This has been an active spring semester for the MSU SAF Student Chapter. The Chapter continues its commitment to the Mississippi Department of Transportation Adopt-a-Highway program and the SAF Project Learning Tree program. The spring field day held at Dorman Lake was a great opportunity for our members to prepare for this year’s Conclave and eat plenty of food. Thirteen members made the trip to the 50th ASFC Annual Conclave in Crossville, TN. Our Chapter placed 7th overall, and several individual members received special recognition. Landis Herrin placed 1st in archery and 2nd in knife throw. Ben McDonald won 1st place in compass & pacing. Daniel Nicholson and Mike Strange won 2nd place in wildlife identification. Eric Ezell and Kiki Hilton placed 3rd in Jack n Jill crosscut sawing. Next year’s Conclave will be held in Florida sometime in March 2008.

Although the Chapter is making plans for this year’s summer camp cookout, it is also getting ready to attend this year’s SAF National Convention in Portland, OR. If you are interested in going to the convention please contact our new Chapter President, Eric Ezell, or myself. We will have to start making hotel reservations. In addition, our former Quiz Bowl team captain, Katie Nelson, is graduating, so we will need a replacement and participants for this year’s event. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Finally, I want to express my appreciation and thanks to all of the members for their hard work in making the 2006-07 year a successful one. For those graduating members, I wish you well in your careers and life experiences. I hope that you remain in SAF and keep our profession strong. For those students not leaving, good luck with all of your summer endeavors and I look forward to seeing you all at our events in the fall of 2007.

As the school year winds down, memories of many events and projects we have taken on really stick out.

We have accomplished so much as a professional organization this semester. Another successful field day and adopt-a-highway weekend, Conclave, Project Learning Tree, and the list goes on and on. Thanks to each and every one of you for your help and participation in all of these events.

With only days till graduation and moving to the next step in my career path, I feel more than confident that next years officers will more than surpass the success of this year. Thanks to all of this years officers who served and participated in so many events.

I hope that all of you have sought summer employment in a forestry setting. May you all have a safe summer and return with even more to offer to our SAF chapter. Always remember, “There is no such thing as a bad day in Starkville.”
Sustaining America’s Forests


Don’t miss this opportunity to learn from renowned experts, to make contacts, and find out about job opportunities and internships that will shape your professional career.

- 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 September Chapter Meeting. Average cost for students will be determined at 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 September 6th.

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
- National Awards
- Money-saving benefits
- Leadership skills
- A voice in the media
- Representation in your professional organization
- The Roots of Forestry online resource

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 September 6th and register. You can register nationally at the SAF website and pay local dues later.

Spotlight on a Member

Name: Jean Chervenak
Hometown: Poplar Bluff, MO
Age: 20
Class: Junior
Major: Forestry, Wildlife Option
Expected Graduation: Spring 2009
Favorite Foods: Black Olives, Bop’s Vanilla Malts
Favorite Drink: Honey Green Tea with bubbles from Umi’s.
Favorite Restaurant: Mexico Tipico
Favorite TV Show: Good Eats, I like to cook.
Favorite Movie: Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, I am a sucker for musicals.
Favorite Game: Any of the Legend of Zelda games.
Favorite Music: The Darkness, The Elders and The Eels.
Hobbies: Reading, knitting, horseback riding.

Greatest Achievement: I am most proud of the work I have done with the Girl Scouts, especially at Camp Latonka. I helped re-build and re-organize the camps horseback riding program for 3rd through 9th grades.

Things you like the most about MSU: All the activities, such as the plays, musicals and being able to go to the Sanderson Center when I feel like it.
In 1957, the University of Georgia initiated and hosted the first Forestry Conclave. The purpose of Conclave, which means confidential or private meeting, was to promote cooperation and friendly competition among Forestry schools in the Southeast. Just as importantly, it was meant to establish and maintain a high standard of ethics among students and professional foresters. Eight Southern Forestry schools were involved in that first Conclave with less than 100 students competing in events such as archery, axe-throwing, pole climbing, log rolling, bow sawing, log birling, and crosscut saw competitions.

Today the Forestry Conclave has grown to include 15 Southern Forestry schools and more than 350 students. The events are composed of the traditional physical events, but has grown to include such events as dendrology, wood identification, volume estimation, photogrammetry, orienteering, and many more.

On March 15-18, 2007, the Forestry Club traveled to Crossville, TN and competed in Conclave. Our club placed in the top three in several distinguishing events.
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From Left to Right: Jason Barron, Dr. T. Even Nebeker, David Menough, President Tedrick Ratcliff.

Goodnight and Good luck

A special goodnight and good luck to our Graduating Seniors as they move on. We wish you well in your future endeavors, whether you will be going on to Graduate School or entering the workforce.

GRADUATING SENIORS:  
Brandy Bennett  
Jared Bret Cates  
Jack Crowell  
Richard Davidson  
Jonathan Harrell  
Carter Mascagni  
Christen McGee  
Katie Nelson  
Mitchell Newman  
Daniel Nichelson  
Aaron Rambin  
James Tedrick Ratcliff  
Richard Sadler  
Audrey Sherman  
Roger Tankesly  
Joshua Thornton  
Jacquelyn Zimmerman

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