Welcome back everyone. I hope you are all as excited about the coming year as I am. We have a packed schedule of events for this fall semester. I would like to encourage all of you to participate in as many of these activities as possible. My desire as the SAF Student Chapter President is not to offer you “things to do” but instead offer an opportunity to be active in your Professional organization.

I have found it is often hard to come and be apart of organizations that you didn’t start in as a freshman. That is not the case here. There is a place for everyone from freshman to graduate student and even faculty members. Our current members have helped our chapter achieve National recognition again last year. Nothing would be better than to increase our membership and allow more students the opportunity to be apart of that recognition.

I look forward to seeing all of you back in Chapter meetings, and for those of you I do not know I look forward to meeting you in the coming year.

Tedrick Ratcliff
2006 National SAF Convention


Dr. Wangari Maathai, Deputy Minister of Environment from Kenya will be a special guest speaker.

- Participants will take home information to improve interaction with clients, constituents, and employers.
- On-the-ground workshops will provide learning and exchanges to a broad range of interests.
- Adaptive management examples from forest practitioners.
- Case studies and success stories on practical application of science.
- Cutting-edge forest science relevant to practical application in the field.
- Quiz Bowl Competition between attending schools

Student Registration will be handled at our August & September Chapter Meetings. This year we will possibly be flying there and staying in hotels. Average Cost for students will be determined by our September chapter meeting depending on how many people go and the discount that the club can get us.

For more information go to: www.safnet.org or come to the first chapter meeting on August 22nd.

SAF Membership Benefits

SAF is the nation’s leading scientific and educational organization representing the forestry profession in the United States. Members include more than 16,000 professionals who are dedicated to improving the health and productivity of forests.

As a forest management or natural resource professional, you’ll be making crucial decisions that can impact the future. SAF programs and services help prepare you for the environmental challenges that lie ahead.

Here is what you get to enjoy as a student member:

- Networking opportunities
- Access to technical expertise
- The latest information
- Forestry resources online
- National Awards
- Money-saving benefits
- Leadership skills
- A voice in the media
- Representation in your professional organization

SAF registration costs $50 which includes $35 for National and $15 for our local MSU chapter dues. See Dr. Grebner or one of the club officers to become a member or come to our first chapter meeting on August 22nd and register. You can register nationally at the SAF website and pay local dues later.

The Roots of Forestry

SAF Journal Archives: 1902 - 1999

The Roots of Forestry is a comprehensive collection of every periodical published in - The Journal of Forestry, Forest Science, and the Northern, Southern and Western Journals of Applied Forestry - from the first article to 1999. As a member of SAF, you will have access to 11,750 articles covering 1,440 topics. Access the writings of Forestry pioneers Gifford Pinchot and Aldo Leopold or simply look up the way silvicultural practices have changed over the years. Searching the articles has been made possible by up-to-date technology and has never been easier. Nonmembers can view the titles, authors, abstracts and searching for free, but must pay $6 per article to view them.
Summer Camp 2006 was a success!! Thirty-three students went through a grueling 9 weeks of intensive classroom and field study learning the core concepts of Forestry. With some days starting at 6am and temperatures above 100° F, students were taught a variety of topics. Topics ranged from forest soils and how they affect plant growth, watershed management, cruising techniques, compass and pacing to GPS, wildlife issues and logging operations in the south.

Dr. Christopher Dewey teaches students about soil geology and how it affects forests.

Dr. David Evans quizzes students on their Dendrology knowledge.

Students take a break at a natural artisan well after a long day in the Bankhead National Forest.

Trey Hunt uses a prism to determine basal area of a plot, as Lindsey Vandervelde records the data.

Jason Barron uses a Nudds Density Board to determine density from a deer’s point of view.
On June 2-3, 2006, six thousand people descended on Starkville, MS to attend the Mid-South Forestry Equipment Show. Twenty-six logging equipment companies were in attendance to demonstrate and display their product.

SAF/Forestry Club members were present to provide food and refreshments to attendees throughout the two day event. Funds raised by the event by the club will be used to provide needed revenue throughout the upcoming school year and to provide upgrades to needed equipment.

Landis Herrin, Erik Ezell and Jason Barron serve food to guests during lunch at the Mid-South Forestry Equipment show.

Note: Information and pictures for this newsletter were obtained from various websites including but not limited to SAF website, ASFC Southern Forester, MS SAF Website, and others.