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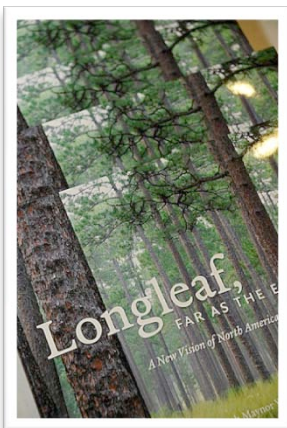
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A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program



Rhett Johnson (center) talks with Dr. Bernie Dunlap (left) and Dr. George Tyson '72 (right) during the reception.

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Cover of Rhett Johnson's book. Order your copy today from the Hub City Bookshop.

First Annual Tyson Family Lecture

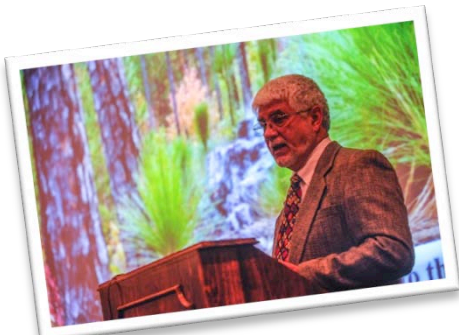
Longleaf in the Long Run: Restoring the South's Richest Forest was the topic on Thursday evening in Olin Teaching Theater with guest speaker Rhett Johnson, founder and president emeritus of The Longleaf Alliance.

Johnson and a colleague founded the alliance in 1995 and it is recognized widely as the premiere organization dedicated to the conservation and restoration of longleaf pine ecosystems across the entire range of the species. Working with an array of public and private partners, the alliance has led to resurgence of interest in longleaf ecosystems and championed both the ecological and economic values of longleaf forests.

This event was the first of what will become an annual lectureship, the Tyson Family Lecture on Restoring & Preserving Southern Ecosystems. The lectureship,

established by Dr. George Tyson '72, Duke '77, will be devoted to issues related to the preservation, restoration and sustainability of Southern ecosystems. The speakers will reflect the entire range of the multi-disciplinary approach of environmental studies and may include individuals from academia, business, industry, government, the arts or the non-profit sector. These events are free and open to the public.

A unique aspect of the lectureship is an accompanying field experience led by each year's lecturer. This year, Johnson led a group at the Tyson property on the Little Pee Dee River, where restoration to the longleaf pine ecosystem is underway. Participants explored and learned about longleaf in various stages of development and were particularly impressed by the biodiversity in the grassy understory.



Rhett Johnson speaks to the Wofford community on the conservation and restoration of the longleaf pine ecosystems.

Check out the blog by one of our *Thinking Like A River* symposium panelists, Susan Fox Rogers: <http://susanfoxrogers.com/>.



Upcoming Events and Opportunities

November 8th

Fall For Reading – Sebastian Junger: This award-winning journalist and best-selling author will be at the Spartanburg County Library Headquarters, Barrett Room, 7:00-8:00pm. His books include *"A Death in Belmont," "Fire"* and *"The Perfect Storm,"* which became a major motion picture from Warner Bros. He also spent over a year with a platoon in the deadliest valley in Afghanistan reporting on the war from the soldier's perspective. This experience resulted in his most recent book *"War"* and also the documentary *"Restrepo"* which Junger directed.

November 12th

Fierce Green Fire Meeting: 8:30pm in BSA 1.

November 21st -23rd

Happy Thanksgiving!

December 3rd

Book Signing: Helen Correll author of *"Middlewood Journal"* will be at the Spartanburg County Library Headquarters, 6:00pm.

Ongoing

Summer 2013 Intern Program: Applications for The Savannah River Remediation (SRR) Intern Program at the Savannah River Site (SRS) are being accepted beginning November 1st. To qualify for a summer internship with SRR, the student must be a US citizen, enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited four-year university and have a current GPA of 2.5 or higher. See Dr. Savage for information on submitting an application. Selected applicants will be contacted by March 31, 2013.



Andrea Kelsey and Mell Angelo compare longleaf and loblolly pine cones at the Tyson property in Little Rock, South Carolina

Johnson talks about the longleaf pine during the field trip to the Tyson property.



PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

University of Maine – School of Policy and International Affairs

The University of Maine has launched a new National Science Foundation (NSF) sponsored Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT) – the first of its kind to focus explicitly on adaptation to abrupt climate change.

UM's School of Policy and International Affairs (SPIA) offers an MA in Global Policy in a joint effort with the University's Climate Change Institute (CCI), which "is an interdisciplinary research unit organized to conduct research and graduate education focused on variability of Earth's climate,

ecosystems, and other environmental systems and on the interaction between humans and the natural world."

The new program, Adaptation to Abrupt Climate Change, is funded by a five-year \$3 million award from NSF to support 24 Ph.D. students in Earth sciences, ecology, economics, anthropology and archaeology.

To learn more about the program visit, <http://a2c2igert.umaine.edu/>.