

THE ALUMNI

From 1910 to the present, Forestry Alumni have been strongly supportive of the School and its programs. During the early years graduate Fernhoppers were responsive to the needs of the School on an individual or ad-hoc basis as such needs arose. Although help continues to be provided in this way, much of the aid to the School in latter years has been channeled through the Forestry Alumni Association established in 1947. The Association with its nine-member board of directors, has assisted the School in many ways. Some of its activities have included: legislative contacts and political support, higher education bonding, push for construction of Peavy Hall, student recruitment and placement, curricular program review, financial support through personal and organizational scholarships, grants and gifts, cooperators in research, continuing education and extension, service on advisory committees, key contact School-Alumni communications, Dean's meetings, recognition awards, newsletter content, funding and production and contribution to Fernhopper Day programs.

Through the years, the annual Fernhopper Day and the Fernhopper Banquet have provided the opportunity for alumni, faculty and students to meet, compare notes, visit and participate in the Day's program. The first Banquet, listed as the Forestry Club Banquet, was held in the Benton Hotel on January 25, 1928, replete with harmonica solos by Hector Richmond, songs by George Schoreder and a clog dance by Vondis Miller. In attendance were 134 men and one woman. The largest attendance at a Banquet was in 1941 when over 700 Fernhoppers were seated. During World War II years of 1942 through 1946, no Banquets were held. In 1947 the tradition was resumed and for two years the affair was held in the Corvallis Elks Temple. In 1949 the Memorial Union Ballroom was again the locale of the annual Fernhopper Banquet where it has been held to the present time.