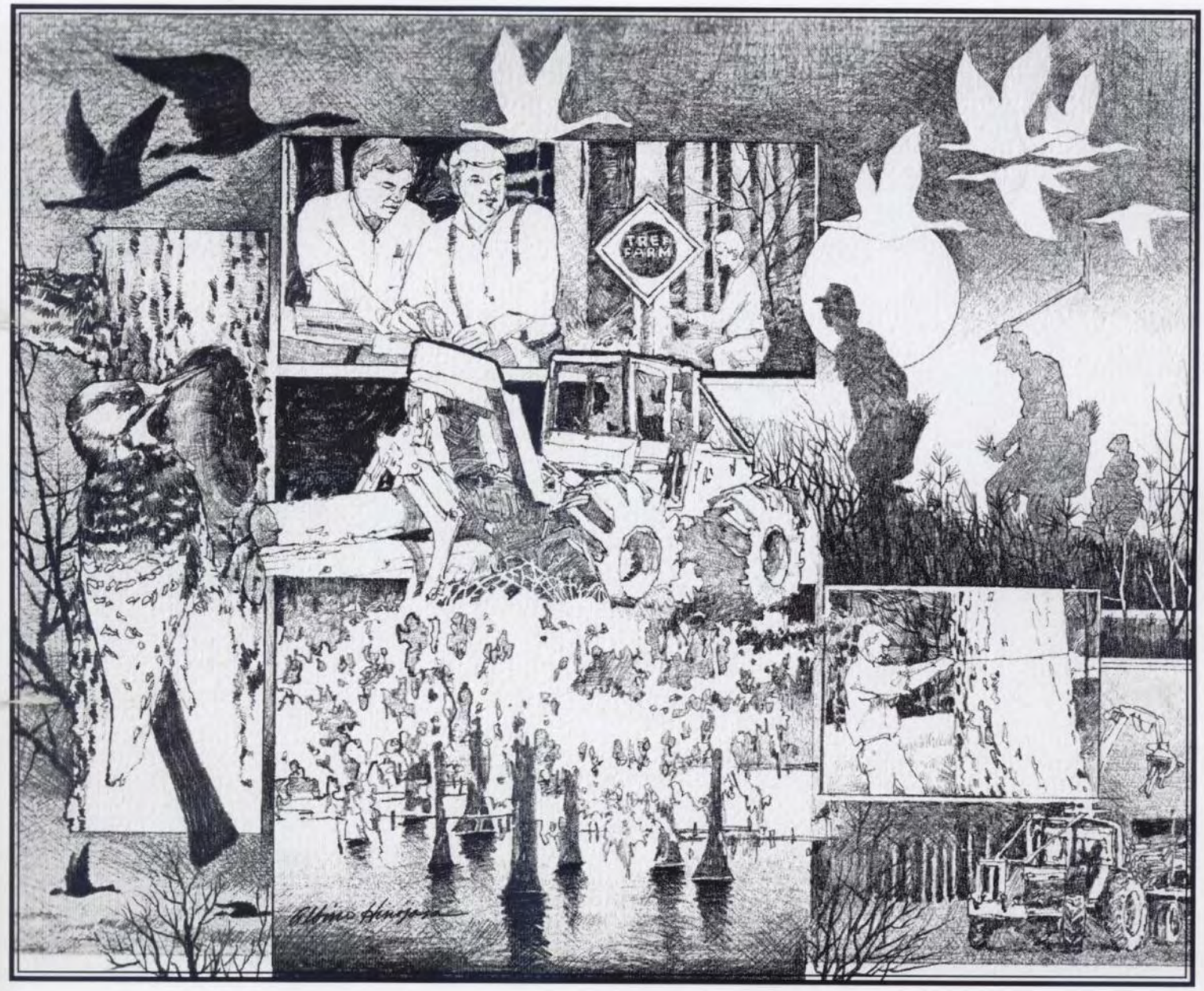
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Letter from theAFSC President

Fellow ASFC members and Forestry students,

I would like to thank everyone who attended the 49th Annual ASFC Conclave for making the event a success. I would like to thank every member of the Louisiana Tech Forestry Club. You were presented with a huge challenge and you rose to the occasion and pulled it off. I would like to especially thank Atticus Finger and Cory Collins, who shared equally in the leadership responsibility of Conclave. I would also like to especially thank Dan Taylor and Joey Hailey for all of their help. It would have never happened without you guys.

In the days and weeks leading up to Conclave, I was overwhelmed and at times I feared that Conclave would be a disaster. Would we have the food on time? Would the schedule run smoothly? Most importantly, would everyone have a good time? My worries and fears however disappeared as the clubs began arriving at Lincoln Parish Park. Each school brought the excitement and enthusiasm that is the spirit of Conclave. Throughout the three days we enjoyed great food, healthy competition, and old fashioned Southern camaraderie.

We must always remember that Conclave is about college students across the South with a love for Forestry meeting together, competing together, and remembering the traditions of those who preceded us in our profession.

Thank you for making Conclave a success by simply showing up and enjoying yourselves. Thank you as well for having a good time in a responsible way so that we all can continue to enjoy this wonderful event.

Clint Iles
President
Louisiana Tech Forestry Club

Letter from the Faculty Advisor

Dear ASFC Members and 2006 Conclave Participants.

March 12, 2006. That is a date I will remember for a long, long, time. I remember it so well because that was the first night in several months I was finally able to have a good, worry-free, night's sleep. Conclave 2006 was over.

Almost of year of planning and preparation went in to hosting Conclave. Even with all that time, it seemed the number of items on the "to do" list multiplied exponentially as Conclave grew closer. In the final days leading up to the event, I had my reservations as to whether we would actually make it. An unbelievable number of tasks had to be completed in order to pull it off. When Thursday morning started with a thunderstorm, I felt for sure all was lost. However, by noon the skies had cleared and the schools started showing up; do or die, it was here! By the end of the weekend I couldn't believe how smoothly everything ran. I'm happy to say the students, staff, faculty, and alumni of Louisiana Tech really came through to make Conclave 2007 a success.

I have always viewed Conclave as a way for students to strengthen their leadership and teamwork skills. If this is true, then Clint Iles and Cory Collins have maxed out on both of those attributes. To simply say that Conclave wouldn't have happened with out their hard work and dedication does not do them justice. Besides their own physical and mental contributions, they did a superb job of organizing and motivating the rest of the Forestry Club. They were not the only students to work hard though. Also deserving of accolades are Atticus Finger and many other students who put in countless hours of preparations.

Staff members Andrea Green, Joey Haley, Mary Ann Sandiford, and Dan Taylor all deserve extra special thanks for all of their hard work and support before, during, and after the event. Thanks also to student workers Amanda Iles and Laramie Harris. I would also like to express my sincere thanks to Dr. John Adams, Director of the Tech School of Forestry, for his support during the year leading up to Conclave. Special thanks are also deserved for faculty members Jim Dickson, Jim Dyer, Mark Gibson, George Grozdits, David Long, Jack Mills, Ray Newbold, Bill Ross, and especially Bill Patterson for their unwavering support and assistance both before and during Conclave.

Thanks also to Mr. Karl Hanson, who came down from Arkansas to help out in preparing the chopping and sawing wood for the Stihl Collegiate Timbersports competition, and James Ramsaur of Lincoln Parish Park. Mr. Ramsaur's willingness to accommodate over 250 college students for three days was a risky, but much appreciated move. And of course a big thanks to all of those who supported Conclave with monetary and in-kind donations.

Last, but far from least, I give my most heartfelt thanks to Lee Ann, Taylor, and Cailin. I know you were none too happy with my many all day and late night absences, but I appreciate that you were always supportive of my Conclave duties.

Dr. Gordon Holley,
Faculty Advisor

Alabama A & M University



Auburn University



Clemson University



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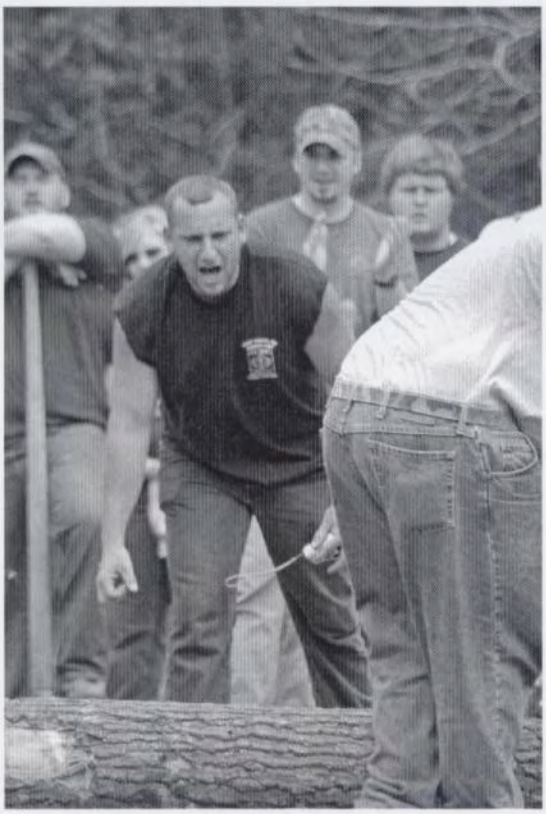
Virginia Tech University



Physical Events









Archery

Rank	School	Contestant	40 yds.	30 yds.	20 yds.	Total
1	OSU	Zac Patty	38	50	52	140
2	UAM	Logan Hancock	34	42	50	126
3	LaTech	George Scruggs	25	48	50	123
4	Georgia	Stephen Purvis	38	32	46	116
5	SFA	Nick Woodruff	28	34	48	110
6	Florida	Gary Johns	19	38	38	95
7	Clemson	Dan Peeples	22	32	39	93
8	TAMU	Clint Stephens	23	26	42	91
9	Auburn	Justin Lowe	4	34	36	74
10	NC State	Michael Sweat	9	30	34	73
11	Tenn.	Ben Ingram	8	16	42	66
12	MSU	James Floyd	0	33	29	62
13	VaTech	Theron Gibbs	4	8	44	56
14	ALA&M	Isaac Knox	1	7	28	36



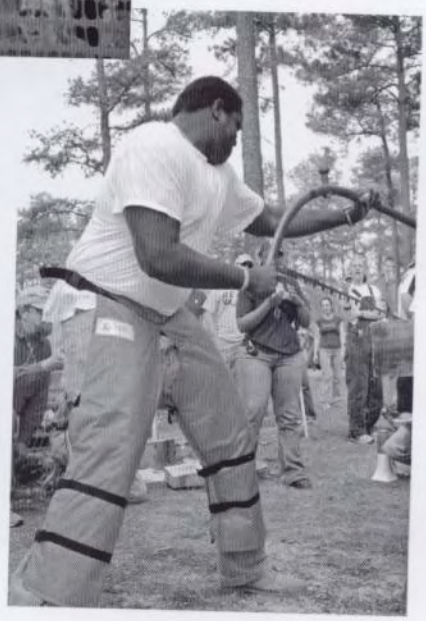


Axe Throw

			Competition Throws					
Rank	**School**	**Contestant**	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**Total**
1	UAM	Brad Sears	3	3	0	3	2	11
2	SFA	Josh Trammell	1	2	2	1	1	7
3	NC State	Mike Brafford	0	0	0	3	3	6
T-4	Auburn	Philip Lambert	0	0	0	3	2	5
T-4	LaTech	Cade Smith	0	2	0	1	2	5
T-6	Florida	Gary Johns	0	0	2	2	0	4
T-6	Tenn.	Denver Browning	3	0	0	1	0	4
T-6	VaTech	B.T. Butler	1	0	2	0	1	4
T-9	ALA&M	Isaac Knox	1	2	0	0	0	3
T-9	MSU	Tedrick Ratcliff	0	0	0	0	3	3
11	OSU	James Bloom	0	2	0	0	0	2
T-12	Georgia	Stephen Purvis	0	0	0	0	1	1
T-12	TAMU	Jack Shallock	0	0	1	0	0	1
T-14	Clemson	Lawton Nichols	0	0	0	0	0	0







Bow Saw - Men's

Rank	School	Contestant	Time
1	VaTech	Nathan Rutherford	11.36
2	UAM	Logan Hancock	13.11
3	Georgia	Steven Purvise	14.73
4	SFA	John Varnell	14.78
5	Clemson	James Douglas	18.155
6	Tenn.	Robert Wallace	18.275
7	ALA&M	Darius Turner	21.025
8	OSU	Erick Warren	21.965
9	Auburn	Mark Bales	24.325
10	Florida	Colin Gordon	34.84
11	TAMU	Brad Barrick	47.485
12	MSU	Mike Strange	53.31
13	NC State	Davis McGowen	1.06.42
DQ	LaTech	Robert Harris	



Bow Saw - Women's

Rank	School	Contestant	Time
1	SFA	Raychel Shaw	24.335
2	VaTech	Melanie Nichols	24.955
3	Georgia	Ami Flowers	39.085
4	ALA&M	Earlene Bracy	42.105
5	OSU	Shayla Highfill	44.97
6	UAM	Lori Andrews	55.785
7	NC State	Dakota Smith	1.03.58
8	Florida	Jenny Goodrich	1.21.65
9	MSU	Audry Sherman	2.04.325
10	TAMU	Amanda Brawley	2.11.93
11	Tenn.	Allison Houser	3.03.58
DQ	La Tech	Stacy Kidd	
DQ	Auburn	No Contestant	
DQ	Clemson	No Contestant	



Chain Throw

Rank	School	Contestant	Contestant	Time
1	LaTech	Cory Collins	Clint Iles	1.35.68
2	UAM	Covy Brown	Bo Apel	1.40.045
3	MSU	Tedrick Ratcliff	Davis Lovelace	1.51.70
4	VaTech	Ben Bradbum	Nathan Rutherford	2.06.95
5	ALA&M	Darlene Bracy	Earlene Bracy	2.17.075
6	Georgia	Coby Smith	Adam Speir	2.19.385
7	Florida	Gary Johns	Jared Nobles	2.35.62
8	NC State	Michael Sweat	Mark Reiland	2.37.53
9	SFA	Tony May	Aaron Friar	2.58.095
10	Auburn	Mark Bales	Patrick Turner	4.02.715
11	Tenn.	Reed Wolf	Walter Chan	4.05.155
12	TAMU	Jack Shallock	Brad Barrick	4.22.565
DQ	Clemson			
DQ	OSU			





Crosscut - Men's

Rank	School	Contestant	Contestant	Time
1	SFA	Devin Seeliger	Dan McBride	8.265
2	VaTech	Scott McKee	Matt Carroll	10.610
3	Florida	Kyle Jones	Gary Johns	11.060
4	Georgia	James Kent	Kerry Holcomb	11.110
5	NC State	Chris Barfield	Mike Brafford	11.780
6	UAM	Jason Beard	Zack Diemer	14.780
7	MSU	Davis Lovelace	James Floyd	16.440
8	OSU	Caleb Richards	Coy Longshore	16.690
9	TAMU	Daniel Bingham	Todd Thomas	17.060
10	Tenn.	Dan Wagner	Stuart Wilson	18.735
11	Auburn	Justin Lowe	Rigby McMillan	20.080
12	Clemson	John Zwart	James Douglas	24.000
13	LaTech	Justin Jacobs	Robert Harris	39.855
14	ALA&M	Darius Turner	Raphael Soto	1.00.39



Jack-n-Jill Crosscut

Rank	School	Contestant	Contestant	Time
1	SFA	Dan McBride	Amy Braig	6.615
2	Florida	Jeremy Tankersley	Jenny Goodrich	9.78
3	Georgia	James Kent	Ami Flowers	10.06
4	UAM	Jason Beard	Lori Andrews	11.23
5	VaTech	Scott McKee	Kim Blackburn	12.85
6	LaTech	Cade Smith	Mary Hodges	15.615
7	NC State	Mike Brafford	Dakota Smith	20.155
8	OSU	Jody Walker	Susannah Clinkenbeard	21.79
9	TAMU	Hunter Douglas	Amanda Brawley	23.985
10	Tenn.	Mick York	Erin Hooten	24.715
11	MSU	Eric Ezell	Rebecca Horton	24.95
12	Auburn	Morgan Wainwright	Katy McKinley	26.21
13	ALA&M	Vernon Roberts	Darlene Bracy	27.15
DQ	Clemson	No contestant		





Crosscut - Women's

Rank	School	Contestant	Contestant	Time
1	SFA	Amy Braig	Samantha Glass	8.06
2	Georgia	Sara Johnson	Ami Flowers	12.73
3	UAM	Lori Andrews	Kimberly Pedigo	13.75
4	NC State	Nuri Steinhauer	Dakota Smith	17.735
5	Florida	Jenny Goodrich	Yarrow Titus	17.875
6	MSU	Audrey Sherman	Rebecca Horton	18.2
7	VaTech	Laura Hendrick	Kim Blackburn	19.8
8	LaTech	Mary Hodges	Stacy Kidd	22.22
9	OSU	RosaLee Geurin	Haley Smith	22.39
10	Tenn.	Allison Houser	Erin Hooten	38.38
11	ALA&M	Earlene Bracy	Darlene Bracy	1.22.58
DQ	Auburn	No Contestant		
DQ	Clemson	No Contestant		
DQ	TAMU	No Contestant		





Knife Throw

Rank	School	Contestan	Competition Throws 1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	SFA	Cody Stanley	2	1	1	1	2	7
2	Auburn	Josh Burnette	1	2	1	0	0	4
3	Clemson	Craig Robinson	2	0	1	0	0	3
4	LaTech	Josh Parks	0	0	2	0	0	2
5	Georgia	Jason Carey	1	0	0	0	0	1
T-6	ALA&M	Terrance Fletcher	0	0	0	0	0	0
T-6	Florida	Kyle Jones	0	0	0	0	0	0
T-6	MSU	Davis Lovelace	0	0	0	0	0	0
T-6	NC State	Chris Barfield	0	0	0	0	0	0
T-6	OSU	Zac Patty	0	0	0	0	0	0
T-6	TAMU	David Wong	0	0	0	0	0	0
T-6	Tenn.	Curry McCall	0	0	0	0	0	0
T-6	UAM	Chris Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0
T-6	VaTech	Theron Gibbs	0	0	0	0	0	0



Log Birling

Rank	School	Contestant
1	UAM	Covy Brown
2	SFA	Tony May
3	TAMU	Ryan Rector
4	Florida	Gary Johns
T-5	Auburn	Morgan Wainwright
T-5	OSU	Weston Miller
T-7	MSU	Randy Growes
T-7	Tenn.	Reed Wolf
T-9	ALA&M	LaToya Smith
T-9	Georgia	Kerry Holcomb
T-9	La Tech	Chris Bordelon
T-9	NC State	Mark Reiland
T-13	Clemson	Robert Dawsey
T-13	VaTech	Addison Aman





Log Rolling

Rank	School	Contestant	Contestant	Time	Penalty Sec.	Total Time
1	SFA	Dan McBride	Devin Seeliger	1.04.91	0	1.04.91
2	UAM	Jason Beard	Chase Davis	1.05.05	0	1.05.05
3	Auburn	David Heflin	Carl Vernon	1.07.74	0	1.07.74
4	Florida	Bryan Croft	Jared Nobles	1.44.985	0.15.00	1.59.985
5	Georgia	Stephen Purvis	Adam Speir	2.01.23	0.05.00	2.06.23
6	Tenn.	Alex Quick	James Geiger	1.59.495	0.10.00	2.09.495
7	VaTech	Cletus Barthurst	Andrew Brown	2.12.275	0.10.00	2.22.275
8	OSU	Coy Longshore	Jody Walker	2.02.93	0.35.00	2.37.93
9	TAMU	Daniel Bingham	Lewis Heye	2.49.80	0.05.00	2.54.80
10	MSU	Tedrick Ratcliff	Brett Cates	3.07.90	0.15.00	3.22.90
11	LaTech	Ellis Armfield	Chris Hammontree	3.35.68	0.20.00	3.55.68
12	Clemson	Dan Peeples	James Douglas	3.23.855	0.35.00	3.58.855
13	ALA&M	Andrew Brown	Vernon Roberts	3.39.20	0.85.00	5.04.20
14	NC State	Michael Sweat	Mark Reiland	3.37.318	0.90.00	5.07.18



Pole Climbing

Rank	School	Contestant	Time Climb 1	Time Climb 2	Best Time
1	UAM	Jeff Price	0.03.53	0.03.65	0.03.53
2	TAMU	Jeff King	0.06.25	0.03.715	0.03.715
3	SFA	Clint Kern	0.04.715	0.04.105	0.04.105
4	LaTech	Josh Parks	0.04.515	0.04.445	0.04.445
5	Tenn.	Mick York	0.04.61	0.04.605	0.04.605
6	Florida	Colin Gordon	0.05.59	DQ	0.05.59
7	Georgia	Kerry Holcomb	0.05.865	0.06.28	0.05.865
8	Clemson	Robert Dawsey	0.09.40	0.05.90	0.05.90
9	Auburn	Skylar Claris	0.06.075	0.06.685	0.06.075
10	MSU	Randy Growes	0.06.34	0.06.31	0.06.31
11	ALA&M	Andrew Brown	0.12.745	0.06.875	0.06.875
12	NC State	Chris Barfield	0.08.81	0.07.825	0.07.825
13	OSU	Weston Miller	0.09.03	0.11.455	0.09.03
DQ	VaTech	Andrew Brown	DQ	DQ	DQ





Pole Felling

Rank	School	Contestant	Time	Distance (ft.)
1	Clemson	John Zwart	1.16.595	0
2	NC State	Mike Brafford	1.47.42	0
3	Tenn.	Reed Wolf	1.25.785	0.6
4	VaTech	Ben Bradbum	47.03	0.9
5	OSU	Erick Warren	1.18.81	1.1
6	ALA&M	Raphael Soto	1.17.715	1.3
7	UAM	Justin Mallett	2.02.235	1.4
8	MSU	Brett Cates	3.11.795	2.25
9	SFA	Josh Bardwell	1.26.605	2.675
10	Florida	Jeremy Tankersley	2.24.89	3.45
11	Georgia	Zach Blackmon	1.27.33	3.55
12	Auburn	Philip Lambert	58.69	4.175
13	LaTech	Sam Brimer	1.36.935	14.475
14	TAMU	Todd Thomas	1.11.37	30.5



Speed Chop

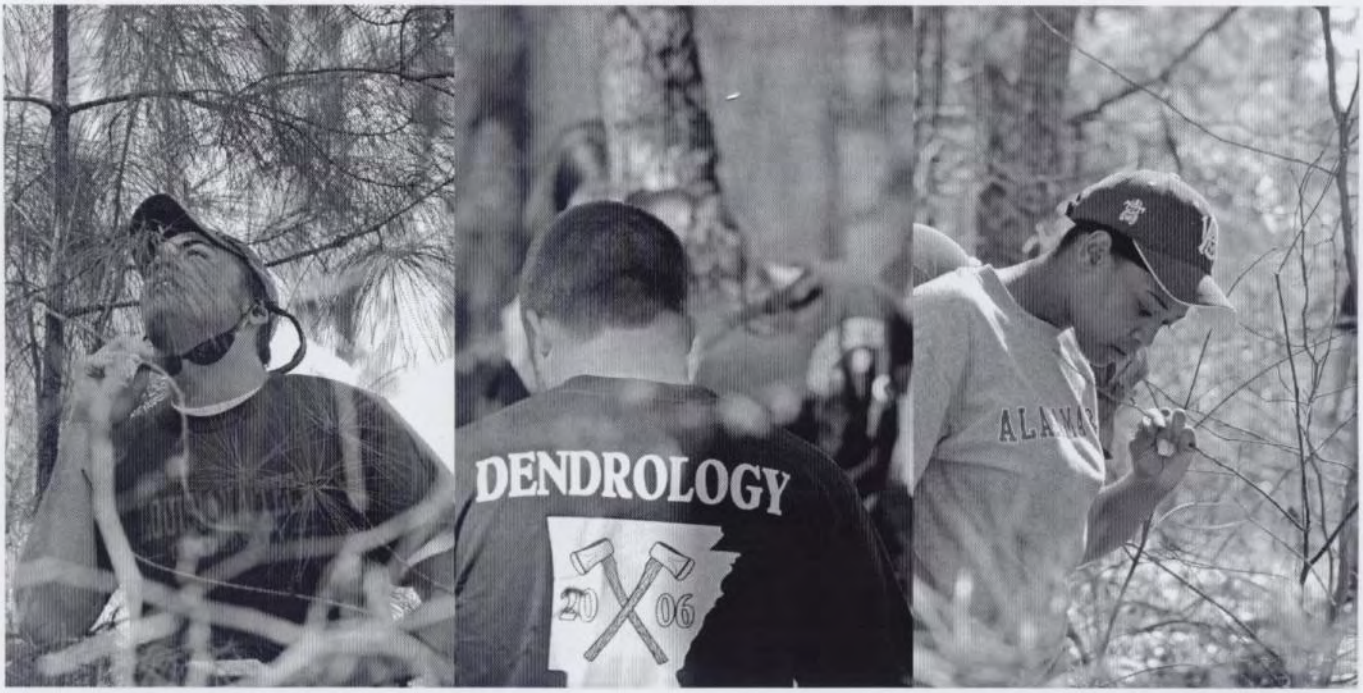
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3	Vatech	Ben Bradbum	1.46.34	1
4	TAMU	Clint Stephens	1.49.2	2
6	UAM	Jason Beard	1.55.5	3
2	SFA	Dan McBride	1.57.15	4
7	OSU	Erick Warren	2.14.65	5
10	La Tech	Justin Jacobs	3.02.05	6
9	Auburn	Carl Vernon	3.27.25	7
12	Florida	Colin Gordon	3.28.55	8
14	Georgia	Zach Blackmon	3.41.1	9
1	NC State	Mike Brafford	3.41.4	10
5	Clemson	James Douglas	5.00.00	11
11	MSU	Daniel Nicholson	5.00.00	11
13	Tenn.	Alex Quick	5.00.00	11

Technical Events



Compass & Pacing

Rank	School	Contestant	Course Number	Total Distance	Error	Relative Precision
1	TAMU	Brad Barrick	4	2057.95	16' 4"	126.023
2	OSU	Erick Warren	2	2215.02	54' 11"	40.333
3	Georgia	Coby Smith	2	2215.02	60' 4"	36.715
4	Auburn	Will Colvin	1	2352.42	66' 2"	35.553
5	Clemson	Andrew Nelson	4	2057.95	75' 10"	27.128
6	Florida	Bryan Croft	3	2031.99	100' 3"	20.269
7	SFA	Shane Szczerba	1	2352.42	120' 5"	19.522
8	VaTech	Theron Gibba	1	2352.42	139'	16.924
9	UAM	Covy Brown	2	2215.02	149' 11"	14.775
10	MSU	Randy Graves	4	2057.95	149' 2"	13.796
11	NC State	Chris Barfield	3	2031.99	180'	11.289
12	Tenn.	Tripp Geiger	3	2031.99	245'	8.294
13	LaTech	Matthew Martin	1	2352.42	325'	7.238
14	ALA&M	Raphael Soto	2	2215.02	413'	5.363



Dendrology

Rank	School	Contestant	Total Score
1	Georgia	Ami Flowers	156
2	SFA	Cliff Sunda	155
3	LaTech	Jay Thomas	127
4	UAM	Tyler Wilson	112
5	NC State	Nuri Steinhauer	110
6	Auburn	Wes Pruet	85
7	Clemson	Craig Robinson	44
8	MSU	Eric Ezell	43.5
9	Florida	Jared Nobles	41
10	OSU	Amber Fritchie	36.5
11	VaTech	Addison Aman	32.5
12	ALA&M	Earlene Bracy	27.5
13	Tenn.	Erin Hooten	27
14	TAMU	David Wong	18.5



Photogrammetry

Rank	School	Contestant	Total Score
1	SFA	Travis Brown	44
2	Georgia	Coby Smith	43
3	UAM	Bo Apel	39
4	Auburn	Wes Pruet	38
5	OSU	Zac Patty	36
6	MSU	Roger Tankesly	35
7	Clemson	Dan Peeples	34
8	VaTech	Nathan Rutherford	33
9	NC State	Mark Reiland	32
10	LaTech	Cade Smith	29
T-11	TAMU	David Wong	27
T-11	Tenn.	Alex Quick	27
13	Florida	Adam Maggard	26
14	ALA&M	Terrance Fletcher	25

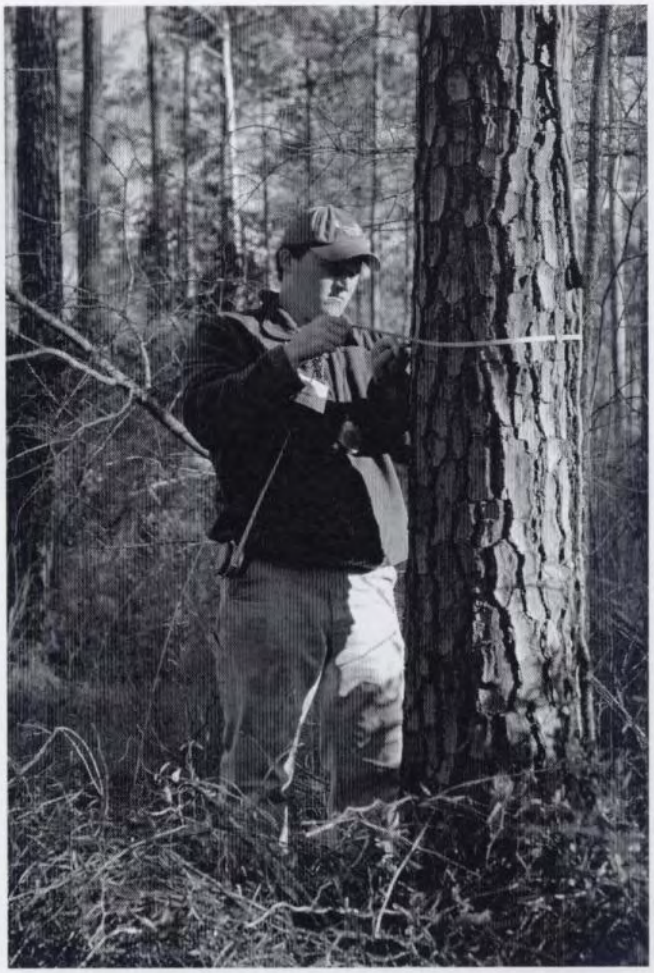




Pole Classification

Rank	School	Contestant	Total Score
1	SFA	Justin Wise	82
2	Georgia	Jason Carey	80
3	TAMU	Clint Stephens	79
4	Uam	Seth Glaze	75
5	ALA&M	Vernon Roberts	73
6	Clemson	Matt Howle	71
7	Florida	Tyler Dreaded	70
8	MSU	Roger Tankesly	67
9	VaTech	Ben Bradburn	65
10	OSU	Jay Seaton	64
11	Tenn.	Walter Chan	60
12	NC State	Michael Brafford	55
13	LaTech	Matt Bailey	49
14	Auburn	Rigby McMillan	42





Timber Estimation

Rank	School	Contestant	Total Tons/Acre	Actual Tons/Acre	Deviation
1	SFA	Cliff Sunda	297	299	2
2	Georgia	Craig Seaman	315	299	16
3	OSU	Coy Longshore	332	299	33
4	UAM	Steven Goza	435	299	136
5	LaTech	Sam Brimer	149	299	150
6	Auburn	David Heflin	473	299	174
7	VaTech	Ben Bradbum	478	299	179
8	Florida	Jeremy Tankersley	566	299	267
9	ALA&M	Darlene Bracy	1,151	299	852
10	MSU	Daniel Nicholson	1,688	299	1,389
11	NC State	Mike Brafford	3,863	299	3,564
12	Tenn.	Ben Ingram	10,700	299	10,401
13	Clemson	Dan Peeples	137,051	299	136,700



Wildlife

Rank	School	Contestant	Contestant	Total Score
1	SFA	Tim Siegmund	Josh Sears	68
2	LaTech	Dusty McGehee	Matt Williams	56
3	Georgia	Jay Chupp	Gary Holt	49
4	UAM	Brad Sears	Roy Prince	47
5	Florida	Ethan Sadowski	Kyle Jones	44
6	MSU	Rebecca Horton	Mike Strange	41
T-7	Auburn	Katie McKinley	Rigby McMillan	31
T-7	NC State	Davis McGowen	Michael Sweat	31
9	VaTech	Laura Hendrick	Kim Blackburn	28
T-10	Clemson	James Douglas	John Zwart	22
T-10	Tenn.	Alex Quick	Rob Wallace	22
12	OSU	Jody Walker	Caleb Richards	16
13	AL A&M	Isaac Knox		14
14	TAMU	Todd Thomas	Lewis Heye	13

DBH Estimation

Rank	School	Contestant	Total Deviations
1	UAM	Steven Goza	7.4
2	VaTech	Andrew Brown	7.7
3	SFA	Cliff Sunda	8.8
4	ALA&M	Andrew Brown	10.5
5	MSU	Tedrick Ratcliff	15.8
T-6	Auburn	Steven Jones	16.5
T-6	Georgia	James Kent	16.5
8	TAMU	Hunter Douglas	18.1
9	Florida	Jeremy Tankersley	20.5
10	Tenn.	Allison Houser	23.0
11	Clemson	Lawton Nichols	23.1
12	LaTech	Kyle Bryant	25.9
13	NC State	Chris Barfield	26.7
14	OSU	Amber Fritchie	30.6

Wood Identification

Rank	School	Contestant	Total Score
1	VaTech	Matt Carroll	63
2	Florida	Laura Paterson	43.5
3	LaTech	Atticus Finger	41.5
4	UAM	Josh Smith	40
5	SFA	Samantha Glass	36
6	TAMU	Ryan Rector	32.5
7	Tenn.	Brook Smith	29.5
8	Georgia	Dustin Gibbons	26
9	MSU	Davis Lovelace	25
10	Auburn	Patrick Turner	12
11	NC State	Michael Sweat	10.5
12	OSU	James Bloom	6
13	Clemson	Andrew Nelson	4
14	ALA&M	Isaac Knox	1

Overall Rankings

Physical Event

School	Total Pts	Rank
SFA	166	1
UAM	160	2
Georgia	125	3
Florida	120	4
Va Tech	118.5	5
Okla. State	98.5	6
La Tech	96	7
NC State	94.5	8
Tenn.	90	9
Auburn	86	10
TAMU	83.5	11
Miss. State	82.5	12
Ala. A&M	69.5	13
Clemson	62	14

Technical Events

School	Total Pts	Rank
SFA	148.5	1
Georgia	138.75	2
UAM	130.5	3
Va Tech	97.5	4
Auburn	93	5
Florida	91.5	6
La Tech	88.5	7
Miss. State	87	8
Okla. State	78	9
Clemson	71.25	10
TAMU	71.25	11
NC State	60.75	12
Ala. A&M	52.5	13
Tenn.	49.5	14

Overall Rankings

School	Overall Pts.	Rank
SFA	314.5	1
UAM	290.5	2
Georgia	263.75	3
Va Tech	216	4
Florida	211.5	5
La Tech	184.5	6
Auburn	179	7
Okla. State	176.5	8
Miss. State	169.5	9
NC State	155.25	10
TAMU	154.75	11
Tenn.	139.5	12
Clemson	133.25	13
Ala. A&M	122	14



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Expenses		
Food & Catering	8147	
T-shirts	2038	
Banners	955	
Trophies	3240	
Liability Insurance	735	
Lincoln Parish Park	2904	
Equipment rental (tents/generator)	1039	
Event sup plies/wood/misc	3073	
Porta-A-Johns	450	
Campsiite firewood	320	
Expo Center rental (Stihl)	500	
Band	1000	
Printing	3000	
Total		27400
Income		
ASFC Dues:		
14 clubs @ $200	2800	
Registration:		
211 Attendees @ $100	21100	
SFA Donation from 2005	1500	
Stihl	2000	
Total		27400

Association of Southern Forestry Clubs Constitution (Revised 2006)

Article I. Name

A. The name of the organization shall be the Association of Southern Forestry Clubs, hereafter referred to as the ASFC.

Article II. Goals and Objectives

A. Goals: To encourage leadership, teamwork, competition, sportsmanship, professionalism, skill development, and fellowship among the students and clubs of the ASFC.

B. Objectives:

1. Hold an annual Conclave.
2. Use the activities of planning for and participation in Conclave to encourage the development of leadership, teamwork, competition, sportsmanship, and professional and skill development among students within ASFC member schools.
3. The purpose of all competitions at Conclave should be to foster the ideals emphasized in objective 2.
4. Every effort should be made to enhance the importance and role of professionalism in Conclave.

Article III. Membership

A. 1. Any forestry club of a university or college in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, or West Virginia granting a baccalaureate degree in forestry, or equivalent, with a major of forestry shall be eligible for voting membership in the ASFC upon a majority approval of a petition submitted to the voting member clubs; or by application by representation at the Annual Conclave.

2. Charter Members: Louisiana State University, University of Florida, Stephen F. Austin State College, Mississippi State University, Arkansas A&M College, University of the South, Auburn University, Oklahoma State University, University of Georgia, North Carolina State College, and Clemson Agricultural College.
3. Any Forestry Club of a senior university or college within the states in Part 1 of this section not granting a baccalaureate degree in forestry shall be eligible for associate membership upon a majority approval of a petition submitted to the voting member clubs.

B. Privileges

1. Each member club is entitled to one vote and full participation in all Conclave activities.

C. Dues

1. The annual dues shall be two hundred dollars ($200) for each member club. Entering clubs shall pay a reduced rate to be set by the ASFC.
2. The dues shall be used to pay for correspondence, publications, and other ASFC expenses of the host club.-
3. The dues for the year will be paid to the host school by January 1, preceding the Conclave.

Article IV. Officers

A. The officers of the ASFC shall be:

1. President - elected from and by the host club.
2. Vice Presidents - elected from and by each member club.
3. Secretary - elected from and by the host club.
4. Treasurer - elected from and by the host club.
5. Editor - elected from and by the host club.

B. Tenure of Officers

1. Officers are to hold office until the next Annual Conclave, with the exception of the Editor, who will serve until The Southern Forester is distributed.

C. Election of Officers

1. The President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Editor of the ASFC shall be elected by the host club at their first club meeting following the Conclave.
2. Vice Presidents of the ASFC shall be elected by their respective member clubs at their first meeting following Conclave.

Article V. Meetings and archived files

A. Meetings

1. The business meetings will be held on the Thursday and Friday evenings.
2. In case of a tie during a vote, the President will cast the deciding vote.
3. No club shall be the host more than once in three years.
4. If a previously elected host notifies the members of the ASFC by October 1 (preceding the Conclave) that they cannot hold the Conclave, the President shall solicit bids from the members and then send a ballot to each member club to be voted on in writing.
5. The host club shall be alternated from east to west whenever possible.

B. Files

1. Accumulative files shall be maintained by the host club and shall include all members' reports and correspondence.
2. Each file shall contain a copy of the ASFC Constitution.

Article VI. Amendments

A. The constitution may be amended or revised by a two-thirds vote of the ~~voting~~ member clubs.

Article VII. By-laws

A. By-laws of the ASFC shall be established and altered during the annual Conclave business meeting, or at other times by special vote of the clubs in extraordinary cases. The by-laws may be altered by a simple majority vote.

ASFC BY-LAWS

Section 1. Duties of the ASFC officers shall be:

A. President:
   1. To preside at all meetings of the ASFC.
   2. To appoint committees.
   3. To be responsible for submitting an officers' report to the accumulative files upon the completion of the ASFC Conclave.
   4. To be responsible for obtaining reports from each of his committees and officer heads of the host club.
   5. To perform all other duties necessary.

B. Vice Presidents:
   1. To act as a representative of their club.
   2. To notify the President of his/her election.
   3. To complete a report of the activities of their club in the ASFC and be responsible for submitting materials to the host club for The Southern Forester.
   4. To be responsible for maintaining an accumulative file of ASFC correspondence with their club.

C. Secretary:
   1. To keep the minutes of all meetings of the ASFC and to conduct all correspondence relative to the business of the ASFC.
   2. To submit an officer's report for the accumulative files upon completion of the ASFC Conclave.

D. Treasurer:
   1. To receive and have custody of all money paid to the ASFC.
   2. To keep a careful record of all receipts and expenditures.
   3. To prepare a financial report for publication in the annual issue of The Southern Forester.
   4. To be responsible for the collection of the dues.

E. Editor:
   1. To gather and edit all material for the annual publication, The Southern Forester.
   2. To see that the provisions of Section 2 of the By-laws are carried out.

Section 2. Publications

A. The title of the ASFC publication shall be The Southern Forester.

B. The Constitution shall be published annually in The Southern Forester.

C. The past host club shall publish the The Southern Forester within one month after the Annual Conclave, if possible.

D. Securing items for publication:
   1. The articles shall be edited by the member clubs and submitted to the host club.
   2. Articles to be printed in the current issue must be in the hands of the publishing editor not later than the time of the Annual Conclave.

E. Distribution.
   Each person registered for Conclave and the faculty advisors will receive one (1) copy of The Southern Forester.

F. Proceedings of each Annual Conclave, including minutes of the business meetings, will be published by the host club in The Southern Forester.

Section 3. Contests

A. Conclave competition will consist of the following standard contests: -

Technical	Physical
a. Dendrology	i. Men's Bow Sawing
b. Compass and Pacing	j. Log Rolling
c. Timber Estimation	k. Men's Cross-cut Sawing
d. DBH Estimation	l. Women's Cross-cut Sawing
e. Pole Classification	m. Jack and Jill Cross-cut Sawing
f. Wood Technology	n. Log Chopping
g. Photogrammetry	o. Pole Felling
h. Wildlife	p. Log Birling
	q. Archery
	r. Chain Throwing
	s. Axe Throwing
	t. Knife Throwing
	u. Pole Climbing
	v. Women's Bow Sawing

B. Scoring will be based on the number of schools participating in the Conclave. First place winners in physical events will be awarded a number of points equal to the total number of schools participating. Second place winners receive 1 less point than the total number of participating schools, and so on. Member clubs do not accrue points for events in which their contestant (s) is/are disqualified. First place winners in technical events will be awarded a number of points equal to the number of participating schools multiplied by 1.5. Second place winners will receive 1.5 points less that the total number of points awarded first place; third place winners will receive 3 points less than the total number of points awarded to first place winners, and so on, with each succeeding participant who satisfactorily completes the events receiving 1.5 or more points. Any ties for places 1-3 in each event must be broken by a runoff, as specified in the rules for each event. In the case of ties for places from 4th down, the tied contestants will equally share the points.

C. In addition to the standard events established in Section B, there may be a maximum of five (5) contests at the discretion of the host club provided that these contests be specified with rules and explanations at the preceding Annual Conclave. Requests for omission of any standard contests will be made at the preceding Annual Conclave, with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote necessary for approval.

Section 4. Policies governing Conclave participation.

A. A standard set of rules will be made and approved by the voting members of the ASFC.

B. A Head Judge and one or more additional Assistant Judges will be assigned to each event before competitions begin at a Thursday evening meeting of the faculty advisors. Head Judges for technical events will be the person who was responsible for setting up the contest, unless they are not in attendance. A member of the Protest Committee (see Section 6-B) will also be assigned to each event. Judges for the physical and technical events will be selected by the faculty advisors the first day of conclave.

C. Contestants must be an undergraduate enrolled in an ASFC eligible school (see Article III, Section A, 1-3) during the term of the conclave in which he/she will be competing. Only students presently enrolled in the school or department of forestry (or its equivalent) will be eligible to enter ASFC events. Schools without wildlife or other technical expertise within their forestry programs will be allowed to use those majors who are dues paying members of the Forestry Club. Each University must provide a list of competitors that has been certified (signed) by the Dean or Chair. The list should state that every listed competitor is eligible given the requirements stated in Section C above.

D. If a member of a Conclave delegation or spectators from any member club, intentionally or otherwise interfere with the progress of any event in the Conclave, that delegation shall forfeit the rights to score any points in that event.

Section 5. Admittance and withdraw from ASFC membership.

A. V.P.I. is hereby considered a member of the ASFC by vote taken on May 4, 1963.

B. Tennessee is hereby considered a member of the ASFC by unanimous vote taken on April 9, 1967.

C. The University of the South is hereby no longer considered a member of the ASFC after submission of a letter of resignation on April 12, 1969.

D. The University of Kentucky is hereby no longer considered a member of the ASFC by a vote taken on March 29, 1974.

E. Texas A & M is hereby considered a member of the ASFC by a vote taken on April 12, 1975.

F. Louisiana Tech is hereby considered a member of the ASFC by a vote taken on April 6, 1979.

G. West Virginia University is hereby considered a member of the ASFC by a vote taken on March 27, 1981.

H. West Virginia is no longer considered a member of the ASFC after submission of a letter of resignation on December 5, 1981.

I. Louisiana State University is no longer a member of the ASFC following submission of a letter of resignation on **???? ??, 2004.**

J. Alabama A&M is hereby considered a member of the ASFC by a vote taken on March 26, 2004.

K. University of Kentucky is hereby considered a member of the ASFC by a vote taken on March 10, 2006

Section 6. Adjustments to event rules.

A. A table of random numbers will be used to choose the order of teams participating in each event. This order will be sent to each participating school before the Conclave.

B. Contest protests must be filed in writing with a member of the Protest Committee (see below) within 15 minutes of the end of the contest. From an alphabetical list, those schools in odd-numbered positions (1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13) shall provide one member for the Protest Committee for the odd year Conclaves. Those schools in even-numbered positions (2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14) shall provide one staff member for the even year Conclaves. This alternate-year rotation system shall be continuous. Decisions rendered by the Protest Committee require a simple majority vote of the Protest Committee members present at the hearing. The decisions are final and are to be communicated to the involved parties as soon as possible.

C. Contestants in the log chopping event must wear the required feet and leg protection.

D. The host club must supply tentative lists for contests involving lists to member schools by November 1. Complaints or suggestions for revision must be mailed back to the host club by December 1. Final lists must be sent to all clubs by February 1, with no changes being made after this date.

E. The Sportsmanship Award will be voted on by the Conclave Vice-Presidents. A confidential ballot will be submitted within one hour after the last event to the host club. In case of a tie, the host club will place the deciding vote; otherwise, the host club will not vote. Clubs may not vote for themselves.

F. In case of a tie for the Ten Year Cup, the decision will be made by total number of points from the past ten years. The member club that retires the Ten Year Cup is responsible for obtaining the new overall Ten Year Cup and will bring it to the next Conclave.

G. The host school should come up with non-point events to be distributed by November to other schools for their approval or disapproval as to whether the events should be conducted.

H. Jack and Jill Cross-cut Sawing was officially designated one of the Standard Competitive Contests (a "point event") by unanimous mailed-in votes from the Member Clubs on April 1, 1992. This corrects an omission in that the status of the Jack and Jill Cross-cut Sawing event was never officially voted upon, although it was thought to be a "point event."

I. Guidelines for the Photogrammetry contest were developed by Clemson and distributed by Louisiana Tech. These guidelines were established as part of the rules for the Photogrammetry event by unanimous vote (mailed-in) from Member Clubs on April 1, 1992.

J. In the event of any display of unsportsmanlike behavior the contestant will automatically be disqualified with no points awarded for the event, with final determination made by the Protest Committee. Passed by unanimous vote on March 25, 1993, and becoming effective March 26, 1993.

Section 7. Conclave Judicial System

A. The Conclave Judicial System has two goals:

1. Protecting the environment of Conclave, and
2. Protecting the rights of individuals involved in the disciplinary process. The system strives to protect the Conclave environment against acts of violence, destruction, and vandalism, and to provide a quality competing and learning environment that is safe, secure, and conducive to Conclave pursuits. Therefore, on occasion, it may be necessary to remove individuals from the Conclave community when their behavior warrants such actions. Finally, the system seeks to protect the rights of individuals involved in the disciplinary process and promoting fair and just decisions.

B. Standards of Conduct. The Conclave Standards of Conduct are set forth in writing to give individuals and clubs notice of prohibited conduct. While participating in Conclave, individuals and advisors are representatives of their university and the natural resource professions represented, and, as such, are subject to oversight and the standards of conduct of their sponsoring university and the ideals of being a professional. Specifically:

1. Individuals away from their campus as university representatives are subject to disciplinary action by their university for breaches of conduct as defined in their university's student conduct code and/or organization constitution. All accompanying advisors are authorized to maintain good order and good representation while traveling to and from Conclave, as well as during Conclave. Upon return of individuals to their campus, disciplinary action of a penalizing nature may be instituted against individuals for misconduct during trips.
2. Professionals are expected to exhibit the highest standards of honesty and integrity. They have a direct and vital impact on the quality of life for all people. Accordingly, the services provided by professionals require honesty, impartiality, fairness, and equity. Professionals must perform under a standard of behavior that requires adherence to the highest principles of ethical conduct.
3. It is the responsibility of each club to be accountable for the collective and individual actions if its members. So, each club is responsible for maintaining order and professional conduct within their membership. Thus, it is expected that individual clubs will police themselves. Should individual club members, or entire clubs, fail to meet the expectations of professional conduct, disciplinary action of a penalizing nature may be instituted against them by the Judicial System. Unprofessional conduct by club members includes any behavior or action that breaks the rules of individual conduct put forward by the host university or that of Conclave, especially behavior that brings Conclave into public disrepute, contempt, or ridicule, or that reflects unfavorably upon the reputation and ethical standards of its host university.
4. Specific behaviors and actions that are prohibited during Conclave include, but are not limited to:
    a. Alcohol: Possession, use, or distribution of alcohol by a minor. Distribution of alcohol to a minor. Public intoxication.
    b. Illicit drugs: Possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs.
    c. Disorderly Conduct: Any behavior that disrupts the regular normal functions of the Conclave community, including behavior that breaches the peace or violates the rights of others.
    d. Lewd, Indecent, or Obscene Behavior: Although undefined here, it may include profanity, obscenity within chants, or public nudity.
    e. Weapons, Firearms, and Explosives: The unauthorized use or possession of fireworks, firearms, dangerous chemicals, explosive materials, dangerous devices capable of casting a projectile, or other lethal weapons are prohibited.
    f. Threats of Physical Abuse: The threat to endanger the health or safety of any person or group.
    g. Physical Abuse or Endangering Conduct: An act that imperils or jeopardizes the health or safety of any person or group.
    h. Responsibility for Guests of Students: Conclave participants are responsible for informing their guests of Conclave policies and they will be held accountable for the behavior of their guests.
    i. Violation of Local, State and/or Federal Laws: Violations are a concern to the university when such acts result in damage or disrepute to the institution, its property, its faculty and staff, or its students.
5. To ensure that the students, guests, and spectators participating in Conclave understand the Standards of Conduct the following actions will be completed:
    a. The standards of conduct must be discussed among students and club advisors in at least one meeting prior to the individuals signing the required statements of understanding that most schools require.
    b. Requiring Conclave participants to read the standards for conduct and to sign that they have read and understand them.
    c. The standards of conduct will be reinforced again at a meeting of all Conclave participants and their advisors once the clubs get to Conclave. This could be done on an individual club basis or at a group meeting of all clubs and their members.
    d. Providing the standards of conduct in the form of a "handout" to all guests entering the Conclave site. Or, alternatively, posting them at the entry ways where spectators will see

them.

e. Finally, self policing by individual clubs of their members will be initiated to prevent problems and to "immediately correct" those infractions that do occur.

C. Conclave Judicial Board Composition

The President or Vice President (or in their absence, one-delegated person) for five (5) of the participating clubs (selected prior to Conclave via random drawing) and the principal Faculty Advisors from all participating clubs will act as a Conclave Judicial Board to hear evidence and to decide if individuals or clubs have violated the Conclave Standards of Conduct. The principal Faculty Advisor of the host school will serve as the Hearing Officer. If actions are to be brought against an individual or club with officer representation on the Conclave Judicial Board, an alternate club will be selected to provide officer representation. The faculty advisor for the individual/club under investigation will excuse herself/himself as a judge in the proceedings.

D. Inherent Authority

1. The host University reserves the right to take necessary and appropriate action for on- and off-campus behaviors in order to protect the safety and well being of the Conclave community. Such action may include, but is not limited to, the immediate removal of an individual from the Conclave premises.
2. The rules and regulations described apply to all conduct on University owned, controlled, or operated property, and at all Conclave-sponsored locations and functions. Charges or conflicts resulting from violations of local, state, or federal law may not result in disciplinary action by the Conclave Judicial Board, but instead may be dealt with by the appropriate civil authorities.
3. Charges of individual misconduct must be brought to the attention of any club advisor or any representative of the host school, who must report it to the principal faculty advisor of the host school, as soon as possible (ASAP). A preliminary investigation by a representative of the host school, appointed by the host school's principal advisor, will be conducted to determine if judicial action is required or appropriate. If judicial action is deemed appropriate, the principal advisor of the host school will notify the individual(s) ASAP of all alleged violations.

E. Individual and Club Responsibilities and Rights

1. Responsibilities:
   a. The obligation to be fully acquainted with all published regulations and to comply with them in the interest of an orderly and productive Conclave community.
   b. The obligation of knowing that one's conduct reflects not only upon oneself, but also upon Conclave and its participants.
   c. The obligation to follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior commensurate with the aspirations implied by an educated person.
   d. The obligation to respect the rights and property of others.
2. Rights:
   a. The right to a Conclave environment characterized by safety, order, and mutual respect.
   b. The right to a fair hearing when disciplinary action is initiated against an individual or a club.
3. Judicial Rights: Any individual involved in potential disciplinary action is guaranteed certain rights to ensure fair and just decisions. A list of judicial rights is listed below:
   a. The right to the presumption of innocence unless guilt is established. Guilt is determined either by an admission of guilt by the accused or by the presentation of evidence to the Board, which establishes guilt by the preponderance of evidence.
   b. The right to be given written notice of the nature of the charge against him/her ASAP after:
      1) the alleged violation has occurred or,
      2) the individual and/or club has been identified as the alleged violator.
   c. The right to be notified of the time and place of the judicial hearing at least one (1) hour prior to the hearing to allow time to prepare her/his/their case.
   d. The right to be accompanied in a judicial hearing by one advocate. The advocate may either be another individual participating at Conclave, or her/his/their club advisor. The accused are responsible for ensuring that his/her/their advocate is available for the hearing.
   e. The right, upon request, to face one's accuser(s) at the hearing.
   f. The right not to answer any questions prior to the hearing.
   g. The right of access, upon request prior to the hearing, to all physical evidence (i.e., digital images, printed documents, etc.) to be presented at the hearing.
   h. The right to a fair hearing.

i. Neither the accused nor the Conclave Judicial Board will be represented by legal counsel.

j. No visitors are permitted. All persons present, excluding Conclave Judicial Board members and the hearing officer will be excused from the hearing for the deliberation.

k. The right to testify and present evidence and material witnesses. It is the responsibility of the accused to notify witnesses to testify on his/her/their behalf.

l. The right to refuse to answer questions. Refusal to answer will not be taken as an indication of guilt and must be noted without prejudice.

m. The right not to appear at the hearing. Non-attendance at a hearing will not be taken as an admission or indication of guilt and must be noted without prejudice. However, a ruling will be made in all cases brought before the Judicial Board, regardless of whether the person is in attendance.

n. The right to hear, question, and rebut adverse witnesses and to rebut unfavorable inference which might be drawn from adverse evidence.

o. The right to be judged solely on the evidence presented at the hearing and to an explanation of the reason(s) for the decision in the case within reasonable boundaries of confidentiality. Both the accuser and the accused will be informed of the outcome of any judicial hearing.

p. The right to appeal to the Dean/Director/Head of the academic unit hosting Conclave.

F. Disciplinary Sanctions for Violations of Codes of Conduct. Disciplinary sanctions within the Conclave Judicial System to which individuals or clubs will be subjected to include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. **Warning**: Oral or written notice that a specific behavior or a series of actions is unacceptable such that repetition would most likely result in more serious disciplinary action, such as probation, suspension, or expulsion. The individual or club may be officially warned by a Contest Judge, Club Faculty Advisor, or any official of the host school, that further unacceptable behavior will result in more serious action.
2. **Restitution**: Compensating the host University or other injured parties including faculty, staff, students, or visitors, for damaged, lost, or destroyed property, or personal injury. This action will be officially reported to the Dean/Director/Head of the student's or club's school.
3. **Suspension**: Loss of specifically designated privileges, which could include, but are not limited to: removal as a Conclave participant, which could include removal from some or all of the remaining, and/or future, Conclave activities. The individual or club is eligible to petition the Conclave Judicial Board for reinstatement. Written petitions must be filed with the Hearing Officer within 12 hours of notification of suspension. If the conduct of individuals within clubs is not self-policed, then actions may be taken against clubs to encourage self-policing. This may include suspension of a club for the actions of one or more of its members or guests. If needed, when Conclave is not convened, this process may be conducted via electronic communication. Due process will be followed. This action will be officially reported to the Dean/Director/Head of the student's or club's school.
4. **Expulsion**: When the behavior of an individual for club is totally unacceptable or is harmful to the well-being of Conclave and the host University, the individual or club will be expelled from the current, and/or future, Conclaves. The individual or club will be separated immediately from Conclave and must leave the Conclave site for a specified period of time, after which the individual or club is eligible to petition the Conclave Judicial Board for readmission. If the conduct of individuals within clubs is not self-policed, then actions may be taken against clubs to encourage self-policing. This may include expulsion of a club for the actions of one or more of its members or guests. If needed, when Conclave is not convened, this process may be conducted via electronic communication. Due process will be followed. This action will be officially reported to the Dean/Director/Head of the individual's or club's school.
5. **School notification**: For individuals/clubs convicted of sanctions 2 to 4, the university hosting Conclave will notify, in writing, the Dean/Director/Head of the individual's or club's school.

G. Interim Sanctions

1. Normally, no sanction will result from the filing of a complaint or from the initiation of disciplinary action. However, pending a hearing, or in extraordinary circumstances, the host University may implement provisional sanctions including, but not limited to, the suspension of an individual when and where the safety of persons or property or the ability of any other individuals to pursue Conclave goals would be placed in jeopardy by the continued presence of said individual. Such provisional suspension will not extend beyond 24 hours unless continued by the Conclave Judicial Board after the individual has been given the opportunity to show cause why the

suspension should be discontinued. All interim sanctions will be limited and will not be construed to be disciplinary.

H. Appeal Procedure An individual or club may appeal decisions of the Conclave Judicial Board to the Dean/Director/Head of the academic unit hosting Conclave.

1. Appeals based upon concrete, objective data are most likely to receive favorable consideration. Some examples include, but are not limited to, the following:
   a. Irregularities in due process, which may have influenced the outcome of the hearings;
   b. Demonstrated prejudice against the accused by any participating board members;
   c. Introduction of new evidence that was not available at the time of the original hearing;
   d. The sanction imposed did not fit the offense; or
   f. Any other reasons where a hearing may be construed as unfair.
2. The accused must submit a written statement of the reasons for appealing to the Dean/ Director/Head of the academic unit hosting Conclave. This statement must be submitted within 12 to 16 hours following receipt of the Conclave Judicial Board decision.
3. The Dean/Director/Head of the academic unit hosting Conclave may take the following actions:
   a. Decide that there are not sufficient reasons to grant an appeal and thus affirm the original action. In this instance, the original action will stand;
   b. Send the case back to the Conclave Judicial Board to reconsider a certain portion of its sanction;
   c. Decide that there is sufficient reason to grant an appeal hearing.
4. If an appeal is granted, the Dean/Director/Head of the academic unit hosting Conclave may:
   a. Limit the appeal to only such evidence that may relate to the seriousness of the sanction, or to any other controversial point cited in the appeal;
   b. Decide to have a completely new hearing, thereby nullifying any action taken in the original hearing;
   c. Summon to the appeal hearing at least one member of the Conclave Judicial Board that originally heard the case;
   d. Take action that will affirm, reverse, or modify the original action. Sanctions may not be increased within the appeal process.

Section 8. Conclave safety plan.

A. Everyone is concerned with injury to participants and to spectators when conducting Conclave events. Thus, security and medical professionals should be at the competition site during scheduled Conclave events to deal with problems

B. Because the risks involved can range from minimal to serious, the a risk management plan will be developed and will be followed to at all times. Copies of the plan are available from the university that last hosted Conclave.

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Risks Involved With the Association of Southern Forestry Club Conclave

Conclave is held every spring and is hosted by one of 13 schools in the Association of Southern Forestry Clubs (ASFC). In conclave, there are 14 physical events, which consist of archery, axe throwing, knife throwing, chain throwing, log birling, log chopping, log rolling, men's and women's bow sawing, men's and women's crosscut sawing, jack and jill crosscut sawing, pole climbing, and pole felling. Also, there are 8 technical events that consist of compass and pacing, DBH estimation, dendrology, photogrammetry, pole classification, timber estimation, wildlife identification, and wood technology. In the physical events, and some technical events, there are risks to the participants and to the spectators of the physical events. Technical events are "closed" to spectators.

Overall Risks

The risks involved can range from minimal to serious. Throughout the physical events some of the risks would be minor cuts, bruises, sprained ankles and broken bones from falls, and/or deep open cuts from using sharp saws and axes. The risk of injury in the technical events is generally lower. They could consist of scratches, bruises, sprains and broken bones from falls, and because some of the events occur in the woods, twigs in eyes, ticks and chiggers, and snake bites are possible. There is a chance a branch or even a tree might fall and hit someone while in the woods. Also, there is the chance of tripping and striking one's head on a tree or other hard object.

Risks by Event: **Physical Events**

Chain Throw (Involves a team of 2 setting out and retrieving a surveyor's chain over an established course of standard size)
Risks could be a contestant falling, minor cuts from the chain, and sprains or broken bones from falls.

Pole Fell (Involves an individual felling a standing pole 20 ft tall. Many poles are being felled over several heats, so contestants are spaced to minimize risk. Typically there are 3 judges watching and timing each contestant and spectators are kept at a safe distance)
Risks could be a contestant getting minor cuts or scratches. However, inattentive judges could be seriously injured by a falling pole.

Pole Climb (Involves a contestant climbing a 20 ft pole, as fast as possible, that has been shaved of its bark, dried for at least a week, and sanded to remove splinters)
Risks would be a contestant falling from the pole and the possibility of sprains or broken bones, to simple slivers and skin burns. Three students from the contestant's school hover under the person to break any falls. Injury could occur to the climber or those trying to break falls.

Log Birling (Involves 2 contestants trying to knock each other off a floating log by controlling log spin to upset the other's balance; physical contact between contestants is not permitted)
Risk would be a contestant getting bumps, bruises, or small open wounds. Cuts to feet might occur if broken glass or sharp metal is present on the lake bottom.

Bow Sawing (Men's and Women's) (An individual cuts through a standard cant, as fast as possible, using a bow saw)
Risk would be contestants seriously cutting themselves on the leg by the sharp teeth of the saw as it drops at the end of the cut, or receiving minor cuts. Additionally, if the blade begins to serpentine within the cant and the cutter is inexperienced, considerable effort is needed to complete the cut and could lead to exhaustion and muscle pulls.

Crosscut Sawing (Men's, Women's, and Jack and Jill) (A Two-person team cuts, as fast as possible, through a standard cant using a cross-cut saw)
Risk would be contestants seriously cutting themselves on the leg by the sharp teeth of the saw as it drops at the end of the cut, or receiving minor cuts. This has happened in recent conclaves and an emergency room visit was needed to stitch-up the wound.

Archery (Contestants shoot 6 arrows into targets at distances of 20, 40 and 60 yards, in two heats of 6-7 contestants each)
Risk would be a contestant misfiring and causing injury to another contestant, judge, or a spectator.

Axe/Knife Throwing (Contestants throw a knife/ax at a target painted on the cross-section of a softwood tree from a distance of at least15 feet)
Risk would be a contestant cutting himself/herself with a sharp edge or the knife/axe ricocheting off the target stand and striking a spectator. We have had instances of cuts to the head during the axe throw when the contestant was using an overhead throw. An emergency room visit was needed to stitch-up the wound.

Log Chopping (Involves a contestant standing on and chopping through a standard cant that has been fastened to a base, as fast as possible. Metal shoe protectors and shin guards are required. Seven cants are being chopped simultaneously in two heats, so contestants are spaced to minimize risk. Typically there are 3 judges watching and timing each contestant)

Risk would be a contestant receiving minor cuts or deep open wounds, especially to their feet or ankles. Additionally, the axe could fly out of a contestant's hands, injuring a judge or spectator. For this reason, spectators are kept a considerable distance from the event, and judges place themselves in locations where they are less likely to be hit by a flying axe.

Log Rolling (A 2-member team uses peavies to manipulate a large heavy log down a constrained course, as fast as possible)

Risk would be a contestant receiving cuts, bruises, or smashed fingers/toes.

Risks by event: **Technical Events**

Photogammetry (This is an indoor event where individual contestants use photogrammetry equipment and technical knowledge to answer written questions)

There are no obvious risks, except eye strain if lighting is poor.

Wildlife Identification (This is an indoor event where 2-member teams identify wildlife specimens and their host plants.)

There are no obvious risks. In rare situations, allergic reactions to the preservatives used in specimens might occur.

Dendrology (This is an in-forest event where contestants identify marked trees to species)

Risk would be a contestant receiving small cuts and scratches, or falling down and spraining a wrist or ankle, or breaking a bone, or falling branches or trees. Wasp stings, ticks and chiggers, twigs in eyes, and snake bites are possible.

DBH Estimation (This is an in-forest event where contestants "eyeball" the diameter of marked trees)

Risk would be a contestant receiving small cuts and scratches, or falling down and spraining a wrist or ankle, or breaking a bone, or falling branches or trees. Wasp stings, ticks and chiggers, twigs in eyes, and snake bites are possible.

Compass and Pacing (This is an in-field event where contestants traverse an established course using predetermined instructions)

Risk would be a contestant receiving small cuts and scratches, or falling down and spraining a wrist or ankle, or breaking a bone. Wasp stings, ticks and chiggers, twigs in eyes, and snake bites are possible.

Pole Classification (This is an in-forest event where contestants assess marked trees to fit specific standards)

Risk would be a contestant receiving small cuts and scratches, or falling down and spraining a wrist or ankle, or breaking a bone, or falling branches or trees. Wasp stings, ticks and chiggers, twigs in eyes, and snake bites are possible.

Timber Estimation (This is an in-forest event where contestants assess the volume or weight of trees in a predetermined area)

Risk would be a contestant receiving small cuts and scratches, or falling down and spraining a wrist or ankle, or breaking a bone, or falling branches or trees. Wasp stings, ticks and chiggers, twigs in eyes, and snake bites are possible.

Wood Technology (This is an indoor event where individual contestants identify blocks of wood to species)

Risk would be a contestant receiving small cuts and scratches from using a pocketknife to cut wood samples. Eye strain might occur if lighting is poor.

Precautions Taken

During the events, participants have the option of using any safety equipment (PPE) they have brought with them. Rules for individual events have been examined in order to modify safety requirements relative to the above mentioned risks.

Mandatory safety equipment is discussed under each event. For all of the physical events, there will be certified paramedics present to tend to any minor or major injuries. First Aid kits will be provided to the technical event judges for the minor injuries that might occur. First Aid kits will also be provided in all vans used to transport participants. Phones will be provided to head judges for technical events if they need help from paramedics. Precautions will be taken to ensure the safety of spectators. These include roping off designated areas at a distance to where injury to spectators watching contests is almost impossible. Also, maps to the nearest hospital will be provided to each school upon check-in to the event, and they will be posted in heavily used areas in case students are injured at times when paramedics are not available. Emergency phone numbers will be attached to these maps. Because there has been considerable van-based travel to and from events for participants at some conclaves, trained drivers and sufficient well-maintained vans will be provided. Additionally, because a branch or tree might fall and hit someone while in the woods, or tripping and striking one's head on tree might occur, hard-hats must be worn during all forest-based technical events. Finally, to reduce the chance of snake bites, and sprains and breaks, good quality high-top boots should be worn during all forest-based technical events.