

# MSU Student Forestry Group Again Tops Among Peers

Mississippi State's student chapter of the Society of American Foresters (SAF) continues to be among the top organizations of its kind in the nation.

The 39-member university organization placed first in the 2005 SAF Student Chapter Web site competition and now is ranked second overall in the outstanding student chapter rankings.

The group has finished atop the overall chapter rankings for the past seven years, capturing first place in 1996-97, 2000-01 and 2003-04; second place in 1998-99 and 2001-02; and third place in 2002-03.

The 2005 win marked the third year that the MSU chapter has won first place in the Web site competition. Designed and maintained by student members, [www.cfr.msstate.edu/studentorgs/saf/index.htm](http://www.cfr.msstate.edu/studentorgs/saf/index.htm) was judged on design and content, among other criteria.

The 2005-06 officers include President Angela Delaughter and Vice President J. Tedrick Ratcliff, both of Brookhaven; Secretary Katie L. Nelson of Fayette, Ala.; and Treasurer Stacy R. Stroud of Hollandale. Associate professor of forestry Donald L. Grebner is chapter adviser.

Founded in 1900, SAF is the world's largest professional organization for foresters. Its 18,000 active members are engaged in a variety of programs to improve the health, productivity and use of the nation's forestlands.

The 2005 awards presentation was made Oct. 21 as part of the organization's national convention in Fort Worth, Texas. Grebner also was recognized during the ceremony for his contributions to the student organization.



Work on a Habitat for Humanity home was one of the 2005 activities of the MSU chapter of the Society of American Foresters.

Don Grebner