The Gainesville Staff is planning to have the 1985 annual report completed prior to the Spring Advisory Council Meeting. February 15 is set as the deadline for the first draft. Please send me a brief status report of any tree improvement activities that you did this past year and/or any you expect to accomplish prior to March 1. We need this information for a "State of the Coop" section of the report (Mitch).

We have received positive comments regarding the arrangements for the SAF-SFRC Annual Spring Symposium, the CRIFF Advisory Council and the CFGRP Advisory Council in April. Please refer to your December 1984 newsletter for the times and dates, and be sure to mark your calendars.

The final installation phase for the slash pine growth and yield studies is underway. The 1985 plantings near Dublin, Georgia; Gainesville, and Marianna, Florida, and Bogalosa, Louisiana will add to studies established in 1983 and 1984 at Gainesville, Perry, and Hampton, Florida; and Gulfport, Mississippi, to constitute a sound data base for determining and modeling the productivity of genetically improved slash pine.

The 8,800 tree planting and 2,000 tree planting on CCA lands near Dublin and Gainesville were completed on January 4 and January 14, respectively. The 19,000 tree study on a SWFI site at Marianna was completed during the week of January 14. A sincere thanks is extended to the CCA, Brunswick Pulp Land, SWFI, Florida Division of Forestry, and St. Joe Paper Company personnel who assisted in the plantings, often under adverse conditions.

In mid-February, the last study will be established on Crown-Zellerbach lands in Louisiana. The planting will be a cooperative effort involving the University, Southern Forest Experiment Station, Crown Zellerbach, Scott Paper Company and CCA (Brewton).

Harm thanks all the people who helped with the lifting and baling of the longleaf seedlings at CCA's Brewton nursery on January 7. In his opinion the operation went well "but we may want to modify a few things when we do it again." Special thanks to CCA and the Brewton Staff for all the work they did in growing and caring for the seedlings... Now if only the weather will cooperate!
After Greg Powell conducted viability tests for several batches of DOF pollen last week, Harm, Mitch, and Jon Johnson (our new physiologist) joined Jim Bryant, Charlotte Hartly and Ken Baxley to start the controlled pollination activities in the Munson Orchard on January 10.

Any cooperator interested in getting improved seed certified this year should start the process now (see December '84 newsletter). All applications will be evaluated during the last week of February.