

SAF Meeting – January 26th, 2004

Memorial Grove Committee

- Meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 28th at 11:45 in Moon Library
 - Discuss a management plan for grove
 - Need to order seedlings to replant
 - Arrange for the maintenance people to mow this summer
 - Consider herbicide application to reduce competition from surrounding vegetation
 - Selling tree seedlings to raise funds

Craig Vollmer – Guest Speaker

- He is from Brooks Forestry & Resource Management as a consulting forester.
- Craig went into detail on how he obtained his jobs and how being involved in SAF brought him good contacts with employers.
- Here are some tips he gave on being a forester:
 - You need to be a good time manager
 - You need to be a businessman, salesman, and manager
 - You also need to be a scientist and technician
 - You need to have a thick skin – meaning you will be dealing with people and frustration and you need to be able to handle that and not let it get in the way of your work.
 - Be open to criticism
 - Deal with greedy landowners – know when to walk away from a job if they only want to high-grade
 - Form relationships with landowners
- He also gave tips on job seeking:
 - Pay attention to details (grammar of cover letter, resume)
 - Let someone read your resume/cover letter (use the Writing Center in Moon or Tom Slocum in 110 Bray)
 - Do research on the company if you can
 - Research yourself (know your strengths and weaknesses – they ask a lot of personal questions at interviews)
 - Don't be afraid to admit your weaknesses
 - Don't blow off interviews. If you miss one, call and explain yourself and ask to reschedule.
 - Men should wear *AT LEAST* a shirt and tie! Don't go to one in your "school clothes". Ladies should wear something business-like. LOOK PROFESSIONAL.
 - Send a quick thank you letter to who interviewed you
 - Stay in touch with them. If you are still interested in the company, resend a new, updated resume to them 2 years later.
 - Don't be afraid to take a temporary job – it has the potential to lead to a full-time one.
 - Go to second interviews
 - Don't get hung up on money right out of college. Realize that you just know the BASICS of you degree, and do not take a lot of experience with you so don't expect to make a lot right off the bat.