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A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program

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photo by John Lane

Please join us at the Goodall Center this Wednesday, February 20 to dedicate the Shack, inspired by Aldo Leopold and built by senior Environmental Studies majors Rob Richardson, Rob Kennedy, and Steven Bearden.

Paying attention

Join Mallery Pindar '15 for his 2013 Interim independent study presentation

“The Costs & Benefits of Prescribed Burning in the South Georgia Pine Forests of Too Hollie Farm”

Thursday, February 28th
6:00pm ~ McMillan Theater
Campus Life Building



As a tribute to Aldo Leopold, the Shack in the garden at the Goodall Center reminds us to pay attention to the details of nature and its wondrous interconnections, and to value even what may seem at first to be a detriment. From Leopold's *A Sand County Almanac* (1949, Oxford University Press) –

“A flock of a dozen chickadees spends the year in my woods. In winter, when we are harvesting diseased or dead trees for our fuel wood, the ring of the axe is dinner gong for the chickadee tribe. They hang in the offing waiting for the tree to fall, offering pert commentary on the slowness of our labor. When the tree at last is down and the wedges begin to open up its contents, the chickadees draw up their white napkins and fall to. Every slab of dead bark is, to them, a treasury of eggs, larvae, and cocoons. For them every ant-tunneled heartwood bulges with milk and honey. We often stand a fresh split against a near-by tree just to see the greedy chicks mop up the ant-

eggs. It lightens our labor to know that they, as well as we, derive aid and comfort from the fragrant riches of newly split oak. But for diseases and insect pests, there would likely be no food in these trees, and hence no chickadees to add cheer to my woods in winter.”

It is right, then, for the shack to be used as part of our Environmental Studies outreach program. If we can foster the mindset of being truly present and paying attention, among children and for ourselves, we will better understand and appreciate the special places around us, and the sometimes surprising roles of each member of our communities. The hard work of the students who built the shack will provide an environment of reflection, observation and learning for years to come.

The shack dedication this Wednesday will be followed with a screening of *“Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our Time”* starting at 6:30pm.



Upcoming Events and Opportunities

- February 19th **Writer, Naturalist, and Environmental Activist Janisse Ray to Speak:** SC Native Plant Society is sponsoring “*How Clearcut Does It Have To Be?*” A discussion about the disappearance of the South’s longleaf pine forests starts at 7:00pm in the J. Verne Smith Technical Resource Center Auditorium on Greenville Tech Main Campus.
- February 20th **Dedication of the Shack & “Green Fire” Film Screening:** Come out to the Goodall Center at 5:00pm for the dedication ceremony of the new “shack” in the Goodall Garden. Reception to follow with the screening of “*Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our Time*” starting at 6:30pm. This film explores the life and legacy of famed conservationist Aldo Leopold and the many ways his land ethic philosophy lives on today. *Film is 73 minutes.*
- February 25th **Deadline for Abstract Submission:** “*Health Challenges: Raising the Bar*” is the topic for the 2013 Annual South Carolina Academy of Science meeting that will be held April 13th at Benedict College, Columbia. If you would like to submit an abstract/poster, see Dr. Savage.
- February 25th **Deadline for Submission:** 9th Annual SC Upstate Research Symposium, 8:00am-4:30pm. Dr. Terry Ferrell, Professor of Biology, Stetson University is the keynote speaker on April 19th at Milliken Co. If you are interested in submitting a paper, see Dr. Savage for guidelines.
- February 25th **Fierce Green Fire Meeting:** Next meeting in BSA 1 at 8:30pm.
- Late February **Sierra Club Essay Contest:** *What does wilderness mean to the millennial generation? Does the idea of wilderness have any relevance for twenty-first century environmentalists? Is there still a case to be made for wilderness? If so, how can we make that case?* Essays should be no more than 1000 words. Contest will open in late February. Stay tuned for instructions on submitting an essay.
- March 1st **Deadline for Applications:** 2nd Annual Food, Farm, and Sustainability Institute held at Hampshire College. The six-week summer academic program (*June 3rd – July 12th*) is for undergraduate students interested in sustainable agriculture and food studies. See Dr. Savage if you are interested in applying.
- 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. See Dr. Savage for information on submitting an application. Selected applicants will be contacted by March 31, 2013.

PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

Appalachian State University – MBA in Sustainable Business

The Walker College of Business at Appalachian State University has an enrollment of 100 graduate students and was included in the *Princeton Review’s 2012 edition of Best Business Schools*.

An MBA is offered in a compressed time frame allowing the student to complete the program in one year from their start date by going full time year round and taking summer classes and/or participating in an internship. A rolling admissions plan is also offered so students can start the program in the fall, spring or summer. Off-Campus students

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