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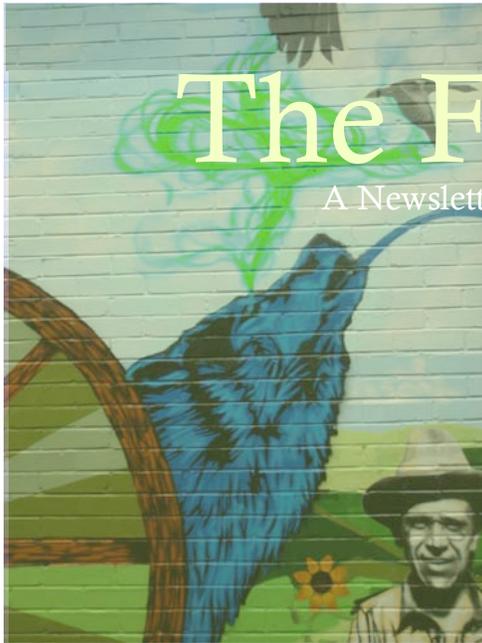
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A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program



L to R: Professor Lane, Joey Francis, Jessica Jones, Hayley Lawrence, Jerry Wolfe, Jan Patton, and Rev. Robinson



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Into the Cherokee Mountains



Jan Patton photographed an elk through Dr. Savage's binoculars.



Students from ENVS 450 gather at the Devil's Courthouse sign for a blustery group photo.

Last Friday afternoon some ENVS students and faculty drove into the NC mountains and sat with a Cherokee elder named Jerry Wolfe and heard stories. He told us how he made stickball sticks that are now in the Smithsonian (select young hickory, cut close to ground, anoint cut stump with tobacco and leaves from nearby, say ancient prayer for tree's sacrifice, cut green into 1" strips with Skil Saw back at shop).

In Cherokee we toured the museum, saw solar lighting in the community parking lots and heard the sounds of drums in the distance. At dusk we saw elk in a Smoky Mt. field and listened to retired park wildlife biologist Kim DeLozier tell us wildlife stories, including some about the reintroduction of the impressive animals to the area. We will always remember Wolfe's stories about the possum's (once) beautiful tail, how the chipmunk got its stripes, and DeLozier's stories of the mythic

travels of Bear 75.

The next morning we sat in professor Lane's Tower (his writing retreat near Cullowhee) with rain pouring outside. The students talked with poet friend Thomas Crowe about his book describing his life in the mountain woods alone for four years, and his thoughts about the future of the planet.

The ENVS 450 trip also featured tamales and burritos at Guadalupe's, professor Lane sparring with a rude gas attendant, negotiating the composting toilet at the Tower, eating Cake Head biscuits for breakfast, a visit to Judiculla Rock, and a drive on the Blue Ridge Parkway (in the fog) to see Devil's Courthouse. It all was, as the students put it, simply "clutch."

Field trips are an important part of the Wofford ENVS experience. This was a good one. As one of our patron saints Henry David famously said, "Contact! Contact!"

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

- April 24th** *ENVS Advisory Hour*: 12:00pm-1:00pm in the Pavilion with Dr. Savage. Bring your own lunch and join the discussion! Come with whatever is on your mind about environmental studies.
- April 24th** *ENVS Capstone Presentations*: 2:30pm-4:30pm, Gray-Jones room, Burwell. Join us as ENVS seniors present their capstone projects. Light refreshments served during the poster session.
- April 26th** *Discover Your Water Shed*: Lake Cooley Pavilion, 10:00am-3:00pm. Local organization will have informational tables set up including *Thinking Like A River Initiative* and Upstate Forever's *Prescription Drug Take Back Program* (this is a free/safe way to dispose of old or unused medication). Free paddling/kayaking available!
- April 28th** *Deadline to Apply for Summer Position*: GlobalBike and TEACH are partnering to create a recycling program in Tanzania. 2 summer interns are needed to start the program. Contact Rebecca Parker (parkerrm@wofford.edu) in The Space to submit cover letter and resume.
- April 28th** *Fierce Green Fire Meeting*: Next meeting in BSA 1 at 8:30pm.
- April 30th** *Deadline to Apply for University of Arizona's Biosphere 2*: 10-week Summer Research Institute program (June 9-Aug 13) Cost: \$4495.00; Students will receive 6 credits of upper-division directed research from UA and are housed on the Biosphere 2 campus. For more information and to apply visit: <http://b2science.org/outreach/sri>
- April & May** *Summer Research Assistant Opportunity for Juniors & Seniors*: 10-week program (June 2-Aug 8) in the study of coastal dune dynamics at Anheuser-Busch Coastal Research Center at Virginia Coast Reserve. \$4500 stipend + housing (responsible for food & travel to/from field station). Applications accepted on rolling basis. Send cover letter, resume/CV, transcript, and statement of research & career interest to theojax@live.unc.edu.
- May 9th** *Deadline to apply to be a Bartram Fellow with Fall Line South Field Institute*: Visit <http://www.falllinesouth.org/> to learn more about this summer opportunity. Camp dates are June 6-15. College-aged leaders need to interact with high school-aged students and assist camp instructors in an outdoor environment.

PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

University of Georgia – College of Environment and Design

The University of Georgia's College of Environment and Design (CED) is one of the many areas of study that the school offers to graduate students who are interested in sustainability and the environment. There are three master's degrees in Landscape Architecture (MLA), Environmental Planning & Design (MEPD), and Historic Preservation (MHP).

The College of Environment and Design is ranked #1 in the nation for landscape architecture sustainable design practices and principles by *Design*

Intelligence magazine.

In recent years, the CED has added a professional degree enhancement to its curriculum for the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) accreditation, which is a highly regarded credential for graduates looking to be hired.

UGA's College of Environment and Design is one of the oldest programs of its kind in the nation. Visit www.ced.uga.edu/ for more information on the program.