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## Hassell Franklin supports Mississippi State University furniture research facility with generous gift

A recent \$1 million gift from a state furniture executive will help Mississippi State build a new center for furniture manufacturing and management.

The gift from Hassell H. Franklin, founder and president of Franklin Corp. in Houston, will supplement the \$3 million in state funding appropriated last year for the building.

Franklin Corp. is a national leader in producing reclining chairs and motion furniture. It

is one of the nation's largest independently owned furniture manufacturing companies.

An MSU alumnus, Franklin serves on the Furniture Research Unit Advisory Board.

The Furniture Research Unit in the Forest

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*President Malcolm Portera (l) and Hassell Franklin.*

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY



*Measells*



*Dewey*



*McCoy*

## Research award winners recognized

Faculty, staff, and students recently were honored at the 2000 Research Awards Banquet, sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Research.

**Dr. Wes Burger**, associate professor, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, received the Faculty/Research Scientist/Engineer Award and was cited as the most innovative and versatile teacher in the CFR. Burger carries an exceptionally high teaching load in addition to maintaining one of the strongest and most productive research programs in the FWRC.

**Janet Dewey**, research assistant II, Department of Forestry, received the Research Support Staff Award. Dewey was cited for her can-do attitude, her intellectual capacity, and her generosity toward people. She manages

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## DEAN'S COMMENTS

Dear alumni and friends:

What an exciting spring and summer we have had in the College of Forest Resources (CFR) at MSU. Our faculty, staff, and students continue to make the CFR a premier college with the many awards that have been bestowed on them.

This truly has been a season for awards and honors in the CFR and at MSU. At the Research Awards Banquet hosted by the Office of the Vice President for Research, several of our staff and students were honored. Dr. Wes Burger, associate professor in the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, received the Faculty/Research Scientist/Engineer Award. Janet Dewey, research assistant in the Department of Forestry, received the Research Support Staff Award. Also, students Marcus Measells (Forestry) and Kelly McCoy (Wildlife and Fisheries) received the Graduate and Undergraduate Student Research Awards, respectively. Drs. Wes Burger and Keith Belli received 2000 John Grisham Master Teacher Awards. This is one of the highest honors bestowed on a professor at MSU and these two are very deserving.

For the first time in MSU history, we have a 2000 Morris K. Udall Foundation Fellow. Bill Howell, a senior forestry major, is among 75 college and university students to receive this national scholarship that memorializes a former U.S. representative and leading environmentalist. We are so proud of Bill's accomplishments. Also, wildlife and fisheries students had the top three papers presented at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Chapter of the American Fisheries Society.

MSU's Wildlife Society hosted the annual conclave. There were 16 universities and colleges that participated in the conclave this year. The club members did an excellent job in coordinating this event. The Forestry Club participated in its annual conclave this year at LSU. The club placed seventh overall but three students excelled in individual competitions and placed in the top three in four different categories. MSU's Society of American Foresters chapter recently led Project Learning Tree for the fifth year in a row.

The CFR spring awards banquet was a huge success this year with students, staff, and faculty members receiving awards. A special thanks to the Dean's Council and Tammy Coleman for coordinating the annual banquet.

We are grateful for the \$1 million gift from Hassell Franklin for the new Furniture Research Building. Upon approval by the state Board of Trustees, Institutions of Higher Learning, the building will be named the Franklin Center for Furniture Manufacturing and Management. The building will be located in the Forest Products Laboratory complex, but will be an MSU team project. The College of Business and Industry and the College of Engineering will contribute to the teaching and research programs offered in the new furniture center. This building will be a showcase for the furniture industry in Mississippi.

The development of the newsletter lists all of our donors for this past year. Also, we are appreciative to Skip and Julie McCollough for their recent contribution to scholarships. Skip is an alumnus of the CFR and a successful business owner in Hattiesburg. We appreciate the continued support of our alumni and friends.

The continuing education section of the newsletter has the current calendar of courses available this fall. If you have course suggestions or needs, please contact our Continuing Education Department at 662-325-8300. Continuing education at the CFR is designed to serve the needs of alumni and friends. We want to hear from you!

In closing, I would like to thank our alumni for continuing to support their alma mater. I encourage you to participate in activities at MSU.

Sincerely,



**Bob L. Karr**  
*Interim Dean*

## 2000 CFR Faculty and Staff Awards



*Beverly Smith and Dutch Ames.*

Faculty and staff were recently honored at the 2000 College of Forest Resources Annual Banquet.

**Beverly Smith** and **Dutch Ames** received 2000 Special Service Recognition Awards for service to the CFR/FWRC Staff Advisory Council. Smith is the administrative assistant to the dean/director and Ames is a project technician.

**Karen Brasher** and **Brenda Grebner** received 2000 Doris Lee Memorial Staff Awards for outstanding service to the CFR/FWRC. This award honors Doris Lee, longtime assistant to the dean/director. Brasher is the editor of the CFR/FWRC and Grebner is the administrative assistant to the department head of forestry.

Three CFR faculty members were honored for outstanding achievement.



*Karen Brasher (l) and Brenda Grebner.*

**Dr. Wes Burger**, associate professor of

wildlife and fisheries, received the 2000 Teaching Award; **Dr. Francisco Vilella**, assistant unit leader and assistant professor of wildlife and fisheries, received the 2000 Research Award; and **Dr. Donna Minnis**, assistant professor of wildlife and fisheries, received the 2000 Service Award.

**Beverly Smith** received the 2000 Donald Zacharias Distinguished Staff Award in the para-professional category. This award is presented annually by the Professional and Support Staff Advisory Council. Smith also received the Bettye Douglas Memorial Outstanding Secretarial/Clerical Woman award given by the President's Commission on the Status of Women.



*L-R, Dr. Wes Burger, Dr. Francisco Vilella and Dr. Donna Minnis.*

### Research awards, *continued from cover*

multiple tasks, presents research findings at regional and national meetings, and actively contributes to manuscript development.

**Marcus Measells** of Morton, Department of Forestry, received the Graduate Student Research Award. He was cited for his research skills and professional behavior.

**Kelly McCoy** of Stoneville, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, received the Undergraduate Student Research Award. McCoy was cited for conducting a nationwide survey of state fish and wildlife agencies to ascertain distribution and management practices for flathead catfish. Her survey was incorporated in a special publication of the American Fisheries Society.



# department

## DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

- **Bess Bragg** retired June 30 after 28 years of service. During her tenure, Bragg served as assistant to the head of wildlife and fisheries and as senior accountant records assistant for the department, and the dean's office in the College of Forest Resources/ Forest and Wildlife Research Center.
- **Dr. George Hurst** retired June 30 after 30 years of service to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Hurst's research primarily focused on forest-wildlife interactions, quail, and wild turkey in Mississippi.
- **Dr. Wes Burger** is a 2000 John Grisham Master Teacher. The honor is named for the best-selling novelist who graduated from MSU in 1977. Burger received a cash award and will be conducting workshops and other instructional improvement activities for faculty colleagues.
- At the recent annual meeting of the Mississippi Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, MSU fisheries students had the top three papers. **Peter Smiley** was awarded the "best student paper award" and **Chad Dolan** and **Kathleen Elgarico** were runners-up.
- **Bess Bragg** received the 2000 Zacharias Distinguished Staff Award in the Secretarial/

Clerical Category. The award was given by the Professional and Support Staff Advisory Council.

- **Matthew Kaminski** of Starkville received the Dale Arner Memorial Scholarship for the 2000-2001 school year. The scholarship honors professor emeritus Dale Arner and is presented each year to a wildlife and fisheries student

who demonstrates strong academic, service, and leadership qualities.

- **Rich Minnis**, Jim Wilcutt, and Bob Griffin were recognized as having the best paper in the Law Enforcement Session at the 1999 SEAFWA conference. Minnis is a research assistant in wildlife and fisheries and works with the MSGAP program.

## DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

- **Dr. Keith Belli** is a 2000 John Grisham Master Teacher. The honor is named for the best-selling novelist who graduated from MSU in 1977. Belli received a cash award and will be conducting workshops and other instructional improvement activities.
- Senior forestry major **Bill Howell** of Davenport, Iowa, is a 2000 Morris K. Udall Foundation Fellow. He is among some 75 college and university students receiving this national scholarship that memorializes a former U.S. representative and environmentalist.
- Several forestry faculty recently were promoted. **Drs. Bob Daniels** and **Glenn Hughes** were promoted to Extension specialist; **Drs. Stephen Grado** and **Scott Roberts** were promoted to associate professor; and **Dr. Stephen Schoenholtz** was pro-

moted to professor.

- **Dr. Steven Bullard** is serving as an associate editor of economics for the Southern Journal of Applied Forestry.
- **Dr. Stephen Schoenholtz** recently graduated from the ESCOP/ACOP Leadership Development Program. This program is designed to improve and refine the leadership skills of faculty.
- The Department of Forestry became the official "headquarters" of the Southern Forest Economics Workers Organization (SOFEW). SOFEW is an organization that brings together representatives of industry, consulting, academia, and federal and state agencies to discuss current issues in the economics of forestry, timber markets, timberland investments, and forest products trade. **Dr. Steven Bullard** is the chair of SOFEW.

## DEPARTMENT OF FOREST PRODUCTS

- **Dr. Terry Amburgey** recently spoke at the Forum on Residential Construction Practices to Resist Formosan Subterranean Termite Attack in Baton Rouge, La. The forum was held in response to the recent termite outbreaks in Louisiana. Additionally, Amburgey and **Dr. Mike Barnes** presented papers at annual meetings of the American Wood-Preservers' Association, Forest Products Society, International Research Group on Wood Preservation, and the International Conference on Utility Line Structures.
- **Dr. Mike Barnes** advanced to president-elect of the Society of Wood Science and Technology and also was selected a regional board member for the

Forest Products Society.

- **Drs. Terry Amburgey and Mike Barnes** received special recognition from the American Wood-Preservers' Association for outstanding contributions to technical committees.
- **Drs. Susan Diehl, Hamid Borazjani, and Cynthia West** had an exhibit at the 2000 Food and Agricultural Science Exhibition in Washington, D.C., in March. The exhibit, "Putting Agricultural Waste to Work," showcased current research and development of utilizing wood and agricultural wastes to create products and reduce environmental impacts of disposal.
- **Dr. Susan Diehl** will be serving as special assistant to the dean. Diehl will be attend-

ing associate dean meetings and serving as a representative of the dean's office in certain academic arenas.

- **Dr. Darrel Nicholas** served on the organizing committee for the International Research Group on Wood Preservation convention in Kona, Hawaii, and presented several papers at that meeting.
- **Dr. Terry Sellers Jr.** served on the Wood Adhesion 2000 Conference Committee and served as a session moderator at the meeting held in Lake Tahoe, Nev. Sellers also made presentations at the Structural Board Association meeting in Canada and the American Kenaf Society meeting in Corpus Christi, Texas.

### In Memoriam

**Cowart H. Tillman Jr., class of 1972**, died July 28, 1999. Mr. Tillman worked as a forester for Scotch Lumber Co. in Fulton, Ala., for 27 years.

**Robert "Bob" Landers Jr.** died July 1. Mr. Landers was a research assistant in the protection and preservation group at the Forest Products Laboratory (FPL) for 19 years. He was a member of the Starkville Symphony, referee for Mississippi High School Athletic Association, and former Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop No. 45. In addition to his many duties at FPL, Mr. Landers served on the Wood Magic Science Fair Committee and participated in many of the mobile classroom demonstrations. A memorial is being established at the FPL for Bob. To contribute, contact Dr. Cynthia West at 662-325-4444.



Landers

# development

## '79 graduate giving back through annual scholarship

In August 1998, Curtis E. "Skip" McCollough and his wife Julie established the South Mississippi Forest Products Annual Scholarship in the College of Forest Resources.

Skip McCollough is a 1979 forestry graduate. The McColloughs own and operate South Mississippi Forest Products in Hattiesburg, which they founded in 1990. He also is president of Southern Timber Resources of Louisiana Inc. The company buys timber and provides timber management assistance to private landowners throughout South Mississippi.

The McColloughs decided to establish the scholarship at CFR to ensure that the education they received at MSU could be even better for tomorrow's students. The scholarship covers tuition and fee expenses for two students enrolled in any of the three departments within the college.

"I feel that I attended the greatest College of Forest Resources in the country and to maintain its high standards and offer more and better opportunities for all will take efforts like this from all alumni and friends," McCollough said. "You cannot undervalue the impor-

tance of giving something back to the college where we as alumni and friends have gained so much."

The two say that they are proud and honored to give an annual scholarship as they "know and understand that a college education is not cheap." The McColloughs know this firsthand

usual. I hope it inspires others to do the same."

McCollough said that for his family MSU not only is a tradition but also a way to a wonderful life.

"Always on my mind are the days I spent at MSU. These memories are some of my fondest. The College of



Curtis E. "Skip" and Julie McCollough

because daughter Stephanie currently is an MSU sophomore. McCollough said his family has started a tradition of attending MSU and this makes them very proud. He met his wife while they were students at the university.

"Skip and Julie's generosity is to be commended," said CFR Interim Dean Bob Karr. "Giving back to your college at this level at their age while running a private business and sending a daughter to college is very un-

Forest Resources offered me the opportunity to earn my treasured degree and establish many friendships. Some days were long and difficult, but the lessons I learned have given me the knowledge to be where I am today," McCollough said.

# update

## FY1999-2000 donors recognized

We are always appreciative of our friends and alumni who give so generously to MSU and the College of Forest Resources. We strive to be accurate with our donor list and apologize for any inadvertent omissions. The list of donors for July 1, 1999-June 30, 2000, follows:

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Hilbun Torchbearers	50,000 - 99,999
President's Club	10,000 - 49,999
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Patrons Society	2,500 - 4,999
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## Franklin gift, continued from cover

Products Laboratory was established in 1987 by the Mississippi Legislature and is currently the largest furniture research program in North America. Research conducted by the unit is estimated to save the state's manufacturers more than \$3 million annually.

The university will propose to the state Board of Trustees, Institutions of Higher Learning, that the building be named the Franklin Center for Furniture Manufacturing and Management. The center will house an interdisciplinary program to draw on the strengths of the colleges of forest resources,

business and industry, and engineering.

The planned 30,000 square-foot facility will contain research laboratories, classrooms, an auditorium, and office space. Architects are currently designing the building with construction scheduled to begin in spring 2001.

## New series planned in continuing education

Wildlife biologists, habitat managers, catfish farmers, commercial herbicide applicators, and interested landowners in the South have a new partner in their pursuit of lifelong learning. The Office of Continuing Education is teaming up with CFR faculty members to develop a new series of courses designed to meet their unique learning needs.

In the first course, Drs. Dale Arner and Marty Brunson will deliver a two-day program entitled *Identification and Management of Inland Aquatic Plants*. The course includes: an overview of modern philosophy and practice, a primer on plant characteristics, a slide presentation that details aquatic plants and their distinguishing features, a session on methods and approaches to aquatic plant control, an overview of collection and identification techniques, and a field trip where participants collect and identify aquatic plants and then discuss appropriate management responses. Each participant receives a reference notebook, a set of durable field identification cards, and a valuable textbook, *Florida Wetland Plants, an Identification Manual*.

Arner and Brunson's outline will be followed to develop a sequence of courses including *Identification and Management of: Inland Aquatic Plants, Inland Wetland Plants, Coastal Wetland Plants and Upland Plants*. The series will culminate with a certificate program on *Wetland Delineation*.

In late October, the CFR's Dr. Rick Kaminski and Bob Harris, habitat biologist with Ducks Unlimited Inc., will present a two-day short course designed for professional wildlife habitat managers and private landowners. *Waterfowl Habitat Management* focuses on management strategies for croplands and natural wetlands that commonly attract dabbling ducks and geese. Subsequent short courses will address coastal wetland management for waterfowl if there is sufficient demand.

Participants will learn about life-cycle needs of waterfowl and how they can meet these needs through habitat management; the habitat management complex (flooded cropland, natural wetland, and refuge); waterfowl responses to managed habitats; values and management of flooded cropland, moist-soil habitat, forested

wetlands (green-tree reservoir management), and beaver impounded wetlands; how to build waterfowl habitat impoundments; and how private landowners can find assistance from Ducks Unlimited, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and other organizations. There also will be a section on wood duck habitat management. Field trips to public and private managed waterfowl habitats will highlight the short course.

For more information on these and other continuing education offerings through the FWRC, visit the web site at [www.cfr.msstate.edu/continuinged/frstry.html](http://www.cfr.msstate.edu/continuinged/frstry.html).

### Continuing Education Calendar of Events

- Forestry Law Institute
- Southern Saw Mechanics Workshop (Memphis, Tenn.)
- Forestry Herbicides: Understanding the Latest Developments
- Spatial Statistics for Remote Sensing Research Scientists
- Spatial Statistics for Remote Sensing Research Scientists
- Courtroom Skills for Conservation Officers
- Forestry Practices and Principles
- Prescribed Burning Short Course
- Basic Wildlife Forensics
- Intermediate Wildlife Forensics
- Advanced Wildlife Forensics

# education

## Wildlife Society hosts conclave

Wildlife and Fisheries students from 16 universities and colleges converged on Mississippi State this spring for the 2000 Southeastern Wildlife Conclave.

Hosted by the MSU student chapter of The Wildlife Society, the conclave is an annual event where students compete in quiz bowls, art contests, and field competitions.

"Each year a different university in the Southeast hosts the conclave," said **Jared Quillen**, MSU Wildlife Society advisor. "The last time MSU hosted the conclave was in 1986."

The event began with workshops and field trips to local wildlife areas and featured presentations by professors in the CFR. Team and individual competitions took

place at MSU and at Mossy Oak Outlet in West Point.

The conclave concluded with a banquet and presentation of awards. Dr. Bruce Batt, chief biologist with Ducks Unlimited, was the special speaker. Plaques were given to the top three overall winners—Haywood (N.C.) Community College, Arkansas Technological University, and the University of Georgia.



*Brown*

If you would like more information on continuing education in the College of Forest Resources, contact Alan Brown at 662-325-8300 or by e-mail at, [Abrown@cfr.msstate.edu](mailto:Abrown@cfr.msstate.edu).



*Top - Kayaking was one of the many field events during the conclave. Other events included archery and skeet shooting, radiotelemetry, and an obstacle course.*



*Right - Dr. Steve Demarais, associate professor of wildlife and fisheries, discusses whitetail deer research during a conclave field trip.*

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June 12-15, 2001  
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# alumni update

## Alumni Updates

**Keith M. Weaver (Wildlife and Fisheries, 1986)** received his Ph.D. in ecology from the University of Tennessee in December 1999. He was chosen by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as the first manager of the new 26,000-acre Nulhegan Basin Division in the Northeast Kingdom area of Vermont.

**Rachel Habig (Forestry, 1999)** of Russellville, Ala., recently served as a foreign exchange student in Germany. She is now at MSU pursuing her master's degree in forestry.

**Lee Drain (Forestry, 1995)** is working for Twin States Hardwoods in Auburn, Ala.

**Johnnie Byrd (Forestry, 1961)** is retired and living in Section, Ala. He is enjoying his retirement by fishing, hunting, and golfing.

**Robert "Bob" Livingston (Forestry, 1976)** is working in procurement with Georgia-Pacific in Fayette, Ala.

**Brian Reed (Forestry, 1980)** is working in procurement with Georgia-Pacific in Fayette, Ala. He enjoys biking and tree farming—he has two small pine plantation tracts. He and wife Leslie are living in Columbus, Miss., and attend all MSU athletic events.

**Claude Jenkins (Wildlife and Fisheries, 1998)** is working for the Alabama Wildlife Federation in Montgomery as a

wildlife biologist.

**Jeff Rogers (Forestry, 1995)** is working as a procurement forester at Georgia-Pacific Corp. in Brookhaven.

**Ken Booker (Forestry, 1992 and 1994)** is working as a forester for AmSouth Bank in Jackson. Ken accepted this position in December 1999 and works for Amsouth Bank's Natural Resources Trust Division.

**Rob Haupt (Forest Products, 1992)** is working as technical director for Dyno Overlays Inc. He is responsible for new product development, technical service, and quality assurance of treated paper. Dyno Overlays products are

used in engineered wood composites, furniture components, and specialty industrial applications.

**Steve Butler (Forestry, 1980)** of Madison is president of the Mississippi Forestry Association. Steve owns TimberCorp Inc., a land-management company specializing in forest management assistance to non-industrial and institutional forest owners.

**Rubin Shmulsky (Forest Products, 1996 and 1998)** is working as assistant professor at the University of Minnesota in the Department of Wood and Paper Science.

### Rebirth of the CFR Alumni Association:

Be an active part of the rebirth of your alumni association. Look for future activities in this newsletter and on the CFR web page. If you would like to play a role in regenerating this group, contact:

**Dr. Debbie Gaddis**  
662-325-8002  
dgaddis@ext.msstate.edu

# We want your news!

As the College of Forest Resources and its newsletter grow, we want you to grow with us. We want to continue including the Alumni Update in the newsletter, but we need your information to do that. Please use the form below to share with us and your fellow alumni career changes, recognitions or honors received, or information about other news. If you need more space, include a separate sheet of paper.

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To be included in the update, complete and return the form to Rachel Singleton, Box 9680, Mississippi State, MS 39762-9680 or e-mail Rachel at [rsingleton@cfr.msstate.edu](mailto:rsingleton@cfr.msstate.edu).

## Tree of learning

Forestry students **Jack Robertson** of Columbiana, Ala., and **Jacob Poole** of Liberty, members of the Society of American Foresters (SAF) student chapter, recently led Project Learning Tree at Starkville's Overstreet Elementary School. Sponsored by the American Forest Foundation, Project Learning Tree is a national effort to introduce young students to the natural environment, their place in it, and their responsibility for protecting it. The SAF student chapter has taught Project Learning Tree to third graders for more than five years.

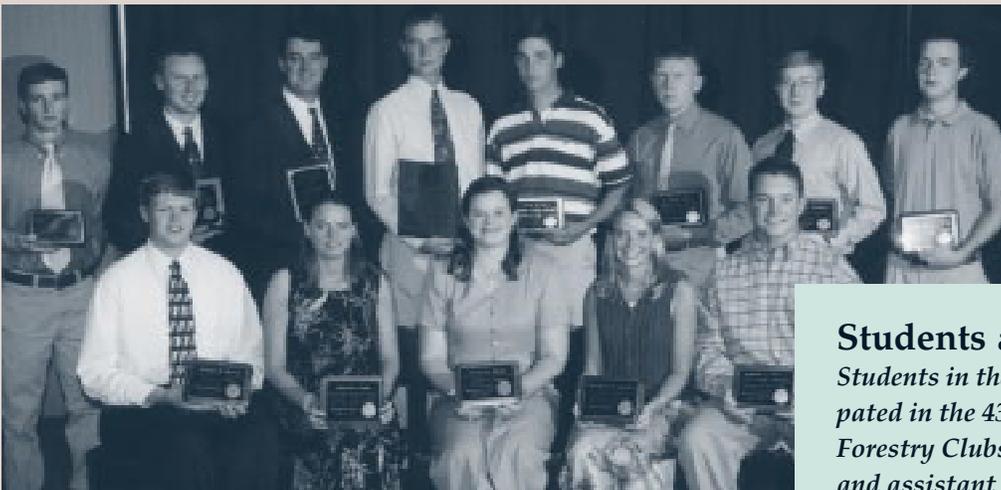
*Jack Robertson (l) and Jacob Poole work with children from Overstreet Elementary.*



College of forest resources

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## Student award winners

Students recently were honored at the 2000 CFR Annual Awards Banquet. Winners include (first row, l-r) Bill Howell, forestry major; Anastasia Andol, forest products major; Jessica Smith, forestry major; Kimberly Tarlton, forest products major; and Bill Johnson, forest products major. Second row (l-r) are John Kirkpatrick, forestry major; Marcus Measells, forestry major; Doug Wood, wildlife and fisheries major; David Zitnik, wildlife and fisheries major; Jason Olive, wildlife and fisheries major; Clyde Ferrell, forest products major; Phillip Hanberry, wildlife and fisheries major; and Nicholas Winstead, wildlife and fisheries major. Awards were presented for outstanding graduate and undergraduate student, sophomore academic achievement, and senior academic achievement in the departments of forestry, forest products, and wildlife and fisheries.

## Students attend conclave

Students in the Forestry Club recently participated in the 43rd Annual Association of Southern Forestry Clubs Conclave at LSU. Club adviser and assistant forestry professor Don Grebner (far left) congratulates club members (l-r) Jeremiah Russell of Collinsville, Jessica Smith of Coldwater, and Damon Blakely of Grenada. Russell, a junior forestry major, placed second in timber estimation; Smith, senior forestry major, placed second in timber estimation; and Blakely, senior forestry major, placed third in pole felling and tree diameter estimation. The MSU club placed seventh overall.

