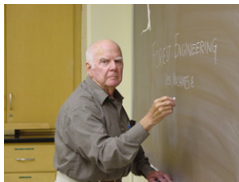


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Tom 'Doc' Walbridge Scholarship!!!

YES!!!

We have completed the named scholarship for 'Doc'.



Thanks to all who contributed, as you can imagine, Doc is of course really happy! Note: the 'Doc' scholarship webpage can be accessed from our IFO webpage. In honor of this newly named scholarship, we will hold a small celebration at the end of our upcoming IFO coop meeting.

IFO Coop Meeting...

will be on Friday the 23rd of September, from 10am until 3pm. Last year we had a great turnout and we hope for a repeat this year. For all you 'Hokie' fans out there, the next day VT plays Georgia Tech, which is also our college's homecoming game. This guarantees that Dr. Tom Gallagher from Auburn will attend! A schedule for the coop meeting is attached.

SAHLI taught at VT

Bob Shaffer secured the contract to teach the SAHLI (Sales and Harvesting Layout Institute) this year. It brought 30 Forest Service employees to VT for a period of three weeks in June. Road layout and construction,

cable and helicopter logging as well as their harvesting planning project were all taught here. Auburn University (Tom Gallagher et al.) collaborated and taught the first two weeks.

Graduating IFO students back in demand!

After a few tough years, nearly all IFO seniors went into their final exams with good job offers. Demand was strong from various Appalachian hardwood companies, picking up four graduates, two starting work with powerline maintenance companies, one in finance and one with Weyerhaeuser in NC. The Virginia Department of Forestry also continues to recruit aggressively and this is providing more opportunities for all.

Sarah Ashton in Austria for the Summer

Sarah Ashton is a Masters student co-advised by Dr. Bruce Hull and myself. She has been working on developing workshop materials to promote improved management of small forests. She has taken the opportunity to spend two months with colleagues in Vienna, Austria, where many forest landowners have their harvesting managed by cooperatives. Sarah's research work will now focus on the opportunities for

forestry co-operatives here in the US.

IFO Graduates find Employment

Mary Yonce defended her thesis successfully back in February and started work with the Forest Service in Georgia. She has a management trainee position which will provide her with great opportunities for the future. Christine Hodges, who worked on the harvesting in the SMZ project, also started work in January. She is coordinating the 4H extension program from her home town of Covington, Va.

New grad student

Joe Currie will join us this Fall semester to work on his Masters in Forestry. Joe graduated from the University of the South Sewanee in '98. He is currently working with a logging crew in Tennessee.

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