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The Forestry Club of 1995 and 1996, was filled with many exciting times. The first step on the ladder of non-stop excitement, was the welcome picnic. Many people attended the festivities, and enjoyed the fellowship. As the year went on, so did the Forestry Club. Eight forestry students and one staff member traveled to Illinois, for the 44th Annual Forestry Conclave. Once there, the students began to compete in many forestry related events. Everyone gave 100% of themselves, and had a great time in the fellowship with other colleges and universities.

Activities which included trees were the Forestry Club's major emphasis. The first of these activities was the planting of conifer seedlings for VEISHEA, Earth Day, and Arbor Day. The seedlings were planted in late October, 1995, and grew to be approximately four to six inches high. Towards the end of November 1995, the forestry club had a campfire out at the Christmas tree plantation. Forestry students ate smores and told stories as the fire slowly faded away into the night. The plantation Yeti made a quick appearance, and then fled to the safety of the trees. December rolled around, and the chilly winds blew down the backs of everyone, the scent of Christmas was in the air. When Christmas is near, then we know it is time for the annual Christmas tree sales. This year, the Forestry Club made a handsome profit from the plantation and from the trees the club bought and resold.

When baby new year blew its horn, and the 1996 semester fell upon us, the club climbed up onto the second step of the ladder of non-stop excitement. The Wild Game Banquet was directed by Mr. Monte Pope. The turnout of students, faculty, and staff was equally as large as the task of organizing the event. As an overall rating of the banquet, I would have to give Monte two thumbs up! April and May was a time for new things. The emergence of beautiful flowers, arrival of birds, and buds breaking for the new season. During this time, most of the seedlings were given away at VEISHEA, Arbor Day, and Earth Day. This is the year in review, and I am sure that the years to come will be filled with many new memories. I would like to thank my officers: Rob Rubsam, Joel Skelley, Loran Ramsey, and all others who helped in organizing and direction. Because without you, I would not have been able to lead the Forestry Club into a successful year!