from a bat number two, don’t be afraid of the dark. Some species of bats migrate thousands of miles each year. There are many hazards that wait along their paths, but the rewards are great. The same goes for you. Don’t be afraid to take a chance. Yes, your efforts will sometimes fall short, but without trying you will never fully realize what is possible. Teddy Roosevelt once said “Far better is it to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure... than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much, because they live in a gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat.” Go for it!

Advice from a bat number three, sometimes you’ve just gotta wing it. Bats literally have what they need to succeed at their fingertips (i.e., wings). With what you have experienced and learned here at Warnell you have a solid foundation of what you need to succeed, but we can’t teach you everything there is to know. I learn something new every day. I learn from you students every day. It won’t be long before you encounter a situation that you didn’t learn about in college. Trust in your senses (see number one) and have the confidence to know that you have what it takes to handle anything that arises.

Advice from a bat number four, guano happens. Bats in Bracken Cave, Texas produce one hundred tons of guano each year. No matter how careful you are, sometimes you are going to step in it. “It” happens. Don’t spend time worrying about things you can’t control. Move forward and make the best of the situation. Just remember, when life gives you guano, make fertilizer, and grow from it.

Advice from a bat number five, spend time just hanging around with friends. Indiana bats hibernate at densities of over 400 bats per square foot. Those are some close friends! We all went into the natural resources profession because it was our passion. Love your work, but don’t let it consume you. Enjoy life and everything it has to offer. Most of you will have families someday. As much as you love your work, always put your family and friends first. Those are your true treasures.

Once again, congratulations!

Steven Castleberry
Warnell Class of 1993
Let’s Get Wild was founded in 1998, to educate ‘the next generation’ about the outdoors. We were concerned that children were growing up indoors and on pavement, and too separated from the natural world.

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Warnell Student

What North Campus thinks we do

What professors think they have to do

What our friends think we do

What our parents think we're going to do

All we want to do

What we really do
The world is all gates, all opportunities, strings of tension waiting to be struck. — Ralph Waldo Emerson

Events
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Study Abroad to Costa Rica
Every year Xi Sigma Pi, the Natural Resources Honors Fraternity, hosts the annual Low Country Boil. Delicious items such as blue crab, shrimp, and sausage are prepared for the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resource’s students, faculty, and friends. In fact, Matthew Walter and Bridget Altman made a special trip down to the Georgia coast right before the dinner so that there would be fresh seafood for the event. Students always arrive early to socialize with each other and participate in games such as corn hole.

Below: Allison Griffin, Katie Mullen, and Rebecca Todd sell tickets to the event

Above Right: Erik Biang, Justin Smith, and Seth Sofferin enjoy playing with their food almost as much as they enjoy eating it

Far Right: An intense corn hole match has attracted many spectators.

Right: Erik Biang and Danielle Hernandez
The annual Catfish Fry is hosted by the UGA American Fisheries Society as a fund raiser for their club. The catfish are harvested from various ponds within Whitehall Forest and cooked up as a delicious meal for Warnell students, faculty, and friends. During the dinner the club hosts a raffle with many cool prizes including fishing trips, art, and fishing equipment.

Top Left: Club members pull together to help deep fry the catfish

Left: Justin Dycus, Brittany Trushel, and Lauren Austin serve food

Far left: Carl Della Torre helps by cutting up the catfish

Left: Mark Fritts shows up early to help with deep frying the catfish

Far Left: A group of Warnell students, including Abby Prieur and Allison Griffin, enjoy the catfish dinner
UGA is a school rich with traditions; the most prominent of which, unsurprisingly, spawns from the University’s time honored football program. There are certainly no shortages of football traditions at UGA, from the lone trumpeter to the legendary voice of Larry Munson. Georgia fans have always remained enthusiastic and faithful, and it is these fans that keep the traditions alive.

Of all traditions of UGA football, there are three things that unite the fans more than anything else: the long chant of “Gooooooo… Dawgs! Sic ‘Em! Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof!”, a victory between the hedges, and tailgating.
Tailgating is one of the most popular and ingrained traditions at a school known for its traditions. These traditions reflect the many ways that diehard fans celebrate the occasion of the game. On one extreme there is the 7 A.M. crowd, every article of clothing covered in G’s, tents stretched over sizable lots, TV’s with what very well may be NASA satellite linkage, food for hundreds and beer for more. One a lighter note, there are those who show up just hours before the game to relax with friends, taking just enough time to get a full belly before heading to the game.

No matter the age, style, or dedication of the fan, one thing rings true for all, we bleed red and black, we fight with our Dawgs, and we will forever been known as Georgia Bulldogs.

GO DAWGS!

-Daniel Atkins
Chili Cook-Off

Every fall semester The Wildlife Society hosts a chili cook-off social at Flinchum’s Phoenix in Whitehall Forest. We invite students, staff, faculty, alumni, families, and friends to enter, judge, and enjoy home made chili. We have three categories: beef, vegetarian, and other. The winners receive a prize, which can sometimes be cash money. The 2012 winners were: Amos Tuck (beef), Kellie Philips (vegetarian), and Derek Colbert and Drew Ruttinger (other).
The Forestry club annually hosts an event called Round Table, which serves to give students a chance to meet potential employers. The event begins with each of the potential employers introducing themselves and the company, then students are given a chance to go to each booth and meet the employers on a personal level.

Far Right: Swanny Evans stops to talk to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources representatives

Right: Bill Guthrie, a wood procurement manager from Weyerhaeuser introduces himself and the company

Far Right: Caleb Skipper, Tyler Lock, Thomas Bennett, and Erik Biang

Right: Daniel Atkins and Danielle Hernandez
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Forestry Conclave
'Timberdawgs'

1959 Pole Climb
Tyler Lock on Pole Climb-5.6 seconds, 2nd place

1962 Cross-Cut
Danielle Hernandez & Daniel Atkins on Jack-n-Jill Cross-Cut-8.8 seconds, 5th Place

1940 Log Rolling
Will Burge & Gordon Grizzle on Log Rolling-6th place

1970 Chain Throw
Daniel Atkins & Caleb Skipper on Chain Throw

STIHL Event. Carl Della Torre placed 3rd Overall
The 55th Southeastern Forestry Conclave was held at N.C. State, a seven hour drive from UGA. At the beginning of the trip, “We Are the Champions” came on the radio, an “omen” for our success at the event. Six-and-a-half hours later, 3 pit-stops and 4 wrong roads and turns later we finally checked into the hotel and station for the beginning of the 3 day event. The non-point events consisted of firewood chop, pole toss, and tug-o-war, each of which we competed fiercely in, causing the other teams to double take and remember exactly who UGA was. That night was the traditional LSU crawfish boil, in which half of the team participated in while the others went to get some last minute studying in before the morning. Friday morning consisted of the brains going in to compete in each of their areas of expertise, while the afternoon consisted of knife (Daniel Atkins) & ax throwing (Danielle Hernandez), log birling (Tyler Lock), pole fell (Erik Biang) and the famous Stihl event in the evening (Carl Della Torre). Saturday consisted of a full day of physical events: chain-throw (Daniel Atkins & Caleb Skipper), archery (Noah Shealy), log rolling (Will Burge & Gordon Grizzle), pole climb (Tyler Lock), bow saw(s) (Lauren Austin & Erik Biang), cross-cut(s) (Daniel Atkins-Carl Della Torre, Danielle Hernandez-Michelle Jennings, Daniel Atkins-Danielle Hernandez), and underhand chop (Carl Della Torre). The award ceremony finally came, only to find out we placed within the top five in nearly all the events. With our consistently high rankings we pulled out 1st overall in technical and 1st overall in physical. After 49 years, the Forestry Club has finally taken home 1st Overall! Throughout the entire trip and adventure there are a few quotes that can summarize the trip and help bring back the memories:

“Left, Left, Left, Left, and another left. U-turn. Turn Left.”  “Champagne of Beers”
“I ain’t gay” and  “I ain’t no two dollar ho”

Team Members

Zach Clark, Ethan Robertson, Noah Shealy, Gordon Grizzle, Erik Biang, Caleb Skipper, Will Burge, Danielle Hernandez, Michelle Jennings, Robin Studdard, Brianna Williams, Lauren Austin, Katie McCollum, Carl Della Torre, Tyler Lock, Daniel Atkins, and “Doc” Dr. Daniels
Reflections from 1963 Forestry School Graduates

Three members of the class 1963 who participated in producing *The Cypress Knee* were Frank Robertson (Editor), Charlie Haygood, Jr. (Business Manager), and Bob Long (Conclave Chairman). Frank, Charlie, and Bob were close friends while students, and have remained close friends for the past several decades. The following reflections give stories from their Forestry School experience...

**Reflections from Frank Robertson, Editor of the 1963 Editor Cypress Knee**

I was fortunate to receive a St. Regis Paper company Scholarship in the amount of $1600.00 with the assistance of Prof. Norman Bishop, and received a masters degree with the guidance of Dr. Mervin Reines and Dr. Claud Brown. Prior to graduation I was able to secure employment with the Georgia Forest Research Council which was made possible through Dr. Leon Hargraves. Then some years later upon employment with Osmose Wood Preserving company, my immediate supervisor and Osmose Vice-President, Bob Dixon, was a Georgia Graduate. My years at Georgia as a student and later as a professional was influenced tremendously by the Warnell staff members which is a tribute to Warnell in professional lives of the school’s graduates. I spent 28 years at Osmose during the rapid growth in the wood preserving side of the forest products industry. Warnell prepared me well to participate in this great growth industry.

**Reflections from Bob Long, Conclave Chairman**

The personal caring environment created by my professors and the camaraderie of my classmates at the Forestry School made an impact on my life. In our freshman orientation class, Professor Grant told us that we had two courses we could take in life. We could be a stumbling block or a stepping stone. This stayed with me through college, twenty-two years in the Air Force flying B52s, and twenty-nine years running my own business in Primerica Financial Services. Although I’ve never worked in the field of forestry, the school affected my values and direction in life. One of my proudest accomplishments was being Conclave Chairman during my senior year and helping Georgia win the Conclave at Clemson. The last event that took us over the top was log chopping. As James Wise cut through his log and it was obvious we had won the Conclave, the whole Georgia team piled on top of him causing the ax to go flying. This was an exhilarating moment in my life. If they had an excessive celebration penalty then, I am sure we would have been disqualified. In addition to the conclave experience in 1963, I received a BSF in Forestry, a regular commission in the Air Force, and married the Forestry School sweetheart, Vivian Armour. Together we have enjoyed our relationship with the forestry school and mutual friends for 49 years. At age 70, I extend a big thank you to the Forestry School. You are changing lives for the better by providing us golden memories as stepping stones for the future.
Reflections from Charlie Haygood, Business Manager of 1963 Cypress Knee & Editor of Sawdust

As the son of a farmer man from Monroe County, when I matriculated at UGA I had not an idea as to a major. However with a family background in forestry, my father operated a portable sawmill (in addition to farming) and my brother owned a pulpwood logging operation, I decided to enroll in program at The George Foster Peabody (now Warnell) School of Forestry. A wise decision, as I received a great degree from a wonderful, caring and close knit school. Having never been away from home I was scared to death when I attended college. My fear and trepidation was quickly assuaged by the warm and friendly atmosphere at the Forestry School. I found that the Forestry School whittled a large university down to size. My favorite teachers, and my early heroes were Dr. Leon Hargreaves, Jr., Assistant Dean (later Dean) B. F. Grant, Professors William T. Moss, J. Reid Parker, and Dr. Mervin Reines. Professor Grant and Dr. Reines had gruff exteriors, but had hearts as big as the great outdoors. I maintained lifelong relationships with Dr. Hargreaves and Professor Parker.

I received my B.S.F. in 1963 and my J.D. Degree from UGA in 1966. Like Bobby Long, I never worked in the field of Forestry, but rather practiced law in Forsyth, Georgia, from 1966 to present and with no plants to retired. I have been priviledged to represent a number of timber companies and timber land owners during my law career, and my background in Forestry has been a great help. Forestry school provided me with a good base for my career, life- long friends, and an abundance of good memories.
Wildlife Conclave

Each year student chapters of TWS in the Southeast send teams of students to compete against other schools in the Southeast. Conclave provides an opportunity for students to compete for their schools in an academic quiz bowl that is focused on questions related to wildlife management and conservation. Additionally, conclave provides students with hands-on training in the wildlife and conservation field. There are individual field competitions that are both intellectually and physically challenging to students. Some of these include game calling, shooting sports, archery, tree and plant identification, and orienteering.
We don't play not to lose. We play to win!
The distinction between past, present, and future is only a stubbornly persistent illusion
— Albert Einstein
Best Wishes for the “new” Cypress Knee

HAYGOOD LEGAL, PC
Charles B. Haygood, Jr.
BSF 1963; JD 1966
Cypress Knee, Business Manager 1963
Sawdust, Editor 1962
Lumber Jack Ball

Give me just minute and listen to my rhyme
Just a few words that’ll be worth your time
I’m gonna tell you all a little bout lumberjacks
Some I made up but most of it is facts

Lumberjack folk are a lively bunch
They work all day, take a short break for lunch
They get up with the sun and start at their cuttin
Rain, shine, or snow they won’t stop for nothin
Always swingin axes and carryin round saws
Their day isn’t done till the biggest tree falls
They live in the woods, workin with the trees
They know all about the birds and the bees
You might find ‘em climbing, or rollin on logs
Listen for a TIMBER if you’re walkin through the fog

A lumberjack looks kinda like the Brawny Man
Big broad shoulders and really strong hands
Sturdy boots, suspenders, and plaid
They’re the best company that can ever be had
They might seem scary if you see ‘em in the woods
But offer them a beer and you know its all good
Lumber jills are out there too
And there aren’t many things that the ladies can’t do
They are always beautiful and kind
But fierce and aggressive when it comes to cutting pines
These ladies are tough and always hold their own
Queens of the forest they can craft their own throne

The Lumberjack Rap
By: Brad Terrell
2011

Now I’ll take a minute and talk about the best
The one lumberjack who can outcut the rest
Everyone knows this guy is a fun one
A folklore hero by the name of Paul Bunyan
He could fell whole forests with a single swing
And he wasn’t too fancy nah he didn’t wear bling
He reigns from the land of Bangor, Maine
But moved round the country at the speed of a train
He had a best friend who was giant and Blue
Babe the ox, was loyal and true
Paul himself dug out the Grand Canyon
With just a little help from his favorite companion
His legend will last the test of time
A tale as tall as the trees he used to climb

So if you ever need a tree cut down
Look near and far, look all around
A lumberjack or jill is the person you need
From your tree problems you will be freed
A beer, some flannel, and of course a saw
Then just stand back while you watch the trees fall
Tug-O-War Battle
Forestry Club v/s Wildlife Society
Referee: Doc Daniels

Arm Wrestling Semi-Finals
Right: Clayton Smith & Danielle Hernandez
Left: Clayton Smith & Blain Foley
Every spring semester The Wildlife Society hosts a wild game supper as the club’s fundraiser, called the Wildlife Supper, at Flinchum’s Phoenix in Whitehall Forest. We get many different types of wild game meat donated and cook it for the attendees of the supper to enjoy.

It is a social event that allows us to make money for the club and our attendees to enjoy wild game meat that they would normally not have access to.

Above: Robert Brown and friends hand out while prizes are raffled

Right: Mr. Tuck checks on the hogs
The 2011 Wildlife Supper included deer, hog, beaver, raccoon, turtle, fox, different kinds of fish, alligator, turkey, and caribou meat.

The meat is cooked in many different ways, allowing for an opportunity to not only try the meat but also to try it in different dishes.

Above: Jackie Sherry seasoning and cooking

Left: Cody Seagraves preparing fish

Right: Claude Vaughn cleaning a raccoon

Left: Lacy Love and Beth Oxford taste testing
Cypress Knees are unique features that give Cypress trees of the swamps a sense of individuality from everything else. Many ideas have developed for the reasoning and justification of their development: aeration, stability, nutrient storage, etc. For whatever the reason, through the years these features continue to exist. This only reinforces their necessity to the tree. If that was not the case they would have been selected out of existence many years ago. Apart from the necessary functions, Cypress Knees cast a remarkable sense of wonder and marvel with their existence. They give the ecosystem they reside in a sense of magnificence, simply due to their uniqueness and beauty. Through the low-tides and the high, they continue to rise to fulfill their duties.

Similarly to the Knees of the swamps, this book has necessities to the students and the school: to inspiration, unify and influence recollection. 47 years of existence and 40 years of absence, *The Cypress Knee* is ready to regain its role and fulfill the duties that have unknowingly been absent. Against the odds, it has risen, once again representing the students of Warnell. To give Warnell a written work of splendor and sensation; a sense of individuality from the rest of Georgia and other forestry schools of the Southeast; and a forever bond among the patrons that will bring us together no matter where our lives are destined to be. With that I would like to thank those before us who have paved the path, to thank the 1929 Editor for his wise words, and to introduce the new generation of *The Cypress Knee*.

-Danielle Hernandez, 2012 Editor
You only meet your once in a lifetime friends, once in a lifetime — Stymie, The Little Rascals
Acquaintances, Colleagues, and Friends

We have spent the last two years in the professional program of Warnell. Undoubtedly we have all crossed paths at some point, whether in those classes we all “hated” and struggled through or the introductory classes. With those crossings we have developed: laughter and memories, afternoon hikes and downtown adventures, bake sales and group lawn naps, competitions and contests, as well as friendships and relationships. 500 all-night study sessions, approximately 1,000,000 notecards and 32,000 scientific names, 57 research papers, 4 field trips, and 1 diploma later…we survived. Nevertheless we must never forget our time spent at Warnell: in the lounge, the vert lab, 1-304, and in 201 (aka “L-lab”, “fun lab” or “loud lab”); we must remember our roots with the school and with each other, and how they have shaped us to become who we are today. We have walked the steps, listened to our instructors, followed our leaders, and some have even taken on leadership roles. We have completed the required checklist and changed our mind about our future at least 35 times. We have attempted to build our resume to a competitive level and developed many personal and professional relationships in the natural resources field. Many have learned about various aspects of hunting, even killed our first deer, whereas others have added another tally to perfecting their wildlife grilling skills. Over the last two years we have found our calling, our wishes and desires, our hopes and dreams; over the last two years
we have discovered our talents and tested our strengths; over the last two years we’ve pushed ourselves to the limit and watched ourselves succeed; over the last two years we’ve developed our minds and, slowly but surely, prepared ourselves for the work-force, a.k.a. “real world”. I encourage you now to explore the unknown territories and do what you’ve been hesitant to do; to take on leadership roles and become role models for others; to strive to better your professional field, and to always remember your fellow Warnellians and the memories you’ve made along the way. I wish you all the best of luck in your future endeavors. Congratulations Class of 2012, we’ve made it.

—Danielle Hernandez, Editor 2012

“Life isn’t about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.”
-George Bernard Shaw
Lauren Austin on Sapelo

John Hickman catching coyotes for senior thesis

Hannah Brooker working at Bear Hollow Memorial Zoo, feeding the bear cubs

Fisheries Maymester
Catherine Mullen
Zach DeWolfe

Amy Maxwell

Sara Duquette

“Attempting” to go alligator catching on Sapelo

MEMORIES
“I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I needed to be.”
- Douglas Adams

Danielle Hernandez, Brianna Williams, Susan Bruno, Seth Sofferin at Luke Bryan Concert
“Growing apart doesn't change the fact that for a long time we grew side by side; our roots will always be tangled”
Congratulations graduates! The Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) wishes you the best in your future endeavors! As you go forward in life, be dedicated to your family, faith and work so that your wealth of knowledge, experience and wisdom will continue to grow, but never forget to cherish memories made and honor tradition along the way.
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