Scholarships and Awards

Academic scholarships serve varied purposes in the lives of the recipients, the donors, and the institutions to which their stewardship is entrusted. The value of academic scholarships cannot be measured simply in dollar figures, but numbers provide an easy starting point.

Thanks to generous individual and corporate donors, the School of Forest Resources has seen significant scholarship growth in the past decade, with available scholarship funds more than doubling from nearly $74,000 in 1996-97 to more than $160,000 in 2006-07. The College of Agricultural Sciences’ scholarship totals, which include the School’s sums, also more than doubled in the same time period, from just under $800,000 to more than $1.8 million.

But costs of a Penn State education are rising as well. The Penn State Faculty Senate’s Committee on Admissions, Records, Scheduling, and Student Aid released a report in October 2006 showing that Penn State tuition for an academic year more than doubled over a ten-year period, from $5,308 for Pennsylvania residents at University Park in 1995-96 to $11,508 in 2005-06. Penn State now has the dubious distinction of being the most expensive public institution in the United States.

Though we offer excellent academic programs, prospective students, and especially their parents, usually need to consider the “bottom line”—the cost of attendance. Unlike loans, which need to be repaid, scholarships are outright gifts that reduce the cost of earning a college degree. Scholarships can tip the scales for students who might otherwise not be able to afford to attend Penn State.

The University is embarking on another capital campaign with a focus of raising more scholarship funds. The last campaign, which ended in 2003, helped increase the number of Penn State students receiving scholarships from fewer than 5,600 to more than 12,000. It is hoped that the past success can be repeated and that the number of students receiving scholarships will again double.

Scholarships are also a recruitment tool. The School of Forest Resources is often in direct competition with other institutions for the best and the brightest students. The availability of scholarship funds helps us recruit students who are receiving admission and financial aid offers elsewhere as well.

Scholarships provide a means by which we can reward students for their academic successes. Though we do offer scholarships to incoming freshmen and transfer students, we use the bulk of the School’s scholarship funds to reward students who have a proven track record in our degree programs. We try to award a scholarship to all of our students who have earned a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale), and typically give the highest awards to those whose GPA is 3.5 or higher. We renew or increase scholarship awards in subsequent years for students who maintain or improve upon their level of academic excellence.

Scholarships can enable students to achieve their full potential. By eliminating or reducing the need to hold a job during the school year, scholarships allow students to focus more time and energy on academic studies and extracurricular pursuits such as clubs and study abroad experiences. Scholarships can also be a great motivator. Scholarship recipients are buoyed by the awareness that individuals outside their families are investing in their education.

Donors often regard scholarships as a means by which they can “give back” to the university—to perhaps return the favor of a scholarship they received as a student, or to say thank you for what their Penn State education means to them. Donors often say...
New Building is Environmentally Friendly

The green roof on top of our recently opened Forest Resources Building is considered a “showcase,” and it contributed to the building recently receiving a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council.

That’s a designation that shows that Penn State is serious about developing sustainable buildings that are more energy efficient, water efficient, and ecologically sound. “Since our academic unit is based upon the principles of sustaining natural resources, we are aptly proud of the LEED Silver Certification earned by our new home,” says Chuck Strauss, director of the School of Forest Resources.

A focal part of the green roof, according to Strauss, is a large viewing deck for students, faculty, and staff built with a wood-plastic composite developed through research within the School. Wood-plastic composites (WPCs) combine natural fibers with thermoplastic polymers to create a renewable material based on performance, process, and product design innovation. The green roof deck demonstrates the use of new and innovative structural WPC profiles developed under sponsored research from the Office for Naval Research and the Wood Materials and Engineering Laboratory at Washington State University, Penn State’s School of Forest Resources, and Strandex Corporation, Inc. of Madison, Wisconsin. Additional funding for the deck was provided by the USDA Forest Service. Two deck profiles were used for the School’s project, with the material formulated with 30% high-density polyethylene, 56% wood flour, and 14% additives.

What will make the 4,700-square-foot green roof “green” is the dense covering of plants and groundcover-like vegetation placed on top of the building, explains Dr. Rob Berghage, associate professor of horticulture. “Typically a flat roof works best; though, it’s not exclusive to that,” he says. “To construct a green roof, it is necessary for a building to be designed to support extra weight on the roof and to lay between 2 and 12 inches of planting medium on top of a roof membrane and a drainage layer before planting any vegetation.”

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Hello Friends,

It's 2007 and we are gaining an appreciation of the plans set forth for our Centennial Celebration. We can now see the assembly of people and resources coming together for this major event. But, at the same time, there are a few more elements in need of “that final touch” before April 27 rolls around.

We also sense the momentum building. A January Centennial Planning Committee meeting identified 145 alumni and friends already registered for this event. Plus, there are an additional 20 student club officers who will be supported by the School and a set of 66 reserved tickets for special guests. We've forwarded 140 registration forms to those opting not to use our Internet system. Right now, with 10 weeks to go, our banquet is fast approaching 200 attendees, which is 40% higher than last spring's gathering in the new building. But have no fear, there's plenty of room—the Nittany Lion Inn banquet facility will seat 500.

There is an increased pace of correspondence among alumni as “class leaders” contact, cajole, and otherwise coordinate mini reunions among their kind. I give you Bob Baldwin and the class of '57, who are planning an added tour of Mont Alto prior to the Centennial. Nels Loftus and his efforts have inspired that gallant crew from '58. Joe Gray is approaching his classmates from '48 for a written synopsis of their professional careers. We understand that the class of '64 will also gather on Friday evening at some mysterious location for their mini regalia. And, if you’ve noted, John Steimer, '49, has extended an open invite to any of our alumni and friends for dinner at The Village and a short tour of this Penn State-affiliated retirement center. These are but a sampling of the efforts underway to make the centennial weekend a memorable one.

One of the most interesting responses from our alumni and friends is their financial support to sponsor School students at the centennial banquet. As of late January, we’ve collected $550 toward this effort. We already reduced the student banquet tickets by 50%. And if we use these funds to further reduce the price by 75%, we can support more than 60 students. Our undergraduates will be an active part of the Centennial, serving as tour guides in the new building, entertainers at a trial Woodsmen’s Field Meet, and your competitors at a planned quiz bowl. Remember to enter those questions from your former classroom days (so, how long is a 2-chain trailer tape)? And our graduate students will provide a fine example of their research efforts by way of a poster session in the new video teleconference room.

We are seeing a great deal of interest in the various tours on campus and to the Stone Valley Forest from the initial set of registrants. Keep in mind that the tours are much more limited in capacity than the banquet hall. If you plan to stay on campus for the various Saturday activities, you can sign up to enjoy a fine lunch at the new Forest Resources Building.

So, register today and join us. This should prove to be one of the more memorable events in our School's history.

Cheers, Chuck

Those preparations were completed this past fall. Runoff from the green roof will be collected and analyzed by students in Berghage's Eco-roof Technology class relative to water quantity, quality, as well as plant growth and overall effectiveness of the green roof.

The large shallow media “extensive” zone of the roof will be planted with a variety of sedum species and other drought-tolerant plants such as allium and talinum, while the deeper “intensive” part of the roof will have larger showy herbaceous perennials such as salvia and lavender.

Green roofs offer a number of benefits, explains Berghage. “Many older cities have sewage treatment problems and their sewage systems often overflow with storm water,” he says. “Green roofs absorb and hold some of that water. Every drop of water that hits a roof must go somewhere, and usually that place is a storm water basin. Not only do we lose valuable land by setting it aside for storm water-retention basins, but they become an eyesore and a breeding ground for mosquitoes. With people concerned about West Nile Virus, this becomes an issue. Green roofs address that issue.”

A graduate student working with Berghage is surveying the attitude of people working in the Forest Resources Building, before and after the green roof is installed. “There is some evidence that absenteeism goes down with employees working in a building with a green roof,” he says. “Some of the leading corporations in this country are doing this kind of research because there is big money in amenities for employees.

Companies have discovered that they can rent offices faster if they look out on green roofs.”

According to the LEED reports, many other factors also contributed to the building's green certification: construction included effective erosion and sedimentation controls; open space developed nearby; an excellent storm water management and treatment plan; use of reflective roofing materials; the landscaping uses native plants that do not need an irrigation system; use of drought-tolerant turfgrass; reduced water use because of low-flow lavatories and showers; and the inclusion of bicycle storage, showers, and changing rooms for riders.
The new building also features heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems with no atmospherically dangerous compounds such as CFC-based refrigerants or halons; inclusion of appropriate recycling facilities; almost 80 percent of construction waste was diverted from landfills; and a third of the materials used in construction were composed of recycled materials.

Finally, more than 70 percent of the total project’s materials were manufactured using raw materials extracted or harvested within 500 miles of the University Park campus; no smoking is permitted in the building; installation of a carbon dioxide-monitoring system; use of wood products that do not contain formaldehyde; and permanent instructional signage explaining the sustainable features of the building.

Our “Moose” Tree

Our 2006 Christmas tree was donated by Maple Hill Farms in memory of its founder, Mr. Donald R. “Moose” Craul. Our School of Forest Resources was pleased to receive this gift and we recognize the achievements of Moose Craul within his profession and his related contributions to Penn State.

Moose was past president and member of the Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Growers Association (PCTGA), and received the 2005 PCTGA Honorary Membership Award in recognition of his outstanding dedication to the association.

Moose served the association by working on the legislative front, representing PCTGA on the Penn State Ag Council board, working on the PennTIP program, and regularly writing featured articles entitled “Moose Notes” for their bulletin.

Moose was a graduate of Lower Moreland High School and a 1952 Penn State agronomy graduate. He served in the Army during the Korean Conflict and was employed by Armstrong World for 20 years. He is perhaps best known as the owner and operator of Maple Hill Farms of Lewisburg and Wellsboro. Maple Hill Farms has, through the years, supplied Christmas trees for the White House porticos and public spaces.

Moose was a member of the Board of Game Commissioners for the Pennsylvania Game Commission and served as president of this unit. He was also a member of the Penn State University Ag Alumni Council, Penn State Nittany Lion Club, and Beta Theta Pi Fraternity.

Moose was a gregarious and positive spirit. He was a devoted Penn State alumnus and took considerable pride in providing Christmas Trees to Old Main, the Nittany Lion Inn and, in 2006, made specific plans for the 18-foot Douglas fir that graced our atrium. Its size and stature match our memories of Moose.

Members of the Craul family, and faculty, staff, and students of the School of Forest Resources gathered on December 11 for a brief ceremony to honor the memory of Donald “Moose” Craul whose company, Maple Hill Farms, donated the first Christmas tree to grace the atrium of the new Forest Resources Building.
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they receive more than they give, knowing that they are making a significant impact in the lives of students.

The College of Agricultural Sciences hosts an annual scholarship banquet, usually in October, that brings together donors and recipients. Concomitant with the increase in scholarship funds, the banquet has outgrown the seating capacity of several venues on campus and downtown. The 2006 banquet to honor recipients and donors was held at The Penn Stater Conference Center on October 10, 2006 and 650 people attended.

Several new scholarships were awarded for the first time in the 2006-07 academic year. The George C. and Madeline Bartley Scholarship in the School of Forest Resources provides recognition and financial assistance to outstanding graduate and undergraduate students in the School who have a demonstrated need. The Robert W. Bauer Student Memorial Award in the School of Forest Resources recognizes outstanding achievement of a Forest Science undergraduate student who has completed an associate's degree in forestry. The William J. Cox Memorial Fund is intended for outstanding graduate and undergraduate Forest Science students, with first preference given to a student who has completed either a summer's work assignment or full-time employment with a public or private forest resources entity or who may be supported by a worker in the wood products industry. The Joan L. and Malcolm H. Stehman Trustee Matching Scholarship is the second scholarship endowed by the Stehmans and will assist students in the College of Agricultural Sciences who have financial need, with preference for Wood Products students.

Listed below are the 2006-07 scholarships awarded by the School of Forest Resources, along with the names and hometowns of the recipients. The total amount awarded is listed next to the name of the scholarship. The name of the donor representative is listed in italics after each award.

The notation immediately following a student’s name is an abbreviation for the student’s major (FORSC = Forest Science, W F S = Wildlife and Fisheries Science, W P = Wood Products, 2FORT = Forest Technology, 2WLT = Wildlife Technology).

If you wish to make a contribution towards any of these scholarships, or are considering establishing a new scholarship, contact Mr. Mark Shacer, Director of Development, College of Agricultural Sciences, Penn State, 230 Ag Administration Building, University Park, PA 16802; phone (814) 863-1373.

AgChoice Farm Credit Scholarship in the School of Forest Resources $1,000
Mr. Scott Owens
Scott Lyon, W P, Warren, PA

Bartlett Tree Foundation, Inc. Grant-in-Aid $2,000
Mr. John Signorini
Steven Horhut, FORSC, Pittsburgh, PA
Michael Bosold, FORSC, Fleetwood, PA
and one other student in the College of Agricultural Sciences

George C. and Madeline C. Bartley Scholarship in the School of Forest Resources $3,170
Mr. Steven Howel
Alan Naylor, FORSC, McAlisterville, PA

Robert W. Bauer Student Memorial Award in the School of Forest Resources $3,900
Ms. Connie S. Bauer
Richard Hartlieb Jr., FORSC, Wernersville, PA
Jacob Mazzei, FORSC, Hollandsworth, PA
John Wakefield, FORSC, Hellmestown, PA

Robert T. Bilin Memorial Scholarship $13,176
School of Forest Resources
Mark Colwell, 2FORT, Reedsville, PA
Jeremy Flinn, W F S, Manor, PA
Robin Heagy, W F S, Newtown, PA
Daniel Heggenstaller, FORSC, Indiana, PA
Steven Horhut, FORSC, Pittsburgh, PA
Matthew Miller, W F S, Tower City, PA
Alan Naylor, FORSC, McAlisterville, PA
Thomas Ruffing, W P, Jefferson Hills, PA

Robert Bliss Scholarship $4,996
Ms. Dorothy Bliss
Anthony Ferreri Jr., 2WLT, Oley, PA
Amanda Horning, W F S, Reading, PA
Lauren Rowe, W F S, Bethlehem, PA
Erin Steward, FORSC, Armagh, PA

James Clinton Burns Scholarship Fund $1,080
School of Forest Resources
Anthony Ferreri, Jr., 2WLT, Oley, PA

Mark Petty Bush Memorial Scholarship in Wildlife and Fisheries Science $2,125
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest R. Bush
Elizabeth Huber, W F S, Pittsburgh, PA

William J. Cox Memorial Fund $2,500
Dr. Vijay S. Reddy
Thomas Ruffing, W P, Jefferson Hills, PA

Danzel Group Scholarship in Wood Products $2,000
Mr. Steven Howell

“The scholarships I have been awarded are very important to me. Over my four-year tenure here at Penn State I have received a significant amount of scholarship monies from donors in the College of Agricultural Sciences as well as the School of Forest Resources. These awards have significantly eased the burden of tuition and living expenses, and I am thankful for all of the alumni and friends who contribute to scholarship funds in the college and School of Forest Resources.”

Thomas Ruffing
Wood Products senior
John C. and Esther M. Davies Memorial Scholarship in the School of Forest Resources $3,355
John C. and Esther M. Davies
Nathan Beary, W F S, Leeper, PA
Clark McColly, W F S, Ligonier, PA

Ferguson-Cope Forestry Award $12,400
School of Forest Resources
Mark Bowermaster, W F S, Strasburg, PA
Joshua Day, W F S, Elizabethtown, PA
Jessica Dirle, W F S, McKeesport, PA
Damian Houseknecht, FORSC, Muncy Valley, PA
Syrena Johnson, W F S, Burtons ville, MD
Kelli Lane, 2WL, Harrison Valley, PA
Kerry Lynott, W F S, Allentown, PA
George Sarnoski, FORSC, Mechanicsburg, PA
Mike Travers, FORSC, Annapolis, MD

Bud Filler Annual Scholarship in the School of Forest Resources $4,750
M. r. M. erl C. “Bud” Filler, Jr.
Jeremy Dayhoff, W P, New Oxford, PA
Christopher Hone, FORSC, New Alexandria, PA
Daniel Long, FORSC, Hills grove, PA

Royal P. Fisher, Sr. and Virginia Breneman Fisher Scholarship in Wildlife and Fisheries Science $11,500
M. r. and M. rs. Royal P. Fisher
Mark Bowermaster, W F S, Strasburg, PA
Bradley Burford, W F S, Clarion, PA

Arthur W. and Caroline O. Hartman Trustee Scholarship $111,500
M r. Judith C. Kiley
Jeremy Flinn, W F S, Manor, PA
Richard Hartlieb, FORSC, Wernersville, PA
Lance Jovenetti, FORSC, Johnsonburg, PA
Christopher Layou, FORSC, Tunkhannock, PA
Jennifer Lewis, FORSC, Trout Run, PA
James Seltz, W F S, Red Lion, PA
Kelly Williams, W F S, Reynolds ville, PA
Robbie Withington, FORSC, Youngsville, PA
and 61 other students in the College of Agricultural Sciences

Jeld-Wen Foundation $2,000
N. ana G. Belerud
Patrick Ciarcocchi, W P, Wexford, PA

Keystone Kiln Drying Association Scholarship $1,500
Mr. Sam Richardson
Brett Diehl, W P, Lehighton, PA

The Roger M. Latham Memorial Graduate Award Fund $1,406
Mr. C. Dana Chalfant
Kristin Black, W F S, State College, PA

The Carl L. Peterson Scholarship Fund $3,288
School of Forest Resources
Mark Bowermaster, W F S, Strasburg, PA
Emily Schneider, W F S, Strasburg, PA
Erin Stewart, FORSC, Armagh, PA

Orpha Kelly Rapp and Jesse Rossiter Rapp ’15 Memorial Scholarship Fund $3,410
Mrs. Elizabeth A. Valeka
Bradley Burford, W F S, Clarion, PA
Luke Groff, W F S, Harrisburg, PA

Irvin C. Reigner Endowment $18,174
School of Forest Resources
Michael Campbell, W P, Walton Key, PA
Rachel Cleaver, W F S, Howard, PA
Mark Colwell, 2FORT, Reeds ville, PA
Anthony Gianetti, FORSC, Horsham, PA
Amanda Horning, W F S, Reading, PA
Damian Houseknecht, FORSC, Muncy Valley, PA
Daniel Kennedy, W F S, Portage, PA
Kerry Lynott, W F S, Allentown, PA
Chris McClelland, FORSC, Smethport, PA
Joshua Mulhollem, W F S, Altoona, PA
Derrick Najll, FORSC, Philadelphia, PA
Lauren Rega, W P, Washington, NJ
Travis Smith, FORSC, Shippenville, PA
Matthew Trice, W F S, Montoursville, PA
Andrew Walter, W F S, Williamsport, PA
Cara Weist, W F S, Moshannon, PA
Kevin Yoder, W F S, Narvon, PA

O. Ben Gipple Memorial Scholarship in the School of Forest Resources $1,000
Dr. Marian Romberger Peifer
Matthew Reed, FORSC, Montandon, PA

John L. George Student Conservation Award $500
M r. T. Luke George
Scott Chiavacci, W F S, Scranton, PA

Scott Chiavacci, W F S, Scranton, PA
Jessi ca DeNuccio, W F S, Philadelphia, PA
Jessica Dirle, W F S, McKeesport, PA
Jer red Flinn, W F S, Manor, PA
Adam Greathouse, W F S, Tionesta, PA
Luke Groff, W F S, Willow Street, PA
Kent Himmelright, W F S, Ephrata, PA
Amanda Horning, W F S, Reading, PA
Matthew D. Miller, W F S, Tower City, PA
Emily Schneider, W F S, Burton, OH
James Seitz, W F S, Red Lion, PA
Kelly Williams, W F S, Reynolds ville, PA
Melody Young, W F S, Tobyhanna, PA

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Matt Reed
Forest Science senior

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Scott Chiavacci, W F S, Scranton, PA

Christine Olarte
Wildlife and Fisheries Science sophomore
WILLIAM ALLISON RITCHEY SCHOLARSHIP IN FOREST RESOURCES $1,320
Mrs. Diane Peterson Ritchey
Benjamin Gamble, FORSC, Williamsport, PA

SCHOOL OF FOREST RESOURCES SCHOLARSHIP $8,500
School of Forest Resources
Kimberly Hartson, W FS, Hanover, PA
Christopher Hone, FORSC, New Alexandria, PA
Tyler McCullough, W FS, New Wilmington, PA
Travis Smith, FORSC, Shippenville, PA

FRANK AND LENORE H. SPEAREY SCHOLARSHIP IN FOREST RESOURCES $9,120
Mr. Jeff Spearey
Richard Briggs, 2FORT, Wapwallopen, PA
Elizabeth Huber, W FS, Pittsburgh, PA
Kimberly Linette, FORSC, Temple, PA
Phillip Manning, W FS, Carlisle, PA
Christine Olate, W FS, Harrisburg, PA
Christopher Peiffer, FORSC, Oho, PA
Glenn Werner, 2FORT, Mapleton Depot, PA

JOAN AND MALCOLM STEHMAN SCHOLARSHIP IN WOOD PRODUCTS $4,630
M r. and M rs. M alc olm St ehman
Lauren Regina, W P, Washington, NJ

JOAN AND MALCOLM STEHMAN TRUSTEE MATCHING SCHOLARSHIP $2,500
M r. and M rs. M alc olm St ehman
Jon Kaufman, Wildlife and Fisheries Science, State College, PA

JOHN AND NANCY STEIMER SCHOLARSHIP $15,243
M r. and M rs. J ohn T. Steimer
Jessica DeNuccio, W F S, Philadelphia, PA
Jeremy Flinn, W F S, Manor, PA
Russell Gibbs, FORSC, Lemont Furnace, PA
Nathan Markline, FORSC, Glen Rock, PA
Gregory Sarnoski, FORSC, Mechanicsburg, PA
Emily Thomas, 2WLT, Warren, PA
Luke Ulsamer, FORSC, Montoursville, PA
Tracie Webb, 2WLT, Grand Valley, PA
Travis Weinzerl, FORSC, St. Marys, PA
Robbie Withington, FORSC, Youngsville, PA

WILBER W. WARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND $4,828
School of Forest Resources
Sarah Erdlen, W FS, York, PA
Steven Kelly, W P, Ligonier, PA
Michelle Myers, W P, Boalsburg, PA
Craig Smith, W FS, Windber, PA
Matthew Umson, W FS, Pittsburgh, PA

Faculty and Staff Resources

Nanoscale Science and Engineering Grows at Penn State

A very recent Pennsylvania Ben Franklin Technology Partners grant in the amount of $60,000 has enabled the establishment of a Center for NanoCellulosics (CNC) at Penn State. The focus of the new center is to work with Pennsylvania companies and economic development organizations, as well as companies nationally, to bring nanoscale science and engineering into forest products and related industries. Applications of nanotechnology are expected to enhance scientific understanding of natural materials while stimulating the creation of technologically advanced materials.

Nanotechnology is an umbrella term that is used to describe a variety of techniques to fabricate and manipulate materials and devices on the nanoscale; that is, on a scale smaller than one micrometer, typically an atomic or molecular scale.

The CNC will include research, education, and outreach thrusts, including extensive interaction with industry. Dr. Jeffrey Catchmark, a faculty member with a shared appointment in the College of Agricultural Sciences and the College of Engineering, is director of the CNC. Dr. Nicole Brown, assistant professor of wood chemistry in the School of Forest Resources, is assistant director. Prior to receipt of the Ben Franklin grant, Drs. Catchmark and Brown had been collaborating to explore the use of emerging nanoscale engineering technologies for understanding and manipulating cellulose-based materials.

Catchmark holds a Ph.D. in electrical engineering and has years of experience in nanotechnology research. He co-established the Penn State site of National Science Foundation National Nanotechnology Infrastructure Network that enables the nanotechnology research and education of hundreds of students and researchers each year. Brown has expertise in wood science, polymer science, and materials characterization.

The CNC brings together eleven faculty, including Catchmark and Brown, from four different colleges at Penn State: Agricultural Sciences, Engineering, Science, and Earth and Mineral Sciences. School of Forest Resources faculty involved, in addition to Brown, are Dr. Paul Smith, professor of wood products marketing; Dr. Chuck Ray, assistant professor of wood products marketing; and, as collaborator, Dr. John Carlson, associate professor of molecular genetics.

As a related success, Brown is also pleased to announce a recent, separate award of $229,500 in USDA funds, also to stimulate nanotechnology research and education at Penn State. Brown and two colleagues, Catchmark and Dr. Tom Richards (from the Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering in the College of Agricultural Sciences at Penn State) are co-project directors on the proposal, which provides support for three outstanding Ph.D. students.

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Cathy Arney Retires and Angela Clark is Hired

Cathy Arney retired in December 2006, having completed 35 years of service at Penn State. She spent the majority of her career in the School of Forest Resources, serving as administrative assistant for 22 years—a position in which she worked with four directors and two interim directors.

Back in 2002, Cathy was honored with the first-ever Staff Laureate Leadership Award given by the College of Agricultural Sciences. Her leadership continued thereafter, and her efforts were a critical component of our successful move to our new Forest Resources Building last spring. Faculty and staff honored Cathy at a December 13 retirement luncheon, and her husband, children, and grandchildren were also present to celebrate the end of a successful career and the beginning of retirement.

The reins have been passed to Angela Clark who was hired as administrative assistant in the School effective January 2007.

Matching support from the College of Agricultural Sciences and the Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering will fund an additional two Ph.D. students. The School of Forest Resources, the Department of Geosciences, and the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology also each contributed additional matching support. In all, the proposal involves twelve faculty from four different colleges, including Carlson and Smith from the School of Forest Resources.

The five fellowships, coupled with a contribution of $25,000 in user fees from Penn State’s Materials Research Institute, provide a great start for nanotechnology research and education efforts on natural materials. Brown is currently recruiting Ph.D. candidates for the three-year fellowships.

For more information, visit: http://www.nanobioresources.psu.edu.

Angela comes to us from Penn State’s Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, where she had been a staff assistant to the department head since July 2003. She has also worked as a staff assistant in the Political Science Department and in the English Department, and as a receptionist in Outreach and Cooperative Extension. Angela’s quick and steady rise through the staff ranks are a testament of her abilities, effectiveness, and work ethic.

Angela joins a rather elite and admirable group of women who have served our School as administrative assistant. Over the past 65 years, our School has had but three individuals in that position: Kathryn Johnson, Sally Clark, and Cathy Arney. In turn, these three women have shepherded the work of thirteen directors and interim directors. One could argue that the continuity of the School’s direction has stemmed from the dedication of our administrative assistants.

Angela Clark (left) and Cathy Arney
Scott Chiavacci Receives George Award

Scott A. Chiavacci has received the inaugural John L. George Student Conservation Award. The George Award, which will be available annually, was established to honor an undergraduate student in the Wildlife and Fisheries major at Penn State who embodies the spirit and dedication of Dr. John L. George. George was the driving force behind the establishment of the Wildlife and Fisheries Science program in the School of Forest Resources at Penn State. Family, friends, and colleagues of John George established the award.

In 1963, George was appointed as the first wildlife faculty member of the School, and worked tirelessly for the expansion of the program into a full academic major, a dream that became reality in 1981. The George Award recognizes a student in good academic standing who has committed himself/herself to public service on behalf of the conservation of natural resources, particularly regarding the necessity of protecting and maintaining healthy habitats for wildlife and plants.

Scott Chiavacci is a Wildlife and Fisheries Science senior and current president of the Penn State student chapter of The Wildlife Society (TWS). He has participated in several TWS meetings at the state and regional level. He was recently inducted into Xi Sigma Pi, the national forestry honor society, and last year served on the college's Ag Student Council as TWS representative.

True to the spirit of the George Award, Chiavacci has been very active in natural resources conservation. This past summer he worked with Penn State doctoral candidate Sarah Pabian on her research study investigating the effects of acid rain on nesting forest birds, and with Dr. Margaret Brittingham, professor of wildlife resources, collecting data on Eastern Bluebird nest boxes at University Park and in the State College area. For the past two years he has volunteered at the 4-H Wildlife Field Day, and last spring, under the supervision of Dr. Sanford Smith, youth extension specialist, he developed activities and educational stations for the younger group of children attending the event. He has also volunteered at Shaver's Creek Environmental Center to remove invasive plant species and to build bat boxes, assisted graduate students on grouse surveys and small mammal brush pile surveys, and volunteered at the Pennsylvania Game Commission bear check station.

Dr. Chris Goguen, Chiavacci's academic adviser and instructor in several courses, describes him as “an exceptional student who has demonstrated a strong aptitude and enthusiasm for the wildlife field...we need talented people like him among our future ranks.”

Chiavacci expects to complete his B.S. degree in May 2007 and then gather more field research experience via internships and seasonal positions. He plans to pursue advanced degrees in the management and conservation of natural resources.

Kristin Black Receives 2006 Latham Award

Kristin E. Black has received the 2006 Roger M. Latham Memorial Graduate Award, given annually to an outstanding, full-time graduate student advised by Wildlife and Fisheries Science faculty members in the School of Forest Resources.

The Latham Award memorializes Roger Latham, a lifelong conservationist and the outdoor editor of the Pittsburgh Press, and was created by Mr. Latham’s friends in 1981.

Black came to Penn State after completing a B.S. in Environmental Science at the University of Massachusetts in 2002. She earned an M.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries in 2004 under the direction of Dr. Jay R. Stauffer, Jr. distinguished professor of ichthyology. Her master’s thesis focused on the hybridization of two cyprinid fishes, Luxilus cornutus and Luxilis chrysocephalus, in Pennsylvania. Black is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Wildlife and Fisheries Science, still working with Dr. Stauffer.

Her doctoral research is an evaluation of the cichlid genus Metriaclima in Lake Malawi in Africa, and her dissertation will include new species descriptions. Black spent four weeks in Africa studying Malawi cichlids in March 2006. In September 2006 she traveled to the British Museum of Natural History in London and spent three weeks collaborating with researchers there on the phylogeny of schistosomes (parasites) in Lake Malawi. She provided samples and information gathered during her time in Africa.

Dr. Stauffer speaks highly of Black’s research expertise. “Kristin has a great grasp of the pertinent literature, is adept at formulating hypotheses, designing experimental protocol for...”
testing those hypotheses, statistically analyzing the data, and completing and editing manuscripts. She has a talent for incorporating various technologies into study design in order to approach research questions in a novel way. She is adept at conducting laboratory investigations, and has completed excellent studies in situ on both North American and Lake Malawi freshwater fishes.”

Black’s intelligence, enthusiasm, and curiosity carry over to her education and outreach efforts. While in Malawi, she worked extensively with the children of Chirombo Bay. In order to open up avenues of communication, she arranged for the donation of more than 50 uniforms by the Penn State women’s soccer program and other sportswear donated by Penn State’s athletic program. Black worked with the children of the village, played soccer with them, and talked to them about the diversity of Malawi cichlids and the importance of snail-eating fishes in controlling schistosomiasis (a debilitating disease affecting many people in developing countries). These snail-eating fishes consume freshwater snails that serve as intermediate hosts for the culprit parasite.

Closer to home, Black helped develop and teach a fish identification course in Erie, Pennsylvania, in the summers of 2005 and 2006. The course was sponsored by the Regional Science Consortium, taught at the Tom Ridge Center, and open to the general public. She has been a teaching assistant for several courses at Penn State and has modified the course outline for Vertebrate Biology Laboratory (W F S 301). She has selected and directly supervised more than ten undergraduate students for various research projects.

Black served as president of the School of Forest Resources Graduate Student Organization in 2003-04. She is a member of Xi Sigma Pi (forestry national honor society), the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists, the American Fisheries Society, and the American Academy of Underwater Sciences. She is a Science Diver certified through Penn State and also holds several other diving certifications.

Black plans to graduate in December 2007 and hopes to continue her research and teaching in academia.

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**TWS Students Travel to Alaska**

Five members of the Penn State Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society—Rachel Cleaver, Laura Franzen, Adam Jacobs, Andy Meyer, and Joshua Ream—traveled to Alaska in September 2006. Cleaver, who serves as secretary of the chapter, wrote the following summary of their excursion:

“The National Wildlife Society Annual Conference in Anchorage, Alaska, was an amazing experience for me and four of my fellow Penn State wildlifers. We arrived in Anchorage at 8 p.m. on Friday, September 21, which was midnight for us Pennsylvania folks. Nonetheless met up with friends and enjoyed pizza at The Moose’s Tooth. Saturday morning we decided to go sightseeing south of Anchorage towards Girdwood and Mt. Alyeska. We were astounded by the scenery. The city, the mountains, the water...we loved it all! Sunday was our first day at the conference. We were excited about the Student Quiz Bowl that night, and when the time came we were clad in our Blue and White. Our first round was a win over Wisconsin, Stevens Point. We suffered a loss in round two against Humboldt, multi-year champs. Congratulations to Texas A&M, winners of the 2006 competition!

“Monday, with a friend as our tour guide, we traveled towards Wasilla where we climbed two peaks in Hatcher’s Pass. The view was breathtaking! We saw a moose while walking in Kincaid Park Tuesday night; it was a lone cow that didn’t seem to be bothered by our presence. Wednesday was our last day in Alaska. We shopped for souvenirs during our conference breaks and attended the Farewell BBQ dinner at the Alaska Native Heritage Center. The occasion was complete with live music, open bar, and Native Alaskan performers. We were sad to leave, but knew one week of class work to make up was enough!

“We thank the director of the School of Forest Resources, Dr. Chuck Strauss, The Pennsylvania Chapter of The Wildlife Society, and Penn State’s College of Agricultural Sciences for helping fund our trip. I think I speak for the others in saying this will not be our last journey to the Northern Frontier.”

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African youth express their appreciation for uniforms donated by Penn State.

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Woodsmen Team Continues to Grow

This fall the Penn State Woodsmen Team started its schedule of competitions on October 7 with the Crab Festival in West Point, Virginia. This is the second year in a row that the team has attended this competition, and the second year in a row that the team has taken first place overall. Competitors included West Virginia University, Virginia Tech, and North Carolina State.

The very next weekend the team participated in the Fall Festival at Reeds Gap State Park, demonstrating some of the skills needed by lumberjacks before the age of mechanized equipment.

The team made the long trip to Lindsay, Ontario, the first weekend in November. The competition was stiff, and the five inches of snow on the ground did not make things any easier. The men’s team placed 14th and the Jack & Jill team placed 25th out of 28 teams.

The team is also proud to announce the launch of a Penn State Woodsmen Team Web site, http://www.clubs.psu.edu/up/woodsmenteam/. The site includes news about the team, events, pictures, videos, calendar, and contact information. If you would like more information about the team, please visit the Web site or contact team adviser Mike Powell at mjp175@psu.edu or 814-863-1113.

3rd Annual Cardboard Canoe Race

The 3rd annual Cardboard Canoe Race was held Sunday, September 10, 2006 at Stone Valley Recreation Area. This third-in-the-series event was the largest ever, with many participants—20 students and 7 faculty members—and many spectators. Ms. Jamie Murphy raced with Dr. Harry Wiant, while Dr. Margot Kaye and Dr. Judd Michael each raced in canoes they crafted with their sons. Drs. Paul Smith, Eric Zenner, and Nicole Brown provided logistical assistance. As usual, contest rules required the canoes to be fashioned from nothing more than sheets of corrugated cardboard and duct tape. This year’s grand prize was a $50 dinner certificate to Outback Steak House. Canoes were built on site, within a two-hour time limit.

The event began with a cookout, then moved to boat construction, racing, and a brief awards ceremony. It was sponsored by the Student Chapter of the Forest Products Society, the School of Forest Resources, and Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation. The participants also gratefully acknowledge the support provided by the Stone Valley Recreation Area staff.
Summer 2006
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Forest Science
Charles Coup
Wildlife and Fisheries Science
Matthew Slebrich

GRADUATES
Forest Resources
Lindsey Donaldson, M.S.; Timothy Gruver, M.S.; James Leary, M.F.R.; Lei Lin, M.S.; Sarah Macdougall, M.S.; Alexander Metcalf, M.S.; Joseph Petroski, M.S.; Matt Scholl, Ph.D.; Tyler Stevenson, M.S.
Wildlife and Fisheries Science
Richard Fritsky, M.S.; Jeremy Harper, M.S.;

Fall 2006
UNDERGRADUATES
Forest Science
Aaron Cook, Zachary De Voge, Shaun Doran, Benjamin Gamble, Brent Haines, Justin Hamaker, Lance Jovenitti, Jonathan McGrath, Scott Smith
Wildlife and Fisheries Science
Richard Fritsky, M.S.; Jeremy Flinn, Scott Koser, Geoffrey Shellington, Michael Swartz, Daniel Young
Wood Products
Kristina Baldwin, Scott Lyon

GRADUATES
Forest Resources
Vijay Wadhwa, M.S.
Wildlife and Fisheries Science
Sarah Pabian, M.S.; Kevin Wentworth, Ph.D.; Amanda Yeager, M.F.R.
Ecology
Matthew Lisy, Ph.D.

Field and Stream senior editor and author T. Edward Nickens describes Penn State’s Tau Phi Delta as “the country’s only fraternity for diehard outdoorsmen” in his September 2006 article titled “Blood Brothers.” Nickens and Field and Stream photographer Erika Lansen were hosted by Tau Phi Delta for three days in November 2005 during bear season, when the frat house turns into a hunting camp for alumni and current members.

The article and photos capture the uniqueness, intensity, and excitement of the annual hunt that has been a tradition at Tau Phi Delta since 1974. From Sunday’s pre-hunt meeting to Monday evening when three bears hang on the Tau Phi Delta meat pole, Nickens provides first-hand, colorful details of the hunt and adds in some Tau Phi Delta history along the way. Quite a few School of Forest Resources students and alumni are mentioned by name.

Undergraduate student Benjamin Gamble received a 2006 Natural Resources Scholarship for leadership. Two scholarships (one for academic achievement and one for leadership) are offered annually by the Ben Meadows Company and administered by the Society of American Foresters. Gamble graduated with a B.S. in Forest Science in December 2006 and is staying at Penn State to pursue a master’s degree in Forest Resources.

Dr. Robert S. Bond, former director of the School, and his wife Barbara attended the building dedication on September 8, 2006. Dr. Bond writes, “It was wonderful to return to campus for the dedication of the new building. It is a magnificent structure and the wood atrium and paneling throughout the building donated by the state’s forest industry adds elegance and beauty. Barbara and I enjoyed seeing staff, faculty, and spouses (some retired and some near retirement) as well as meeting a few new faculty. After an 18-year absence, it was notable to see the changes on the campus and State College. It was an enjoyable occasion!”

In October, 2006, Pennsylvania hosted a very successful Society of American Foresters (SAF) national convention at the Pittsburgh Convention Center, under the leadership of General
Chair Kim Steiner, Program Co-Chairs James Finley and Susan Stout (adjunct faculty member), and Arrangements Chair Kurt Gottschalk. Many members of the School’s faculty and staff participated in the convention by presenting papers or moderating technical sessions: Bill Elmendorf, Mike Jacobson, Bruce Lord, Charles Strauss, Michael Powell, Gary San Julian, Sandy Smith, Bill Sharpe, Jamie Murphy, Paul Smith, Harry Wiant, Brent Harding, and Eric Zenner. Jamie Murphy, Beth Brantley (Penn State Mont Alto faculty member), and Mike Powell organized the Quiz Bowl and other student activities. Alumna Rachel Billingham chaired the Local Publicity Committee. Dozens of other alumni participated by presenting papers or volunteering through the local host society, the Allegheny SAF. A record number of Penn State Forest Science undergraduates attended the meeting and helped with various activities as the host school. Students from both Mont Alto and University Park helped to facilitate the Student Icebreaker, Quiz Bowl, and the National Student Assembly. The meeting broke recent or long-standing records for total attendance, percentage of SAF membership in attendance, number of students in attendance, total value of sponsorships, and number of technical presentations. A special feature of the convention was the keynote address by Wangari Maathai, who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2005 for her grassroots efforts to create community forests in Kenya.

Duane Diefenbach, adjunct associate professor of wildlife ecology and assistant leader, PA Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, served on a panel to review Wisconsin’s deer population methods. The report has been posted at http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/wildlife/HUNT/deer/ (see the right side of the Web page, “SAK Audit”). He is also serving on a science team for Valley Forge National Historical Park that will develop a white-tailed deer management plan and environmental impact statement.

Staff assistant Delores Breon retired at the end of September 2006. Her vacant position was modified and filled by Heather Besecker who joined the School in January. Heather serves as staff assistant at the Forest Resources Lab (FRL) in the mornings and at the Forest Resources Building (FRB) in the afternoons.

In October 2006, Carol Leitzell transferred from the staff assistant position for the Urban and Community Forestry Program and receptionist for the School, to the School’s staff assistant position in Extension. David Harry is our new receptionist/urban forestry staff assistant, hired in January after serving in the position on a temporary basis for six weeks.

Jim Finley, professor of forest resources, has co-authored “The Woods in Your Backyard: Learning to Create and Enhance Natural Areas Around Your Home,” a 138-page combined book and workbook written specifically for people who live on one to 10 acres of land that is forested or that has natural unmowed areas, and for those who want to turn a mowed area into a natural one. The publication ($18 plus $4.25 shipping and handling within the continental United States) can be obtained by writing to Regional Agricultural Engineering Service, P.O. Box 4557, 607-255-7654 (all major credit cards accepted); or by sending e-mail to nraes@cornell.edu.

In December 2006, Bruce Lord, senior research assistant, and Richard Yahner, professor of wildlife conservation, were each recognized for 25 years of service at Penn State, and Henry Gerhold, professor of forest genetics, was recognized for 50 years of service.

Timothy Phelps, research support technologist in forest resources, left the School of Forest Resources in December 2006.

After 10 years of service, Jim McQuaide, extension program educator in forest resources, left his position in November 2006 to work with Dr. Steve Fairweather ’74 and ’82g, at Mason, Bruce, and Girard Inc., a consulting firm based out of Portland, Oregon.

Scott Tiffney, research support associate in forest resources, left the School at the end of December 2006.

The Pennsylvania Forestry Association (PFA) is taking pre-publication orders for “A Forester’s Legacy, The Life of Joseph E. Ibberson,” a 200-page hardcover book containing 139 photos and authored by Henry Gerhold, professor of forest genetics. Cost is $34 for PFA members and $39.95 for nonmembers, with a discount available if a membership is purchased with the book. Payment by check only. Contact the Pennsylvania Forestry Association, 56 East Main Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055; 1-800-835-8065; thepfa@juno.com.
President’s Message

It seems like just a few months ago that the Centennial Planning Committee had its first meeting to begin planning for the 100th anniversary of forestry education at Penn State. In 2004, we thought we had plenty of time to plan the event and get things right for this once-in-a-lifetime celebration. We still have some things to do, but the committee has done its job; we put together a 3-day event that will be interesting for the faculty and students, alumni and friends, and the young and old.

Now it is your turn. The Centennial Celebration will only be a success if alumni and friends participate. If you have not marked your new calendar for April 27-29, 2007, do it now. You can help us with the final arrangements by registering now rather than later. You should have received a postcard over the holidays with both information for online registration and an option for requesting a registration package by mail. This issue of RESOURCES also includes registration information.

We will be using both the new and beautiful state-of-the-art Forest Resources Building and the elegant and historic Nittany Lion Inn for the celebration. Both venues offer you opportunities to get reacquainted with Penn State and to reminisce with your friends and classmates about your years at Penn State. Please make sure that you have the opportunity to reminisce; call a few of your friends and encourage them to join you at the Centennial Celebration.

Best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you in April.

Tom Yorke ’64 and ’67g

Candidates for the School of Forest Resources Alumni Group Board of Directors

The School of Forest Resources Alumni Group board of directors includes 12 at-large members who are elected to a three-year term and who may serve a second consecutive term if re-elected. The terms of four at-large members expire in Spring 2007 and therefore an election ballot is enclosed in this newsletter. Here are brief biosketches, in alphabetical order, of the candidates listed on this ballot. Incumbents are noted with an asterisk (*). Vote for no more than four candidates. Ballots must be postmarked by March 31, 2007. You can also vote online at http://www.sfr.cas.psu.edu/Alumni/Newsletters/Winter2007/Response.html.

Marc D. Lewis (1978 FORSC)
"I graduated with a B.S. in Forest Science in 1978 and returned to Hillsgrove, Pennsylvania, where I joined as a third generation owner/operator of Dwight Lewis Lumber Company.

"I am a life member of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association, recently elected vice president, and serve as the representative to the Penn State Ag Council. I am a Society of American Foresters Certified Forester and also serve on the boards of the Hardwood Manufacturers Association, the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy, and the Loyalsock Creek Watershed Association. I am a member of the Pennsylvania College of Technology Forestry Advisory Committee, the Advisory Committee to the Ibberson Chair at Penn State, and chairman of the Pennsylvania Forest Products Association Foresters Committee. I am a founder and serve on the board of Woodlands Bank and on the board of directors of the Sullivan County Rural Electric Co-op.

"I am an avid canoeist and outdoor enthusiast. My wife Diane and I live near Hillsgrove with our two children, Aaron and Sadie."

Robert D. Rorabaugh (1972 FORSC)
"I am a 1972 Forest Science graduate. Since graduation I have been a partner with my brothers Dan and Roger, in Rorabaugh Lumber Company, a sawmill/dry kiln operation located in Burnside, Pennsylvania. Our company was founded by our father in 1952.

"I am a member of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association, the Society of American Foresters, the Penn-York Lumberman’s Club, the Pennsylvania Forest Products Association board of directors, continued on next page
Elected at-large members (terms expire Spring 2007):
- David B. Lezzer ('00 FORSC)
- Aura L. Stauffer ('89 W L S, '95g W F S)
- Benjamin G. Tresselt, Jr. ('63 FOR)
- Thomas H. Yorke ('64 FOR, '67g FOR), president

Elected at-large members (terms expire Spring 2008):
- Joseph E. Barnard ('60 FOR, '63g FOR)
- J. Theodore Jensen ('50 FOR)
- Gregory M. Schrum ('67 FOR T, '69g FOR R)
- Denise Mitcheltree ('94 and '96 W F S)

Elected at-large members (terms expire Spring 2009):
- David J. Babyak ('71 FOR SC)
- Franklin S. Judd ('67 FOR T and '73g FOR R)
- E.L. "Dick" Shafer ('56 and '57g FOR)
- Mark R. Webb ('73 FORSC), vice president

Immediate Past President:
- Lowell T. Underhill ('56 FOR)

Director, School of Forest Resources (SFR):
- Charles H. Strauss ('58 FOR)

Assistant Director for Outreach, School of Forest Resources (SFR):
- Richard H. Yahner

President, College of Ag Sciences Alumni Society, ex officio:
- George R. Kemp '53 FOR

SFR Faculty Member:
- Henry D. Gerhold ('52 FOR and '54g M FOR)

Undergraduate Student, School of Forest Resources (SFR):
- Benjamin M. Gamble

Graduate Student, School of Forest Resources (SFR):
- Steven D. Mills

Executive Director:
- Ellen A. Manno ('86g FOR R)

In this newsletter, the year(s) noted next to alumni names indicate(s) when they received degree(s) from the School of Forest Resources at Penn State. Degrees received from other Penn State programs or other institutions are not noted.

Roxanne C. Shiels (1993g FOR R)
“1 graduated from the College of Agricultural Sciences in 1990 with a B.S. in Environmental Resources Management, and continued my education in the School of Forest Resources studying hydrology and earning an M.S. in 1993. In 1992, I began my career as an environmental scientist with Gannett Fleming Engineers and Planners at their headquarters in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. In 1993, I returned to Happy Valley to work at their local GeoDecisions, Inc. focusing on habitat studies, stream surveys, and geographic information systems. I joined ClearWater Conservancy, a Centre County-based, nonprofit watershed organization in 1997 where I became their very first watershed coordinator and full-time employee.

“Since moving back to State College, I have become very active in the alumni arena. In 2000, I became part of a committee to create an Environmental Resource Management Alumni affiliate program group of the College of Agricultural Sciences and served for a number of years on the board. I took my alumni involvement to a new level in 2002 by becoming the director of alumni outreach with Penn State Outreach and the Penn State Alumni Association. I currently serve as the associate director of alumni travel and education for the Penn State Alumni Association, overseeing 30 domestic and international travel programs and numerous educational opportunities in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Washington D.C., New York City, Harrisburg, and at the University Park campus.”

Aura L. Stauffer (1989 W L S and 1995g W F S)*
“I graduated in 1989 with a B.S. in Wildlife Science and a minor in Marine Science. I returned to Penn State and completed an M.S. degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science in 1995. My graduate work was in wetlands and my adviser was Dr. Rob Brooks.

“My professional work experience began with an internship with the EPA Office of Wetlands in Washington, D.C., and a summer position as a marine biology instructor for the Audubon camp in Maine. For about 6 ½ years, I was an environmental consultant with Gannett Fleming Engineers in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. I also worked for 3 years as the county inventory coordinator with the Pennsylvania Science Office of The Nature Conservancy. In December 2002 I joined the Pennsylvania DCNR Bureau of Forestry, Ecological Services, as a wildlife biologist. My area of interest is nongame species and species of Special Concern. In 2006 I became section chief for the Ecological Services Section.

“My volunteer experience includes serving as an aquarist and exhibit guide at the National Aquarium in Baltimore; I did this for about 2 ½ years, but am no longer an active volunteer. I have continued on next page
been a saw-whet owl bander at the King's Gap State Park banding station for about 4 years, and a Rehabilitator-4-raptor rehabilitator in York County, where I help with educational programs.”

**Cecile M. Stelter** (1989 FORSC and 1990g FOR R)
*I grew up in Herminie, one of the many small coal mining towns in southwestern Pennsylvania. I graduated in May 1989 from Penn State with a B.S. in Forest Science and then began work on an M.F.R. in Forest Resources Management with Dr. Stephen Fairweather as my adviser. My research centered around the ‘Identification, Restoration and Maintenance of Historic Woodlots on Gettysburg National Military Park.’

“After graduation, I continued to work as a private contractor for the National Park Service and then was hired by the Forest Inventory and Analysis section of the Forest Service in Radnor to assist with nonindustrial forest landowner surveys. In 1998, I began my employment with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry as a forest technician. Then in 1999, I became the service forester for Venango and Forest counties. In 2004, I accepted my current position as assistant district forester for the Conshohocken Forest District in North Warren. I am an active SAF member, Certified Forester, and Certified Arborist. I also serve on the Pennsylvania Forestry Association board of directors. My husband, James (’90 FORSC), and I currently reside in Titusville, Pennsylvania.”

**Thomas H. Yorke** (1964 FOR and 1967g FOR)
*I am a private consultant and specialize in providing hydrological services to federal, state, and regional agencies and organizations involved in surface-water management issues. I have extensive experience in streamflow monitoring networks, flood hydrology and hydraulics, water quality and sediment monitoring, and streamflow and sedimentation analysis techniques.

“Prior to entering private practice, I was the senior science adviser for surface water and chief of the Office of Surface Water of the U.S. Geological Survey, Water Resources Division. The Office of Surface Water supported a national network of streamflow, reservoir, sediment, and precipitation monitoring stations, and was responsible for assuring the quality of all river stage, water discharge, and sediment data collected by the USGS. I represented the United States in the development and review of national and international standards related to the collection and analysis of surface-water and sediment-transport data. I also administered programs that supported the development of watershed, hydraulic, and statistical models and other technology for effectively managing the nation’s water resources.

“During my 35-year career with the USGS, I held management and research positions in Virginia, Florida, Pennsylvania, Missouri, and Maryland. Research positions included projects in suburban Washington, D.C., studying the effects of urban development on streamflow and sediment transport and the effectiveness of sediment controls used during urban construction; and in Pennsylvania, studying the occurrence, transport, and fate of trace metals and organic substances in major river systems. I also worked with a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service team that was responsible for developing methods and procedures for assessing the impact of water resource development projects on the biota and habitat of rivers and their floodplains."

“I graduated from Penn State with a B.S. degree in Forestry in 1964 and earned an M.S. degree in Forest Hydrology in 1967. I am a member of Xi Sigma Pi, Phi Epsilon Phi, Tau Phi Delta Fraternity, the Nittany Lion Club, a life member of the Penn State Alumni Association, and a member of the Greater Washington DC Chapter of the PSA. I am the current president of the School of Forest Resources Alumni Group and co-chair of the SFR Centennial Planning Committee. My wife Jeannie (PSU ’65) and I have two daughters, Barbara (Penn ’89) and Christa (PSU ’92) and three grandchildren.”

**2007 Outstanding Alumni to be Honored**

We will honor four Outstanding Alumni at the Alumni and Friends banquet being held April 28 in conjunction with our Centennial Celebration. Registration information is included in this newsletter. The deadline for banquet reservations is April 17, 2007.

The four School of Forest Resources 2007 Outstanding Alumni are:  
**John A. Byerly ’68**  
**Bruce M. Edwards ’71**  
**Marc D. Lewis ’78**  
**Harry E. Murphy ’43**

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**Penn State Mont Alto Forestry Reunion and Schatz Tree Genetics Colloquium**

The Penn State Mont Alto forestry reunion is scheduled for April 29 - May 1, 2007, immediately following the School of Forest Resources Centennial Celebration at University Park. Alumni can spend a few days at University Park, then travel to Mont Alto to participate in both reunions. The Penn State Mont Alto reunion will take place in conjunction with the Schatz Tree Genetics Colloquium, offering alumni the opportunity to attend lectures and other educational activities on campus. A detailed brochure will be mailed to all Penn State Mont Alto forestry alumni in February 2007. For more information, contact the Penn State Mont Alto Office of Alumni Relations at 717-749-6110 or [www.ma.psu.edu](http://www.ma.psu.edu).
Who Is Coming to the Centennial Celebration?

As of February 16, 2007, 221 people are registered for the April 2007 School of Forest Resources Centennial Celebration. That includes the 119 alumni listed below by class year. You can keep tabs on who has registered by visiting our Web site, [http://www.sfr.cas.psu.edu/Alumni/Alumni.html](http://www.sfr.cas.psu.edu/Alumni/Alumni.html). Click on the “100 years and growing” graphic, then on the “Program” tab and then on the “Attendees” tab.

For information on class representatives, or help with locating classmates, please contact Ellen Manno at 814-863-5831 or [exr2@psu.edu](mailto:exr2@psu.edu).

There is still time to register. Use the registration forms enclosed in this newsletter, or register online at the Web site listed above. Registration deadline is April 17.

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American Tree Farm System and recognizes tree farmers who not only have done an outstanding job of managing their forest lands for multiple uses but have also been heavily involved in communicating the forest management message to many audiences. This is done in a variety of ways: tours for other landowners and the public, writing for publication, and being actively involved in community affairs and forestry organizations.

Having been grower of the 1992 National Grand Champion Christmas tree, this makes me the only person to have won both national titles.

Two of our sons now manage the nursery and Christmas tree parts of our business but I still handle the timber management. I am still on a few boards and committees but have been cutting back so that I can have more time for doing some writing.

We have about 250 acres of Douglas-fir timberland from which we cut approximately 50 loads of logs a year. A recent cruise showed our growth exceeded our cut over the last decade.”

McClain B. Smith, Jr., 1943 – 1558
Barrington, Ann Arbor, M1 48103-5603; mfa@i-star.com. Mr. Smith is director of the Michigan Forestry Association and does a little woodlot consulting when time permits. In 2005 he was elected Fellow in the Society of American Foresters.

Caleb M. Pennock, Jr., 1948 – 250
Pentops Mtn. Rd., Apt. 5417, Charlottesville, VA 22911; calpennock@wcbr.u
H. Robert Krear, 1949 – Bob Rumpf sent news of a book published by classmate Bob Krear: “Four Seasons North: Exploration and Research in the Arctic and Subarctic, shows how people can live in harmony and enjoyment with nature and one another. Dr. Krear describes the full range of his activities and preparations for expeditions in arctic and subarctic areas conducted early in his extensive career as a scientist and nature lover. From ecological research in the boreal forest, muskeg, and tundra-ridge terrain in subarctic Quebec and Labrador . . . to fur seal research with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service . . . and sea otter research . . . . He was a member of the 1956 expedition that played a major role in establishing the Arctic national Wildlife Refuge in northeast Alaska in 1980 . . . Having served in the 10th Mountain Infantry Division in World War II, he went on the earn a B.S. in Forestry from Pennsylvania State College, an M.S. in Zoology from the University of Wyoming, and a Ph.D. in animal behavior and ecology from the University of Colorado . . . . Dr. Krear has taught biology at a number of schools, including the University of Colorado, Mankato State College, and Michigan Technological University. He continues to travel extensively, visiting nature preserves, national parks, and tropical reefs.” The book is available from Vantage Press, Inc. (1-800-882-3273).


Ronald Coder, 1951 – 300 Lion’s Hill Road, Apt. W-303, State College, PA 16803; ronald.coder@verizon.net. “Retired from the U.S. Air Force 32 1/2 years ago and came back to State College so I could look every day at the great Mount Nittany. Moved into the Village at Penn State with my wife of 53 years and we are enjoying life to the fullest. Love those Nittany Lions.”

Paul ‘Sunshine’ Shogren, 1951 – 1638 Memorial Drive, Oakland, MD 21550; shogren2@verizon.net. “The photo is of Carl ‘Skip’ Rebelle ’52 and me blazing a hiking/biking trail through the 4-H camp property. This trail will eventually link McHenry, MD in Garrett County with the Allegheny Highlands Trail near Frostburg, MD ( Allegany County). The Highlands Trail connects Pittsburgh with the C & O Canal Trail that ends in Washington, DC, so the connection is from Pittsburgh to DC. Note the properly attired trailblazers: Rebel with clinometer around neck, notebook in one hand and hiking stick in another, and me with a vest to put ‘stuff’ in pockets, clipboard (must always carry) and flags.”

Philip M. Clark, 1952 – 8262 Squires Ln., Warrenton, VA 20187-8369; oldforester@webtv.net. “Am retired and just got two new knees. Also, I am in continual touch with Nelson Bevard ’52 and Don Barnett ’52.”


William E. Sopper, 1953 and 1955g – 416 Outer Drive, State College, PA 16801.

Duane Holm, 1954 – 5712 Kinol Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45213.

Clark Sell, 1954 – Mr. Sell died December 3, 2006 in Sugar Hill, Georgia. Forrest Fenstermaker ’56 sent Mr. Sell’s obituary, from which this information is taken: After graduation from Penn State, Mr. Sell went to work for the USDA Forest Service on the Chattahoochee National Forest in North Georgia. He joined the U.S. Air Force and became an F86 jet fighter pilot. After returning to work for the Forest Service, he received a scholarship from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University where he received his MBA. He worked for the Forest Service for 32 years, retiring in 1985 as the director of management systems for the Southern Region. He was a member of the Society of American Foresters for 52 years. Memorial donations can be made in Clark Sell’s name to the Aflac Cancer Center at Children’s Hospital in Atlanta.

John H. Strahle, 1954 – P.O. Box 365, Atmore, AL 36504.

Albert L. Clepper, 1955 – Fred Umholtz ’54 informed us that Mr. Clepper, son of the late E. Henry Clepper, died on December 2, 2006, in New London, North Carolina. Mr. Clepper was a member of Tau Phi Delta.

Robert Radomsky, 1956 – 166 Holly Road, Curwensville, PA 16833.

Paul E. Felton Jr., 1958 – Excerpted from obituary provided by son Scott Felton: Mr. Felton died on September 14, 2006. Born in Pittsburgh, he attended Penn State on an NROTC scholarship. Following graduation he was commissioned as an ensign in the U.S. Navy. He attended flight school and received his Navy wings in May 1960. He flew the F-8 Crusader in VFP-63 from 1960-1964. He made two deployments in the Western Pacific and Vietnam. One deployment was on the Bon Homme Richard and one on the John Hancock. Mr. Felton resigned from the U.S. Navy in 1964 and became a pilot with United Air Lines in 1965. He retired as a Captain on the Boeing 767 in October 1996. He continued to fly as a second officer until June 2001. After retirement, he moved to Exmore, Virginia. Memorial donations may be sent to Hospice of the Chesapeake, 445 Defense Highway, Annapolis MD 21401 or the American Cancer Society.

Nelson Loftus, 1958 – 207 Horizon Drive, State College, PA 16801-8615; bnlolts@yahoo.com. “Brenda and I are enjoying retirement in Happy Valley. I am looking forward to seeing classmates from 1958 at the School’s Centennial Celebration in April.”
John O. Richter, Jr., 1959 – 1511
for 12 years.”
the association’s executive vice president
Preservers’ Association, having served as
2003 I retired from the American Wood-
Village Mills, TX 77663-1004. “In June
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Paul C. Augustine, 1962 – 223 Augy
Lane, Curwensville, PA 16833-7444;
pada@clearnet.net.

Arthur J. Oplinger, 1962 – 5009
Chester Grove Rd., Spring Grove, PA
17362; tonioplinger@jun.com.

Kenneth Rhody, 1962 – 2044 Miller
Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360-1048;
kjrhydo@ptd.net. “We are looking
forward to seeing lots of members of the
class of 1962 at the Centennial
Celebration in April.”

William (Bill) T. Farmer, 1964 – 564 So.
Middleton Ave., Palatine, IL 60067;
cesfarmer@aol.com.

Rick Carlson, 1967 – 6520 Leonard
Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111;
jrandrc@earthlink.net.

John D. Mood, Jr., 1967 – P.O. Box 85
Ninole, Hawaii, 96773;
zingber@warmlava.com. “A bit late on the
news, but retired for the second time in
June 2005. This time from Aloha Airlines
where I had the ‘office with a view,’ mostly
at 39,000 ft. My last three years were spent
buzzing back and forth between Hawaii
and California in a B737-700 with a state-
of-the-art glass cockpit. Yes, I know it
wasn’t walking among black walnuts or
white oaks, but my leisure time
compensated for that deprivation. After a
4-year lull in exploring for Zingiberaceae in
SE Asia, I’m back on track. My latest foray
into Borneo has unearthed three new
species that beg to be described and will be
as publication space becomes available.

Maybe I should have majored in botany
since the botanical overseer has allowed
me to find a plethora of the new genera
and species. The official count is at two
genera/50 species. My old saying still
applies: A forest is more than just trees.
You’ll notice a new address. The past
3 years has been spent building a new
house on my 35-acre farm on the
Hamakua coast, Big Island. We produce
heart of palm, tropical fruit, and
construction bamboo. As well, I have my
experiment crop section, reminiscent of
my 4 years working for Dr. Gerhold on a
myriad of projects, a ginger/aroid
collection and much more. We host many
research groups to the farm for tours. The
latest being conference attendees attending the Intl.
Agroforestry Conference. October will see
the Int. Bamboo Society.”

John Mood’s Avo Orchard

Jack Buckler, 1969 – 1573 Scandia Road,
Warren, PA 16365; jackbuckler@aol.com.
“I relocated with my wife, Janet, from the
Binghamton, New York, area to Warren,
Pennsylvania, in 2006 to continue my
employment with Larimer & Norton, Inc,
my employer of 17 years. I manage the
company-owned timberlands in
Pennsylvania and New York. The company
operates 3 bat billet mills in PA where the
ash and maple stock is produced for the
manufacturing of Louisville Slugger bats.
It’s good to be back in PA and closer to my
old stomping grounds. Janet and I hope to
visit with some of you at the Centennial
Celebration.”

Terry Wentz, 1969 – 140 Queen Ann Dr.,
Holliďaysburg, PA 16648;
twentz2@verizon.net. “I retired in June
2005 with more than 32 years service with
Pennsylvania State Parks. Most recently I
served as park manager for the Canoe
Creek State Park complex in Blair,
Huntingdon, and Bedford counties with
headquarters at Hollidaysburg. Since
retirement I have started my own small
business offering motorcoach tours in the
Allegheny Region of central Pennsylvania.”

Bill Frantz, 1970 and 1974g – 813 Acri
Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050;
bill.frantz@weyerhaeuser.com.

David Houk, 1974 – 372 Grayfox Lane,
Lancaster, SC 29720;
houkdk@bowater.com. “I hope to see a
few of my old classmates at the centennial
celebration. I am really looking forward to
seeing the campus.”

Robert M. Gilbert, Jr., 1974 – 16287
Staytonville Road, Lincoln, DE 19960;
rivergazoo@yahoo.com.

Harry Parrott, 1974g – W 331 S4025
Connemara Dr., Dousman, WI 53118-
9798; H.Parrott@parrott-environmental.com. “This spring I started
Parrott Environmental Consulting Limited
Liability Company (www.parrott-
environmental.com) to provide natural
resources and watershed management
consulting. This initiative follows program
and project manager assignments with
Tetra Tech EM Inc and a career with the
USDA Forest Service. Bachelor and
master of science degrees in forestry and water resources studies provided a strong foundation for career successes. My work has provided many opportunities for professional practice in Pennsylvania though I have lived elsewhere since completing my graduate degree.”

Robert L. Volk, 1975 - 203 Wash Road, Frankfort, KY 40601; robertvolk@lycos.com. “Retired after 27 years with Kentucky state government 11/1/05. Got to create Kentucky’s FLEP plan which, in my opinion, was a huge success as long as the funds were available. My wife of 26+ years lost her battle with liver cancer 11/30/05 and my only child is grown and moved out. Been trying to crack the forest certification auditing shell but it’s a tough nut in Kentucky. Just breaking in my new 4-wheeler and plan to become more active in SAF in the coming years.”

Alan Clarkson, 1976 – RR2 Box 85, Henryville, PA 18332.

David Ryan, 1976 – 1424 Harris St., State College, PA 16803-3023; dfr1@psu.edu. “I am working toward a Master in Forest Resources.”

Paul Slish, 1976 – 244 Hawthorne Ave., Buffalo, NY 14223; lemko@adelphia.net.

Peter Prutzman, 1977 – 1512 Mill Creek Drive, Arkadelphia, AR 71923-3022; petep@ioc.com. Mr. Prutzman was recently elected Fellow in the Society of American Foresters. He is vice president and co-founder of Kingwood Forestry Services, Inc.

Bill Cummins, 1978 - ATC Panels, 33322 North Lynn Road, Franklin VA 23851; Bill.Cummins@ATCPanel.com. “Since leaving Penn State in 1978 I have worked in the composite panel industry in Virginia and North Carolina. I have held several positions in technical, engineering, production and plant management for particleboard, mdf, and melamine facilities. Most of my career was spent with the building products group of Masonite-USG-International Paper-Nevarmar. There were many name changes over the years. Since May of this year I have been technical and production manager for the ATC Panels particleboard plant in Franklin, Virginia. After being in a plant manager role for the last decade it is refreshing to get back to doing the more fun aspects of running a mill. ATC Panels is a new North American company whose management team is mostly from Chili and who are the ones who built the large South American Forest Products Company Masisa. They are a very aggressive company having purchased five manufacturing sites in North America over the past three years. One of these, the Clarion MDF mill, is in Pennsylvania. I would highly recommend this company as a good employer to all new graduates if opportunities exist, since I know this company is just beginning to grow.”

Marc Lewis, 1978 – P.O. Box A, Hillsgrove, PA 18619-0901: lewism@epix.net. Mr. Lewis and Van Wagner ’98 were among a group of Susquehanna Raftsmen who piloted a 120-foot log raft down the West Branch of the Susquehanna River from Montoursville to Montgomery in September 2006. George Vahoviak ’78 was among those who helped build the replica raft.

Due to the river’s low water level, the rafters did not make it to Lewisburg as planned. They did, however, pass under the Muncy railroad bridge where they threw out seven wreaths as a tribute to those who lost their lives when the original “Last Raft” crashed into the bridge in March 1938. According to the Muncy Historical society, this was the first time since 1938 that a raft passed under the bridge.

Steve Narolski, 1978 - 2674 Thomas Hill Drive, Coeur d’Alene, ID; pnwtrade@mindspring.com. “I have accepted a role with Interfor Pacific as their strategic procurement forester working throughout the Pacific Northwest, identifying procurement opportunities as they present themselves.”

Louis DeMarkis, Jr., 1979 – 404 S. Centre St., Pottsville, PA 17901-3581.

David Kiehl, 1979 - H.C. No. 1, Marienville, PA 16239; davewkiehl@hotmail.com. “After owning...”
North East Hardwoods for 10 years, we sold to Highland Forest Resources, Inc. in 1998. Still employed for HFR as procurement and log operations manager.”

**Robert Fallon**, 1981 – P.O. Box 479, Marienville, PA 16239-0479; rfallon@fs.fed.us. “After wandering the National Forest System for the past 24 years—with stops in Minnesota, Wisconsin, New York, New Hampshire, and California—I have landed once again in Pennsylvania. As of June 2006, I am the new district ranger for the Marienville Ranger District of the Allegheny National Forest, a mere two hours from State College. I have yet to make the pilgrimage to see the new Forestry building, but I certainly hope to soon. I was very pleased to renew an old acquaintance with **September Wilhelm** (Wildlife, 1980), who is a wildlife biologist on the Bradford Ranger District—and to teach her co-workers her college nickname ‘Seppie’ (so named by Paul Labovitz ‘81).”

**Paul Labovitz**, 1981 – paul.labovitz@nps.gov. “It’s been an interesting year. The kids are about gone; empty nest a wonderful experience. Sue and I spent the summer working at Voyageurs National Park in northern Minnesota and we are getting ready for a permanent move to that great state. I start as superintendent of Mississippi National River and Recreation Area on January 22, 2007, headquartered in St. Paul. I spent two weeks working at the invitation of the State Department and the U.S. Embassy in Podgorica, Montenegro in October helping with discussions regarding their national parks and national tourism strategy. Sue and I took our first vacation w/o kids to Belize in May. What a year . . .”

**Stephen E. Wacker**, 1985 – Excerpted from a PA DCNR news release: Stephen Wacker has received the Society of American Foresters’ Presidential Field Forester Award, a recognition of foresters who have displayed uncommon talent and innovative methods to achieve a record of excellence in the application of forest management.

Wacker recently traveled to Ethiopia where he assisted in the importation of more than 300 plants for evaluation as potential agricultural plants. During his three-month stay, he was an integral part of obtaining the permits and inspections needed to transport the temperate fruit trees that hopefully will adapt to the high elevations of northern Ethiopia. Also during his time in Ethiopia, he wrote a forest management plan for a state forest covering 3,000 acres.

Wacker was recognized with other winners at a special ceremony held at the 2006 SAF National Convention, National Assembly late last month in Pittsburgh.

After graduating with a bachelor’s degree in Forest Science from Penn State University in 1985, Wacker joined the Bureau of Forestry and served a number of jobs including forest stewardship and private lands assistance. In 1997, he was promoted to assistant district forest manager at Tuscarora State Forest. His main areas of responsibility are to oversee timber management, recreation, wildlife, assistance to private landowners, and public information and education programs for the forest district.

**James (Jim) Egenrieder**, 1986 – 1615 N. Cleveland Street, Arlington, VA 22201-3935; jim@deepwater.org. “After a decade in agricultural and environmental policy on Capitol Hill, I began a teaching career in 1998, teaching biology, animal science, and AP Biology in Arlington public schools. This year I joined the faculty at Virginia Tech, where I did both my master’s and doctoral work. I’m currently an assistant professor of science education at the Northern Virginia Graduate Center. My research is at the intersections of religion, science, politics, and education policy and curricula. My wife, Diane Allemand, and I split our time between Arlington, Virginia, and our research farm on the South Branch of the Potomac River in Hampshire County, West Virginia. There we grow chestnuts and other forest crops, native plants, and do wetlands/riverbank restoration. JimE@vt.edu or jim@deepwater.org 703-599-3643.”

**Laurie (Kashuba) Smith**, 1992 – 1056 Big Ridge Rd., Oneida, TN 37841; lauriesmith@fs.fed.us.

**Karl (Suders) Naugle**, 1995 – 2448 Crottlestown Road, Chambersburg, PA 17201; kanaugle@state.pa.us. “As of September 2, 2006, my name has changed from Karl M. Suders to Karl M. Naugle. After taking a two-week honeymoon ‘holiday’ to Europe, I returned to my position as assistant district forester for the Buchanan State Forest in McConnellsburg, Pennsylvania.”

**Jennifer Stingelin Keefer**, 1997 and 2002g and **Matt Keefer**, 1996 and 2001g – 261 Liberty Street Boalsburg, PA 16827; jls227@psu.edu. “(Jenn) Since completing my M.S. in 2002 I have been working at Penn State in the School of Forest Resources as a contracted botanist for the National Park Service. (Matt) Since completing my M.S. in 2001, I have been working for the Pennsylvania DCNR Bureau of Forestry in Harrisburg. I am currently the chief of Forest Resource Planning.”

**Debby Peterman-Moore**, 1999g – 1073 Hominy Drive, Newport, PA 17074. “My family is still farming (part-time) in Perry County, Pennsylvania. I have two children, Autumn (4) and Canyon (2). I just opened a small Montessori preschool for them and some other children in our area. We’re planning to attend the SFR Centennial Celebration and I hope to see a lot of you there, especially Dendro students and the guys who helped with my research. I’d love to know what you are up to these days!”

**Robert Rennig**, 1999 – 626 Line St., Easton, PA 18042; rrennig@savatree.com. “I am currently employed as branch leader for SavATree in Princeton, New Jersey.”

**Shawn T. Standish**, 1999 – 4 Makenzee Court, Carlisle, PA 17015; outstanding_7@yahoo.com. “I recently took a promotion with First Energy and my family and I are back in Pennsylvania.”

**Jenn (Peterson) Miller**, 2000 – 9027 Balin Court, Baltimore, MD 21208; jeep_babe2001@yahoo.com. “We just had our first baby, a beautiful little girl we named Danica Lee. I hope to see some of my classmates in April at the Centennial Celebration.”

Samual Topper, 2001 – 15493 Coastal Highway, Milton, DE 19968; slt145@comcast.net.

Nathan Meiser, 2003 – 625 Washington Ave., Mifflintown, PA 17059; Nathan@timberleads.com. “Since graduation I have been running my consulting forestry business (Timberleads, Inc.) located in Juniata County, Pennsylvania. I was married in 2005. My wife Shana and I live in Mifflintown, PA, and recently took a vacation to Germany. While in Germany, we visited the Black Forest, the Feldberg Natural Area, Palitinate Forest, the Alps, and University of Freiburg Forestry School. I’m looking forward to seeing everyone at the 100th anniversary celebration in April!”

Steven Keiper, 2004 – 1136 Barnhart Road, Needmore, PA 17238.

History Books for Sale

Two books on the history of forest resources education at Penn State are available for purchase.

“Forestry Education in Pennsylvania” was published in 1957 by the Penn State-Mont Alto Forestry Alumni Association to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the School of Forestry at Penn State. Edited by Henry Clepper ’21, the 269-page book with 18 photographs details the history of professional forestry education at Penn State from ideas and sentiments in the late 1800s to the establishment and growth of the program through 1957. Authors of the various chapters include Clepper, Wilber Ward, Victor Beede, William Bramble, Wallace White, Henry Chisman, William Byrnes, David Worley, and Walter Simonds. Detailed appendices include an alphabetic directory of alumni, an honor roll of World War I and II casualties, a listing of the forestry faculty at Penn State, and more.

“A Century of Forest Resources Education at Penn State: Serving Our Forests, Waters, Wildlife, and Wood Industries” was published in 2007 by the Penn State University Press. Authored by Henry Gerhold ’52, the 280-page book contains brief biographies of nine pioneers in forestry education, fifteen directors and interim directors of the School, and more than fifty alumni and professors. Forty photos and early maps illustrate people and places that extend back to 1904. Historical descriptions of faculty and staff, facilities, academic curricula, student organizations, research, extension and outreach, and alumni relations include some little-known facts. For example, the nation’s first African-American forester graduated in the first class of the Mont Alto Academy; a captive bear once prowled the halls of the Old Green Shack and sniffed at a visiting professor from Yale as he lectured; students in summer camp sometimes walked fifteen miles to revel in exciting weekends in State College; one of the early graduates became the governor of Alaska; a former instructor founded the Penn State ski club, helped to design and develop the Arapahoe Basin and Keystone ski resorts in Colorado, and he and his wife still skied into their 90s. The accomplishments of our alumni and professors, as indicated by just a sampling of their biographies, are impressive indeed.

Both books may be ordered from the School. The Clepper book is available for $40 plus $5 shipping and the Gerhold book is available for $35 plus $5 shipping. A set of both books can be purchased for $75 plus $5 shipping. To order, please use the Response Form on page 27, or contact Ellen Manno at 814-863-5831 or exr2@psu.edu.

The framed print (left) and the centennial decal (right) described in our summer newsletter are also still available for purchase. Use the Response Form on page 27 to place your order.
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LODGING

Blocks of rooms have been reserved at the Nittany Lion Inn on the University Park campus and at the Days Inn in downtown State College for the evenings of April 26, 27, and 28, 2007.

**Nittany Lion Inn:** Doubledouble, king rooms, and suites available. Cost is $115 per room per night, plus tax, for single occupancy, with higher rates for more occupants. The Reservation Identification Number for the School of Forest Resources centennial weekend is YOR0426. Please refer to this number when you contact the Reservations Department at (800) 233-7505. Rooms in the block at the Nittany Lion Inn must be reserved by March 25, 2007.

**Days Inn:** Cost is $85 per room per night, plus tax, for single occupancy, with higher rates for more occupants. The Reservation Code for the School of Forest Resources centennial weekend is TREE. Please refer to this code when you contact the Reservations Department at (800) 258-3297. Rooms in the block at the Days Inn must be reserved by March 28, 2007.

DINING

Saturday meals (continental breakfast, BBQ lunch buffet, and banquet dinner) and Sunday brunch are all items you may select on our centennial weekend registration form. Friday dinner is on-your-own. If you are arriving early on Friday, consider these breakfast and lunch options, all located on campus and near the Forest Resources Building:

- **Berkey Creamery:** in addition to what is produced at the Creamery facility (milk, sour cream, various cheeses, ice cream, frozen yogurt, and sherbet), the store sells donuts, muffins, cookies, sandwiches, salads, pizza, and more; located in the Food Sciences Building.
- **Blue Chip Bistro:** features European-style sandwiches, gourmet pizzas, and Peet’s coffees and teas; located on the first floor of the Business Building.
- **Findlay Dining Commons:** this is the largest dining facility on campus and has all you care to eat, including entrees, burgers, salads, pasta, sides, desserts, and more; located in East Halls.
- **Java Catering’s Market:** features fresh sandwiches, salads, soups, and a variety of beverages; located in the lobby of Ag Sciences and Industries Building.
- **Warnock Dining Commons:** this dining facility offers many meal choices including salads, subs, grilled sandwiches, a breakfast grill, and Asian and Italian entrees; located in North Halls.

MORE OPTIONS

To check out other lodging and dining options, go to the Web site http://www.centralpacvb.org/ and click on “Visitors” and then on “Lodging” or “Dining” . . . or contact the Central Pennsylvania Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800 E. Park Avenue, State College, PA. 16803; local phone: 814-231-1400; toll free: 800-358-5466; fax: 814-231-8123; e-mail: info@centralpacvb.org.

PARKING

Parking is available in the East Deck, next to the Forest Resources Building. Fee is $1 per hour. Take a ticket on the way into the garage and pay attendant in the kiosk at the exit.
Centennial Celebration (April 27 - 29, 2007) Registration Form

Please complete and mail with payment to Ellen Manno, Penn State, School of Forest Resources, 416A Forest Resources Building, University Park, PA 16802, or register online at http://www.sfr.cas.psu.edu/Alumni/Alumni.html. Registration deadline is April 17.

REGISTRANT(S) - Please print names as you would like them to appear on nametags.

(1) ________________________________________________________________________________________________
   Last Name                      First Name                      Maiden name (if applicable)
   If SFR alum: __________________________________________________________
       Class Year                Degree
   If full-time Penn State student, check here: _____

______________________________________________________________________________________________
Address

______________________________________________________________________________________________
E-mail                      Phone

(2) ________________________________________________________________________________________________
   First and Last Name                      Class Year, if SFR alum                      Age, if child 12 or younger
   Please identify this person (with an appropriate checkmark) as a spouse _____, guest _____, or family member _______.
   If this person is a full-time Penn State student, please also check here: _____

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QUIZ BOWL
A quiz bowl will be held Saturday, April 28, 3 - 4 p.m. in the new Forest Resources Building, and we need participants! If you are ready to have some fun and test your knowledge, please sign up below and indicate which team you wish to join.

________________________________ ___ Alumni Team     ___ Student Team     ___ Faculty Team
   First and Last Name

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# SFR Centennial Celebration

## CENTENNIAL 2007 REGISTRATION
(All registrations include Fri. and Sat. receptions and Sat. continental breakfast; the first 400 $25 registrations also include a centennial keepsake and a “free ice cream” coupon)

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## FRIDAY, APRIL 27
- Opening Session (4 - 4:50 p.m.)
- Tree Planting Ceremony (5 - 5:15 p.m.)
- Reception (5:15 - 7 p.m.)
- The Village at Penn State (4 - 8 p.m.) (Limited to 20 people; leave from Forest Resources Bldg.; includes tour, reception, and dinner at The Village, a continuing care retirement community)

## SATURDAY, APRIL 28
- Continental Breakfast (9 - 10 a.m.)
- Campus Bus Tour (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.) (Limited to 40 people each hour)
- Campus Walking Tour (10 - 10:50 a.m.)
- Hintz Alumni Center and Gardens tour (11 - 11:50 a.m.)
- Stone Valley Tour (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.) (Limited to 47 people; includes box lunch)
- Lunch Buffet (noon - 1:30 p.m.) (BBQ spare ribs and grilled chicken tenders with two sides)
- Fun Fair (1 - 4 p.m.) (music 1-3 p.m., face painting, displays/activities, Nittany Lion, Smokey Bear, Woodsmen Demo at 2 p.m., Quiz Bowl at 3 p.m.)
- Beaver Stadium Tour (2 - 3:50 p.m.) (Limited to 60 people)
- Pattee Library Tour (2 - 3:50 p.m.) (Limited to 24 people)
- Banquet Reception and Class Photos (5:30 - 7 p.m.)
- Banquet Dinner (7 - 9 p.m.)

## SUNDAY, APRIL 29
- Nondenominational Gathering (9:15 - 9:45 a.m.)
- Brunch at Nittany Lion Inn (10:30 a.m.)

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The stadium tour is already full.

*Student = full-time Penn State student

**Even though an event may be FREE, please indicate the number planning to attend, including children.

If you would like to make a contribution to sponsor a meal for a student at the Saturday banquet (any dollar amount is acceptable), please note that dollar amount here. Contributions are tax-deductible and will be acknowledged by letter. Make checks payable to “Penn State” with “SFR Centennial” in memo line. **TOTAL**
No dues are charged for membership in the School of Forest Resources (SFR) Alumni Group. We rely on contributions to support alumni activities, including the publication of this newsletter. This newsletter is sent twice a year to more than 4,500 alumni at a cost of about $6,000 per issue. Contributions for the SFR Alumni Group should be made payable to "Penn State" and designated, in the memo section of the check or in a cover letter, for the School of Forest Resources Alumni Group; send to Penn State, College of Agricultural Sciences, Development Office, 233 Agricultural Administration, University Park, PA 16802 (or enclose it with this Response Form and it will be forwarded to the correct office). You will receive a receipt, and your contribution will be tax deductible.

(Name) (Class year) (Major)

(Phone) (Mailing address) (E-mail address)

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• I would like to order the framed print of the forestry buildings, the centennial history book, the 50th anniversary book, and/or the centennial decal. (See page 23 for details.) All checks are to be made payable to Penn State with "SFR Alumni Group" written in the memo portion of the check. Payment is to be mailed to Ellen Manno with this form to the address below.

  ___ print(s): each $55 plus $15 shipping and handling
  ___ Gerhold’s centennial book(s); each $35 plus $5 shipping and handling (if ordering both books, include)
  ___ Clepper’s book(s); each $40 plus $5 shipping and handling only $5 shipping and handling
  ___ decal(s), face-adhesive; each $0.50, free shipping and handling
  ___ decal(s), back-adhesive, each $0.50, free shipping and handling

• I would like the following news to be included in an upcoming newsletter. The next issue will be published in summer 2007. To submit news online, go to http://www.sfr.cas.psu.edu/Alumni/AlumniNews.htm.

(date)
Ballot, Centennial Registration Materials, and Clothing Sale Order Form Enclosed!

Please note deadlines; they are coming up fast!

Visit the School of Forest Resources at http://www.sfr.cas.psu.edu/

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<td>Improving Secondary Wood Products Using Specialized Computer Programs, USDA Forest Service Wood Education &amp; Resource Center, Princeton, WV.</td>
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<td>Wood Structure and Identification, Forest Resources Building, University Park, PA.</td>
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