

Forestry students plant seedlings to revive flooded land

By BECKY JOHNSON

On Friday, February 13, 2004, forestry students and instructors at Wayne Community College drove to Mar Mac to plant 31 acres of trees on land acquired after the floods of 1999.

Jim Slye, forestry instructor since 1998, contacted the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), to ask if the land could be used as labs for students in the Forest Management Technology Program.

FEMA agreed to sign a contract giving use of the land to the college for 99 years.

The project to replant the former flood lands started with \$120 from college funds to buy the tree seedlings that would result in 1 acre of mixed hard wood, 5 acres of long leaf and the rest in loblolly pines.

The trees were only \$40 for every 1000, so the rest of the money was spent on a contractor to complete the project.

In addition to planting 26 of the 31 acres students will maintain the land keeping it in good condition.

Forestry students are required to take 3 summer courses, some of which will send them to Mar Mac again to apply herbicides.

Slye said, "This project is rewarding because it gives the students experience and it revives dead land."

He said what was once flood land now has a better chance of surviving the next hurricane because the water will have some place else to go.

Slye said when the planted area becomes too crowded with in the next 5 years, students will undertake a thinning project that could yield a profit for the college.



Forestry student John Whitfield, left, listens as instructor David Sturgill points out viability of a seedling before Whitfield plants it. PHOTO: VOICE STAFF

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Adult High School plans first prom

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Crystal Cogdell, 38 years old, has overcome many personal trials, and after 10 years of striving to get her high school diploma, she is about to achieve her goal.

Support from her husband and family motivated her to keep trying, and she is now preparing to graduate from the Adult Education Program.

In an effort to show her appreciation, she inspired the Adult Education Program to sponsor the first Graduation Prom for the classes of 2004 and 2005.

The prom for the Junior and Senior classes will be held on May 1st at the Herman Park Center in Goldsboro from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

The price of admission for the festivities is \$20.00 per student.

So far, 35 students and their dates are scheduled to attend.

Entertainment will include music from deejay L.J. Manning from Mt. Olive. Cogdell and a classmate will perform a song selection.

Cogdell will also perform a dance with her 2 daughters.

Contests will include a Gown and Tuxedo contest. Winners will receive \$25 each.

A dance contest will award winners \$25 each.

Fellow classmates will crown a Prom King and Queen, who will each receive \$25 in prize money.

The male and female voted Most Likely to Succeed will receive gift bags full of Avon toiletries.

For more information contact Penny Nelson at 735-5151 ext. 717.

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