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A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program



(L to R): Steven Bearden, Rob Kennedy, and Rob Richardson cut the ribbon on the Shack.

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**Congratulations to Professor Lane on his Clean Water Champion Award from Upstate Forever!**



**During his address at the dedication ceremony, Dr. Drew Lanham donates an otter pelt to display in the Shack.**

## *The Aldo Leopold Educational Outreach Shack*

On Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> the environmental studies program and the Goodall Environmental Studies Center launched "The Aldo," the Aldo Leopold Outreach Shack. 75 people gathered in the garden.

The shack was researched, planned, designed, and sited by Rob Kennedy, Rob Richardson, and Steven Bearden as their capstone project then built as an independent interim during January. Clemson's wildlife professor Dr. Drew Lanham spoke at the dedication and talked about the living legacy of Aldo Leopold as it related to the very spot we stood.

Chili and cornbread was served later and many stayed to see "Green Fire," a film about Leopold's life. The shack will serve as an outreach space for *Thinking Like a River* and the *Three Sisters Garden Projects* as we will fill it with skulls, skins, beaver

sticks, and feathers. Leopold biographer Curt Meine sent the following to be read at the dedication:

"Maybe I need to write an essay on how universities can spend tens of millions of dollars on shiny new buildings for biotech or business or basketball or whatever... but the most radical and transformative building one can build on a college campus is a coop of recycled wood with no electricity...."



**Professor John Lane speaks to the crowd gathered for the dedication ceremony.**



## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

- February 25<sup>th</sup> **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 13<sup>th</sup> at Benedict College, Columbia. If you would like to submit an abstract/poster, see Dr. Savage.
- February 25<sup>th</sup> **Deadline for Submission:** 9<sup>th</sup> Annual SC Upstate Research Symposium, 8:00am-4:30pm. Dr. Terry Ferrell, Professor of Biology, Stetson University is the keynote speaker on April 19<sup>th</sup> at Milliken Co. If you are interested in submitting a paper, see Dr. Savage for guidelines.
- February 25<sup>th</sup> **Fierce Green Fire Meeting:** Next meeting in BSA 1 at 8:30pm.
- February 28<sup>th</sup> **Join Mallery Pindar ’15 for:** *The Costs & Benefits of Prescribed Burning in the South Georgia Pine Forests of Too Hollie Farm*, 6:00pm in McMillan Theater.
- 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 1<sup>st</sup> **Deadline for Applications:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Food, Farm, and Sustainability Institute held at Hampshire College. The six-week summer academic program (*June 3<sup>rd</sup> – July 12<sup>th</sup>*) is for undergraduate students interested in sustainable agriculture and food studies. See Dr. Savage if you are interested in applying.
- March 5<sup>th</sup> **Deadline for Application to Summer Program at Columbia University:** “*The History of Climate Change and the Future of Global Governance*” - May-August 2013. *The Hertog Global Strategy Initiative (HGSI)* is a research program that explores how the world community has responded to planetary threats to derive lessons that will help us take on the challenges of the present and the future. See Dr. Savage if you are interested in applying.
- March 15<sup>th</sup> **Applications Due for Research Experiences for Undergraduates in Ecology:** NSF funded 10-week summer program at Southern Illinois University, a distinctive physiogeographic region where prairie, forest, wetland, floodplain, and river systems converge, starts May 28. Up to 10 undergraduate students will be chosen and will receive a \$5000 stipend. If you are interested in this program, see Dr. Savage.
- 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 1<sup>st</sup>. See Dr. Savage for information on submitting an application. Selected applicants will be contacted by March 31, 2013.

## PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

### *CalPoly – Natural Resource Management & Environmental Science*

The MS Forestry Sciences program is wide-ranging, offering focus areas in Ecosystem management in the oak woodland, chaparral and sierran forest types, economics and valuation in the urban interface forest, watershed hydrology, fire ecology, and urban and community forestry. It will prepare graduate students for further study in forest science, perhaps leading to a PhD at another institution.

The MS in Agriculture, with a specialization in Soil Science, is offered through the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences. It provides graduate level knowledge and skills for interpretation and

management, for teaching, or for continuation into a PhD program.

As a prerequisite, students must have a BS degree in soil science, geoscience, or physical or biological sciences, or a BA degree with proficiency in the basic sciences (chemistry, physics, biology, and statistics).

Students have access to several thousand acres of agricultural, forest, and range lands. Upon graduation, students will also meet educational requirements for professional certification. For more information visit [http://www.nres.calpoly.edu/degrees\\_m.ldml](http://www.nres.calpoly.edu/degrees_m.ldml).