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## Strauss Named Head of Penn State School of Forest Resources



Charles Strauss, professor of forest economics, has been named director of Penn State's School of Forest Resources beginning on May 1. Robert Steele, dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences, announced the appointment of Strauss, who served for ten months as the School's interim director.

The School of Forest Resources currently enrolls about 380 undergraduate and 130 graduate students. As director, Strauss oversees more than seventy faculty and staff,

including two endowed positions, the Maurice K. Goddard Chair in Forestry and Environmental Resource Conservation and the Joseph E. Ibberson Chair in Forest Resources Management. The School's teaching, research, and outreach programs focus on Forest Science, Wildlife and Fisheries Science, and Wood Products.

Strauss' research has been tied to recreation economics, energy economics, and investment analysis of forest systems. His recreation research includes production analyses of Pennsylvania's state park systems, system designs for whitewater boating, and the impacts of tourism within various state regions. Several cost models for woody biomass systems using hybrid poplar have been applied to U.S. forest industries. Recent impact analyses of Pennsylvania's wood industry and tourism have shown complementary roles by these sectors within rural communities.

He has authored or co-authored nearly forty articles in refereed journals, more than fifty articles in nonrefereed publications, and three book chapters. In addition, he has presented more than 100 research papers at scientific conferences and meetings. As principal or co-principal investigator, Strauss has attracted more than \$4 million in grant funding.

Strauss has taught several undergraduate and graduate courses in forest economics, forest management, and forest measurements. He has served on many university and statewide boards and committees. His honors include the Research Honor Award from the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society, the Professional Service Award from the Pennsylvania Forestry

Association, and the School of Forest Resources Outstanding Faculty Award, which is selected through student organizations.

Strauss' international experience includes an assignment as a visiting professor at the University of Freiburg in Germany, participation with a People to People delegation that visited the Republic of China to review forest management and wood marketing practices, and involvement with a U.S. AID research assessment of Philippine universities.

Strauss holds three Penn State degrees: a bachelor's in forest management, a master's in economics, and a doctorate in agricultural economics. He also earned a master's degree in forest products marketing from Michigan State University. 🌲

## An Update on the New Building

Late this spring, we were asked by the University to consider increasing our proposed building for purposes of including our Wood Products program. This addition was largely based on previous School of Forest Resources planning efforts, circa 1997, and was forwarded to the university planning team. The expansion was included in a recent overview design provided by Robert A.M. Stern Architects/Bower Lewis Thrower Architects (Stern/BLT).

The preliminary design of the Forest Resources building was part of an overview design involving four buildings in the East Sub-Campus: Forest Resources, Food Science, the College of Business, and a new parking deck. These four structures will be approached as a coordinated building program, with the parking deck to be completed by late 2003 and the three academic buildings to be under construction by 2004, with completion scheduled for mid-2005. The Stern/BLT team has responsibility for this preliminary design phase and the final design of the College of Business building. Forest Resources and Food Science will undergo final planning under separate architectural contracts.

Director Chuck Strauss and the University's project manager met with the Commonwealth's Department of General Services (DGS) on May 23 to review the central academic functions and allied design prerequisites for our proposed building. This information was then used by the DGS Selection Committee in selecting a short list of three architectural firms for the final planning contract. On July 3 we received word that the architectural firm assigned to our building is Bower Lewis Thorwer (BLT) from Philadelphia. This is a fortunate selection in that BLT was

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*A special Donor Honor Roll edition*

## Farewell from Danielle Young

Dear Alumni and Friends,

In January 1998, when I accepted a position with the School of Forest Resources, I did not know that there was a Bald Eagle watershed, had never witnessed a prescribed burn, and had never seen a mud puppy. I also did not fully understand the strong connection alumni feel for Penn State. That lesson could not have been learned more quickly or thoroughly than in the School of Forest Resources. The School has an incredibly rich history and many of you—as well as members of the faculty and staff—have shared that history and your own memories with me over the years. I met some of you at alumni receptions and workshops, and others I learned about through this newsletter, RESOURCES. Over the years, I learned that connecting with alumni was what I really enjoyed most about working at Penn State.

This past May I accepted the position of director of alumni relations for the College of Education in order to focus my efforts on alumni connections and initiatives. I welcome the opportunity to serve 46,000 Education alumni, but will miss those I have come to know through the School.

Thank you for lessons learned—and for shared memories.

Danielle

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## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Here We Go Lions !!!

Greetings Alumni and Friends,

This new role as director was never anticipated on my career path. But when the post was offered, I did not hesitate. These added responsibilities have proven to be a demanding opportunity. Certainly the pace is quicker and the hours are somewhat longer. But I also have a sense that the people within our School are more willing to participate in the assignments that lay before us. Maybe it's just a change in perspective.

During my interview for this position, I suggested that the School's primary academic strengths were in the biology and management of natural resource systems and the engineering and marketing of wood products. These attributes have also been underscored in our College's new strategic plan. Over the next four years, our College will place an increased emphasis in five areas: expanding profitability in food and fiber systems, protecting water resources, improving forest management and the growth of wood industries, ensuring agricultural bio security, and strengthening youth and family educational programs. Some of these responsibilities are specific to our School and, in fact, a case can be made that we contribute to all five strategic areas.

However, responsibilities and accomplishments can be separate matters. We need to maintain our momentum in our central programs of resident education, extension, and research. One of our more critical charges is to increase undergraduate and graduate enrollments in each of our majors. We've had a considerable decline in enrollment in our Wildlife and Fisheries Science major and a moderate drop in Forest Science. At the same time, our graduates have continued to maintain good placement in their professions and the future job markets are encouraging. Accordingly, we're organizing new recruitment efforts in all three majors.

Our School is moving ahead, program-wise and building-wise. Over the past year, we've been successful in the search for new faculty. We are pleased to announce the hiring of four new faculty: Dr. Hunter Carrick as assistant professor of aquatic biology, Dr. Charles Ray as assistant professor of wood products extension and research, Dr. Harry Wiant as Ibberson Chair of Forest Resources Management, and soon-to-be-Dr. Nicole Brown as assistant professor of wood chemistry. These new faculty provide the necessary resources for expanded teaching and research efforts and complement our College's strategic plan.

The preliminary designs for our new building are underway. We now anticipate a somewhat larger building than proposed earlier, one that will house all three of our disciplines. For the first time in nearly fifty years we will gather our entire faculty, staff, and student body under one roof.

During my career, I've gathered considerable pride in our School. As an economist, I've attended to the principles of efficiency and equity. People have been the focus of my work and are the key correspondents in our work environment. As we look forward, it will be the people within this institution who determine our future.

Cheers, Chuck Strauss



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involved in the preliminary designs for our building and has a noted presence on the University Park campus. BLT designed the new Chemistry Building and the new Life Sciences Building.

During June our School's Building Committee reviewed the preliminary designs for our building as proposed by the Stern/BLT team. Three designs were brought forth, with the general configurations calling for a four-story structure. As indicated in the last newsletter, our building will be located in the northeast portion of Park Avenue and Bigler Road. This northern component of the East Sub-Campus will be shared with our larger neighbor, the College of Business building, with both structures overlooking a semicircular commons area within the sub-campus and also positioned across Park Avenue from The Arboretum of Penn State. Of further interest, our building will be directly across Bigler Road from the Pinchot dormitory, named after Governor Gifford Pinchot.

The initial layout of our building places all primary teaching areas on the first floor, including the 200-seat Steimer Auditorium, a 60-seat classroom, a 100-seat classroom, and five teaching laboratories. Computer labs and other auxiliary teaching areas will be on the lower level and first floor. Central administrative

spaces and those for undergraduate and graduate education will also be on the first floor. Research spaces for our three disciplines will be distributed over the three upper floors and the lower level. Faculty, graduate students, and technical personnel will have offices on the three upper floors.

Please keep in mind that these plans are preliminary and may change during the formal planning process. Further dialogue will be sought from the School Building Committee, college and university planning offices, and BLT. And, as in any capital project, various cost parameters will no doubt impact upon the size and scope of this effort.

Accordingly, fund raising for this project is a central priority with our School and College administration. We are bringing this financial challenge forward to various individuals, organizations, and companies having an interest and capability of contributing to our building program. For nearly one hundred years, our School has maintained a leadership role in the conservation, management, and utilization of natural resources enjoyed by our society. We see this structure as an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for you to participate in the central principles so important to our School's future. 🌱

# Donor Honor Roll

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This listing includes three new "naming gifts." In return for their gifts of \$25,000, the following alumni will each have the opportunity to name a room in the new forestry building: Catherine M. and **Robert H. Bommer Jr.** ('56), Marilyn Q. and **Henry D. Gerhold** ('52 and '54g), and Carol F. and **Charles H. Strauss** ('58). More details on the areas named by these individuals will be available after the design of the new building is completed.

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 Sustainable Forestry Initiative  
 Wildlife Management Institute

### \$1,000 to \$2,499

Baltek Corporation  
 Baltimore Gas and Electric Company  
 Bridgestone/Firestone Trust  
 DQE, Inc.  
 FirstEnergy  
 IMS Health  
 Mann and Parker Lumber Company  
 Matson Timber-Land Company  
 Met Ed – FirstEnergy  
 P.H. Glatfelter Company  
 Spruce Creek Rod and Gun Club  
 UGI Utilities, Inc.  
 Wood Component Manufacturers  
 Association

### \$500 to \$999

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 Borden Foundation Inc.  
 Exelon Corporation  
 Ford Motor Company Fund  
 Landstudies, Inc.

### \$250 to \$499

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 Westvaco Foundation

### \$100 to \$249

Appalachian Forestry Service  
 (Douglas S. Tavella '83g)  
 Bechtel Foundation  
 Delta Air Lines Foundation  
 Deltic Timber Corporation  
 Dominion Foundation  
 Environmental Consultants Inc.  
 Nalbach Construction  
 (Lawrence H. '63 and Jeanne E.  
 Nalbach)  
 International Paper Company Foundation  
 Pennsylvania Power and Light  
 State College Friends School

### Gifts up to \$99

Class of 1950 of Alpha Zeta  
 J.M. Huber Company  
 Merrill Lynch and Company Foundation  
 Print Solution (Gary J. De Noble '81g)  
 Three Rivers Forestry

## Gift Options

**Gifts of cash** are the easiest and most direct way to give to the School of Forest Resources and are fully deductible for individuals who itemize on their federal income tax return.

Cash gifts can be used to create scholarships and endowments, support an academic program, or invest in a building or capital construction project. A gift of cash might even be made through your will for these or other purposes, in which case you would enjoy the benefits of estate tax savings.

**A gift of appreciated securities** is a popular alternative to a cash gift because it actually saves taxes twice. You not only receive an income tax deduction for the full fair market value of your securities (if you've held the securities for more than one year), but you also avoid capital gains tax on the appreciation. If appreciated securities are used to make a bequest to Penn State or to fund a charitable trust, gift annuity, pooled income fund, or other planned-giving arrangement, you may realize substantial estate and gift tax benefits as well.

You may claim an income tax charitable deduction of up to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income for a gift of securities held for more than one year. As with gifts of cash, any deduction you cannot use in the year of your gift may be carried over and used for up to five additional years.

**Generous friends and alumni of the School of Forest Resources often make gifts of real estate, varying from timberland to farmhouses.** As with other appreciated property, a gift of real estate can unlock the full value of your property and offer you specific economic advantages, while providing lasting benefits to the University. The University carefully evaluates each potential gift to ensure that it will enhance the University's mission. Marketability of the property is usually a key consideration.

A personal residence, farm, vacation home, or other real estate property may be given to Penn State. Making an outright gift of appreciated real property you have held for more than one year would result in an immediate income tax charitable deduction for up to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income. Any excess deduction that you cannot use in the year of the gift may be carried over and used for up to five additional years.

**Consider benefiting the School of Forest Resources through your will.** After providing for family, friends, and others, many alumni and friends include a meaningful gift to Penn State. A will is a statement about what matters most in your life. By making a will, you can ensure that your intentions are clearly expressed, and that those administering your estate will follow them.

For many, this is their first gift, but for others it is an opportunity to continue a lifetime of support. These gifts take several forms: specific bequests of property, bequests of a stated dollar amount, and bequests of a percentage of the estate. A gift can even be residual—taking effect only after all other provisions of your will have been satisfied. Or a gift can be contingent—taking effect only if the other provisions cannot be satisfied.

Charitable bequests are an excellent way to provide for the University without parting with assets during your lifetime. You receive the benefit of an estate tax deduction for the amount of your gift, and can specify your preferences regarding the use of the gift within the University.

It is very important that the bequest be correctly stated in your will. The University can provide you and your legal adviser with suggested terminology to ensure that your wishes are fulfilled. It is also important to share your plans with the University, especially if you designate how Penn State is to use your bequest when it is received. The information can remain confidential and you will have the assurance that your gift will be used by the University to fulfill the objectives you have designated.

The development staff members of the College of Agricultural Sciences are available to discuss these gift options with you. For more information, contact John Krumrine, director of development, at 233 Agricultural Administration Building, University Park, PA 16802; 814-863-1168 or e-mail [jqk4@psu.edu](mailto:jqk4@psu.edu)

# Faculty and Staff Resources

## Wiant Appointed Joseph E. Ibberson Chair in Forest Resources Management



Dr. Harry V. Wiant, Jr., emeritus professor of forestry at West Virginia University, joined the School of Forest Resources on July 1, 2002, as the first occupant of the Joseph E. Ibberson Chair in Forest Resources Management. The chair's purpose is to educate students and continue leadership in the professional management of private forest resources. A committee composed of faculty; professional foresters from private, public, and industry sectors; and private

landowners/citizens advises the work of the chair. The newly endowed chair, made possible by the generosity of alumnus Joe Ibberson '47, retired chief of the Division of Forest Advisory Services of Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Resources (now Department of Conservation and Natural Resources), is filled for an initial three-year term with subsequent five-year terms possible.

Dr. Wiant was president of the Society of American Foresters (SAF) in 1997 and vice president in 1996. He also served as chair of the SAF Allegheny Section (a five-state region that includes Pennsylvania) in 1990.

For twenty-four years, from 1972 until his retirement in 1996, Dr. Wiant was a professor of forestry at West Virginia University. He began his teaching and research career as an assistant professor of forestry at Humboldt State University (in California) in 1961, became associate professor of forestry at Stephen F. Austin University (in Texas) in 1965, and then was assistant to the dean and professor of forestry at that latter institution for a year before moving to West Virginia.

Over these many years, Dr. Wiant has taught dendrology, silvics, silviculture, regional silviculture, tree improvement, mensuration, biometrics, sampling, and computer programming. His research, reported in over 200 professional articles and books, has included such topics as the ecology of the coast redwoods, silviculture of southern pines and Appalachian hardwoods, and timber volume estimation using the centroid method, which he and Dr. Goeffery Wood of Australian National University developed. He invented the "Wiant-f-c-Wedge" and the "Wiant Abney-Dendrometer" sold for many years by the Ben Meadows Company. He has consulted on mensurational, sampling, and statistical matters with Environmental Consultants, Inc., Westvaco Corporation, Boise Cascade Corporation, and numerous other companies and individuals, serving as an expert witness in both U.S. and English courts.

His own university education began with a B.S.F. in forest management at West Virginia University in 1954, followed by an

M.F. in silviculture from the University of Georgia in 1959, and a Ph.D. in forest ecology from Yale University in 1963. He served in the U.S. Army from December 1954 to December 1956.

Dr. Wiant's many honors and achievements include being inducted into the West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame in 1998, and being elected Fellow in the Society of American Foresters in 1990. He served as editor of the *Northern Journal of Applied Forestry* from 1984 to 1996, and as editor of *West Virginia Forestry Notes* from 1973 to 1996. He is a member of the Association of Consulting Foresters, a registered forester in the state of West Virginia, and an SAF Certified Forester.

Among his first activities as Ibberson Chair will be teaching a new course in Fall 2002, "Consulting Forestry," intended to provide upper-level undergraduates and graduate students more information and hands-on experience related to the consultant's role in assisting private landowners to better manage their forest resources. With more and more forestry graduates working as consultants, and few if any schools offering a course dedicated to this subject, it is anticipated that this course will lead to producing a greatly needed textbook, tentatively titled "The Forestry Consultant." Dr. John R. Brooks, associate professor at the West Virginia University Division of Forestry, has agreed to collaborate on this effort.

Dr. Wiant and his wife, Jeanne, look forward to experiencing life in central Pennsylvania.

Dr. Wiant can be reached by phone at (814) 865-9602 or by e-mail at hww3@psu.edu. 🐾



*Joseph E. Ibberson '47*

## Charles Ray Appointed Assistant Professor of Wood Products Extension and Research



Charles D. "Chuck" Ray joined the School of Forest Resources on July 1, 2002, as assistant professor of wood products extension and research. His primary duties will be to develop and implement a comprehensive extension program that addresses the needs and opportunities of Pennsylvania's wood industry, and to develop a regionally recognized applied research



program in his area of expertise, which is operations research.

Dr. Ray is enthusiastic about the possibilities associated with his new position: "Having worked with several different cabinet manufacturers in Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio, I have often reflected how operations research tools and techniques, along with a greater knowledge of the behavior of wood components, could greatly benefit the furniture and cabinet manufacturing industry. Furthermore, the field is ripe for research advances made possible by the evolution of testing, sensing, process control, and processing equipment. Pennsylvania's wood-processing industry can greatly benefit from a local research program that tests various combinations of manufacturing techniques and tools in order to optimize and enhance the production process."

Dr. Ray completed a B.S. in forest management at Stephen F. Austin State University in Texas in 1986 and a Ph.D. in forest science (Operations Research) at Texas A&M University in 1990. His research focus was on knowledge engineering, simulation modeling, and artificial intelligence.

He joined Temple-Inland in 1990 and was employed with that company until 1999 in various positions. The first two years he was a special projects manager during which time he conceived, designed, and initiated the company's program of Continuous Process Improvement. His accomplishments the next two years as process development manager included serving as the company's gypsum operations technical representative, leading their continuous improvement through research of new additives, drying technology, and warehousing and shipping operations. His last five years with Temple-Inland Forest Products Corporation in Diboll, Texas, was as technical research director. He managed the growth of the company's product and process development resources into a rapidly growing group of research scientists, engineers, and technologists responsible for quality assurance, new product research, continuous process improvement, customer technical service, and competitor benchmarking.

In May 1999, Dr. Ray joined Louisiana-Pacific Corporation in Portland, Oregon, as corporate quality assurance manager. Until he left there to join Penn State, he oversaw the development and implementation of Louisiana-Pacific's quality management system, and was responsible for quality compliance and oversight of sixty manufacturing locations.

Dr. Ray's service to the profession includes chairing the Mid-South Section of the Forest Products Society (1994-95), serving on the board of directors of the Texas Agribusiness Council (1995-1997) and on the board of directors of the Forest Products Society (1998-2000), and serving as vice-chairman of the Pacific NW Section of the Forest Products Society from July 2001 to June 2002.

Dr. Ray, his wife Lynda, and their five children, ages 4 to 12, moved to State College in June 2002. They look forward to exploring central Pennsylvania.

Dr. Ray can be reached via the Wood Products program office at (814) 865-6972. 🐾

## Nicole Robitaille Brown Named Assistant Professor of Wood Chemistry



Nicole Robitaille Brown will join the School of Forest Resources in January 2003 as assistant professor of wood chemistry. Later this year, Nicole will complete her Ph.D. at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia, as part of the Wood Adhesion Group in the Department of Wood Science and Forest Products. She has been working towards her doctorate since 1997 when she graduated from Virginia Tech with a B.S. in forestry and

wildlife, wood products option, with a minor in chemistry.

Ms. Brown's responsibilities at Penn State will include teaching and research. She will teach a basic undergraduate wood chemistry course, a specialized wood chemistry course, and an annual graduate-level course. Her doctoral research focuses on uncovering the molecular aspects responsible for adhesive performance in industrial formulations of crosslinking poly(vinyl acetate) latex adhesives. At Penn State, Ms. Brown plans to continue investigating the chemical mechanisms responsible for adhesive performance. She explains, "I am interested in the chemical nature of bonding: the degree of adhesive penetration into wood on a molecular scale, the molecular curing reactions that occur, and how those factors correlate with the physical properties and performance of the bonded assembly."

Ms. Brown's professional affiliations include the American Chemical Society, the Forest Products Society, and the Society of Wood Science and Technology. She is a recipient of the Adhesive and Sealant Council Foundation Fellowship and the USDA National Needs Fellowship. Her community service includes serving as a co-leader of Pioneer Girls (5th and 6th graders) and as a volunteer in a Wood Magic Show at Virginia Tech for 4th and 5th graders. 🐾

## Outstanding Faculty Award 2002



John J. Janowiak, associate professor of wood products engineering, is the recipient of the 2002 School of Forest Resources Outstanding Faculty Award. The award, created in 1996, allows students to recognize annually a faculty member who exemplifies the faculty's commitment to students and learning. Representatives of the School's undergraduate and graduate student organizations select the awardee.

Lance Gallagher, president of the student chapter of the Forest Products Society, was part of the selection committee. He reports, "Dr. Janowiak's classes are very challenging in both subject matter and in the level of expertise he expects from his students. Dr. Janowiak works hard in order for his students to reach this level. He is constantly challenging students through class participation and homework problems, but his office door is always open. He seems to care for each and every one of his students."

Dr. Janowiak earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees in wood science from the University of Illinois in 1979 and 1981, respectively. His undergraduate years at the University of Illinois included an academic scholarship with studies in metallurgical engineering before he developed a strong interest in the emerging field of wood composite manufacturing technology.

After completing his master's degree, he served as a visiting scientist at the University of Illinois and worked on USDA-sponsored research to develop fastener performance data relative to different forms of wood-based composite panel materials. In 1983 he accepted a graduate research position at Washington State University (WSU) in the College of Architecture and Engineering. He graduated from the WSU Department of Mechanical Engineering, Material Science Department in 1988. His dissertation in engineering mechanics included research to investigate the residual strength and stiffness behavior of structural and nonstructural wood composite plate elements subjected to low-velocity impact loads. Dr. Janowiak received recognition for his graduate studies with a Wood Award in 1989 from the Forest Products Society.

Dr. Janowiak joined the School of Forest Resources in March of 1989 and has responsibilities in undergraduate and graduate education, as well as research, within the Wood Products program. His courses include instruction in lumber and composite processing and manufacture, adhesive bonding and binders for wood products, wood deterioration and preservation, and fundamental mechanics and wood engineering design procedures. His current research involvement and interests include varying issues related to timber bridge construction, preservation of historic covered

wooden bridges, heavy timber connection performance modified with epoxy addition, elasticity behavior of structural composite lumber, and valued-added products from recycled building deconstruction wastes.

Dr. Janowiak currently serves on the Executive Board of the Forest Products Society, has committee duties in the Society of Wood Science and Technology, and is a voting member of the American Society for Testing and Materials. He has authored over eighty journal, technical note, conference proceedings, and abstract publications.

His personal interests include excursions for backpacking and other outdoor activities. His wife Tracy is a health care professional. Over the last ten years they have enjoyed rebuilding an old farmhouse—one of the earlier homesteads in the local area of Bald Eagle Valley. 🌲

## Bill Elmendorf Named Assistant Professor of Urban and Community Forestry



On May 1, 2002, Bill Elmendorf was promoted to assistant professor and program coordinator, urban and community forestry. Dr. Elmendorf also carries the title of extension specialist. He completed his Ph.D. in forest resources at Penn State in fall 2001.

Dr. Elmendorf joined the School of Forest Resources in 1991 and for eleven years served as instructor and program coordinator, community forestry. He created and still teaches

Urban Forest Management, a senior-level course required for Forest Science undergraduates in the Urban Forestry Option. He supervises four multi-county extension agents as coordinator of a statewide extension program. His academic interests include the operation of municipal tree programs, land-use planning, open space conservation and management, and conflict resolution.

In a recent research project, Dr. Elmendorf investigated whether municipalities within a watershed integrated natural systems in growth using land-use planning. "Community planners regularly review development proposals and guide decisions that affect the health and quality of both natural systems and communities," Dr. Elmendorf explains. "An understanding of the ability of traditional land use planning to conserve natural systems is crucial."

Another of Dr. Elmendorf's projects looks at the attitudes and behaviors of ethnic groups, which is important in planning and managing community forests: "Many times, these groups live in close proximity to major urban greenspaces, such as Fairmount Park in Philadelphia. We are using survey instruments

to better understand ethnic peoples' attitudes, behaviors, and fears of these places."

Bill's first alma mater is the University of Montana. He completed a B.S. in forest management there in 1980 and a master of business administration in 1986. From 1987 to 1991 he was assistant planner and urban forester for the City of Thousand Oaks, California, Department of Planning and Community Involvement. His duties included urban forestry projects and planning for environmental issues in both current and future projects. From 1978 to 1983 he worked as a seasonal wilderness ranger and firefighter for the U.S. Forest Service. As a firefighter, Bill was a red-carded squad boss for the Montana State Department of Lands.

From 1992 to 2002, Bill served as editor and contributor of *Urban Forestry News*, the newsletter of the Pennsylvania Urban and Community Forestry Council. And from 1998 to 2002, he served as editor and contributor of *Sylvan Communities*, the magazine of that same council.

Dr. Elmendorf received the American Society of Landscape Architects National Merit Award in 1991 and became a Ford Foundation Community Forestry Fellow in 1998. In 2001 he was recognized with the Pennsylvania Forestry Association and Pennsylvania Urban and Community Forestry Council Agency Achievement Award. He is a certified arborist of the International Society of Arboriculture, and a certified planning instructor of the Pennsylvania Municipality Planning Education Institute.

Dr. Elmendorf can be reached by phone at (814) 863-7941 or by e-mail at wfe1@psu.edu. 🐾

At the time she was nominated, Cathy had served three directors of the School of Forest Resources (Dr. Robert Bond, Dr. Alfred Sullivan, and Dr. Larry Nielsen), and three interim directors (Dr. Henry Gerhold, Dr. Kim Steiner, and Dr. Charles Strauss). She now continues to provide her invaluable help to newly appointed director Charles Strauss.

Even though our faculty and staff are housed in five buildings, Cathy knows all of them and stays alert to any concerns and accomplishments that the director should be aware of. Her ability to identify a problem and implement the proper procedures to solve the problem is recognized and appreciated by all groups in the School. She is especially knowledgeable about financial matters, personnel policies, and the myriad of University matters that require attention.

Cathy is also responsible for the supervision and coordination of the School's staff employees. She meets with them periodically, and leads them mainly by setting a good example, and by reinforcing positive attitudes toward quality work and friendly relationships among all with whom they work.

Every year Cathy has helped organize social events for faculty and students, thus promoting a spirit of community. She maintains a fund for flowers and greeting cards and sends these to faculty, staff, or family members who are ill, who have suffered a loss, or who are celebrating a birth. She organizes the annual United Way drive for the School, and participates in other community activities.

The Staff Laureate Leadership Award is a well-deserved recognition of the skills, efficiency, effectiveness, and dedication that Cathy Arney has demonstrated over many years. 🐾

## Cathy Arney Receives Staff Laureate Leadership Award



Cathy Arney, administrative assistant in the School of Forest Resources, has been honored with the first-ever Staff Laureate Leadership Award given by the College of Agricultural Sciences. The college's Staff Advisory Committee to the Dean initiated the new "Staff Laureate Awards Program" this year with input from staff members throughout the college. The program includes five annual awards: the Trailblazer Award, the Ambassador Award, the

Customer Service Award, the Leadership Award, and the Spirit Award. This year's winners were announced during the college-wide staff meeting in May.

The Awards Committee of the School of Forest Resources, chaired by Dr. Henry Gerhold, nominated Cathy Arney for the Leadership Award. She has provided outstanding service to the University for more than thirty years, and to our School for about seventeen years.

## Grace Wang Leaves Penn State



**Grace A. Wang**, assistant professor of natural resources policy, has announced her resignation, effective September 15, 2002. Dr. Wang has accepted a new faculty position in the Huxley College of the Environment at Western Washington University, Bellingham, Washington. She will continue to pursue her interests in teaching and research as applied to natural resources policy. Dr. Wang will be visiting with us over the next academic year to complete many of her research commitments at Penn State. 🐾

# Student Resources

## Brenda Potts Selected as Outstanding Senior 2002

Brenda Potts was recognized as the School of Forest Resources Outstanding Senior 2002 at a School picnic on April 11. A committee of Xi Sigma Pi (the School's honor society that is a chapter of a national honor society of natural resources disciplines) and School of Forest Resources faculty selects the recipient of the Outstanding Senior Award each spring from nominations submitted by faculty, staff, and students. Nominees must be seniors expected to graduate in May, August, or December.

Brenda is a returning adult student. After high school she enlisted in the Army Reserves in 1982. She trained to be a medical laboratory technician and served her unit as a platoon jeep driver, skills instructor, and member of the M16 rifle team. Soon after finishing her tour of duty, she became involved with a women's national bass fishing organization. She helped form a local club and began fishing competitively. She became the state director of Bass'n Gals for Pennsylvania and assisted in the operation of several national tournaments.

In January 1995 and recently divorced, Brenda began taking classes at Penn State Altoona. She had a full-time job, worked part-time on weekends, and took two courses each semester for four years that required a 96-mile roundtrip. During this time she had major surgery and suffered the loss of her teenage son. She continues to provide care when needed to her widowed mother who has been hospitalized several times.

In December 1998 Brenda resigned her position of ten years with Penn State Cooperative Extension and became a full-time student at University Park in the Spring 1999 semester. Driving and riding the campus bus consumed three hours each day. Brenda turned this potentially wasted time into study time by tape-recording her notes and listening to them while driving. She continued to work part-time during the school year and full-time in the summers as a ranger at Raystown Lake in Pennsylvania. Additional needed income came from student loans, dipping into her retirement funds, and selling her bass fishing boat.

In addition to her academic, financial, and family obligations, Brenda made the time to be active in volunteer and service organizations, both at Penn State and in her community. She is a founding member of Friends of Raystown Lake and has served as board secretary for five years. She has volunteered at a local food bank, as an instructor at regional 4-H camps, and caring for ill and injured wildlife at Centre Wildlife Care in Lemont, Pennsylvania. She is a member of the Student Affairs Committee of The Wildlife Society, actively involved with developing programs to better serve the student membership across the nation. She chaired several committees of Penn State's student chapter of The Wildlife Society and served as president of the Penn State's chapter of Xi Sigma Pi.

Brenda will graduate in August 2002. She is completing some final degree requirements via Independent Learning due to health problems this past spring semester. In May, Brenda began

a twelve-month appointment with USDA APHIS Wildlife Services as a biological sciences technician in Summerdale, Pennsylvania. She is interested in pursuing graduate study in wildlife.

According to Dr. Marc McDill, Xi Sigma Pi faculty adviser, "Brenda is well liked and respected by all who know her. Her ability to maintain a wonderful demeanor in spite of all the sacrifices and hardship she has had to endure in earning a degree from Penn State is extraordinary and inspiring. Brenda's character and determination provide a powerful example for others facing their own challenges as returning adult students at Penn State, and for all students in general. She is most deserving of the Outstanding Senior Award." 🌸

## Molly McDermott Receives 2002 Rapp Prize for Academic Excellence

Wildlife and Fisheries Science student Molly McDermott from Uniontown, Pennsylvania, is the recipient of the Orpha Kelly Rapp and Jesse Rossiter Rapp '15 Prize for Academic Excellence in the amount of \$3,300. This award is made each spring to the senior in the School of Forest Resources with the highest grade point average. Elizabeth Rapp Tukey endowed the award in memory of her father Jesse Rossiter Rapp (Class of 1915) and mother Orpha Kelly Rapp.

Molly plans to stay at Penn State for an additional year to complete minors in French and Spanish. This summer she is completing an internship in Costa Rica as part of her honors thesis. The honors thesis is the culmination of her work in the Schreyer Honors College, a university-wide program for exceptional students. Molly is studying the bird community of a montane tropical cloud forest reserve in Costa Rica where nearly 170 species of birds are found.

Last summer Molly worked as a conservation intern with the National Park Service at the Cape Cod National Sea Shore in Wellfleet, Massachusetts. Her experience included working with shorebird biotechnicians in monitoring and protecting nesting shorebirds, and also inventorying small mammal and songbird populations.

During the school year, Molly works at Penn State as a language tutor and was previously a student-athlete tutor. She works in the State College community as a gymnastics instructor with young children, ages three to twelve. She is a member of the Penn State University Choir. 🌸



The School of Forest Resources' Quiz Bowl Team of (left to right) **Brent McNeal**, **Brock Sanner**, and **Will Harlon** brought the plaque home from the Allegheny SAF winter meeting in Hagerstown, Maryland, in February 2002. Teams from five of the forestry schools in the Allegheny Society competed. Our team first defeated West Virginia University, and then beat Penn State Mont Alto in the final round.

## Spring 2002 Commencement

### UNDERGRADUATES

#### *Forest Science (B.S.)*

Keith Baumeister, Deidra Brace, Michael DiRinaldo, Joshua Francis, Stephen Headley, Gregory Kimmel, Douglas Konkle, Travis McNichol, Patrick Miller, Jeremy Murphy, Christy Naugle, Joseph Petroski, Marc Popchak, Michael Roche, Ty Ryen, Jason Shaw, Michael Shingler, Andrew Snyder, Michael Spisak, David Starr, Jason Stellfox, Jeremy Stitt, Mark Swartz, Jonathan Weaver, Nicola Zulli

#### *Wildlife and Fisheries Science (B.S.)*

Brian Arico, Adam Bausch, Tiffany Boody, Garrick Bryant, Emily Chapin, Suzanne Conlon, Michael Depew, Jason Detar, Ingrid Dietrich, Stephen Goin, Courtney Heaps, Elizabeth Kepley, Matthew Kline, William Mague, Casey Mantz, Benedict Nagy, Timothy Oldread, Nathan Reagel, Robert Richardson, Jason Ryan, Russell Spangler, Robert Steingrabe, Robin Thompson, Eric Troup, Stacy Wolbert

#### *Wood Products (B.S.)*

Kelly Calvert, Michael Dillman, Wesley Dunn, Fred Topper

### GRADUATES

#### *Forest Resources*

Brian Beakler, M.S., Seth Cassell, M.F.R., Emily Hansel, M.F.R., Sombo Kiratipayoon, Ph.D., Stephanie Rebain, M.S., Katherine Schmidt, M.F.R.

#### *Ecology*

Keely Tolly Roen, M.S.

#### *Environmental Pollution Control*

William Clark, M.S., Vincent Humenay, M.EPC, Stephanie Odenwald, M.S.

## Keystone Projects

Thirteen graduate students from five degree programs comprised the two interdisciplinary teams that undertook Keystone Projects in 2001-2002 sponsored by the Center for Watershed Stewardship (CWS) and community partners. Six students made up the Jacobs Creek team that focused on a 98-square-mile drainage in Westmoreland and Fayette counties flowing from



### **Jacobs Creek Team**

*(left to right): Bill Clark, Cathy Seyler, Matt Genchur, Swaathi Joseph, Emily Hansel, and Melissa Schnier*

Chestnut Ridge to the Youghiogheny River, or “From the Ridge to the River” as expressed in the slogan of the Jacobs Creek Watershed Association (JCWA). Originally founded in the 1960s to sponsor structural flood control reservoirs and stream channelization measures, the JCWA reorganized in 1996 to promote broader watershed protection and restoration goals.

The Jacobs Creek team involved Bill Clark (MS, Environmental Pollution Control), Matt Genchur (MFR, Wildlife and Fisheries Science), Emily Hansel (MFR, Forest Resources), Swaathi Joseph (MLA), Melissa Schnier (MS, Wildlife and Fisheries Science), and Cathy Seyler (MS, Forest Resources).

The Nescopeck Creek team of seven students took on the daunting watershed assessment and community organizational challenge of a Luzerne County stream near Hazelton, which is the locale of the Jeddo Mine Tunnel—the reputed largest single source of polluted runoff in the entire Chesapeake Bay basin. Perhaps an even greater task for the team concerned the need for an effective coalition formed from diverse, and disparate, watershed interests to work cooperatively toward a shared vision for their community. Significant progress toward that goal was realized at the April 17 community presentation on recommendations, culminating in a

broad-based consensus among groups and individuals to form a coalition organization as the first important step in implementing the student-produced watershed stewardship plan.

The Nescopeck Creek team consisted of Diane Evans (MLA), Curt Gill (MS, Wildlife and Fisheries Science), Jon High (MS, Forest Resources), Manisha Kaul (MLA), Kirk Patten (MS, Wildlife and Fisheries Science), Kate Schmidt (MFR, Forest Resources), and Ursula Sherrill (MS, Ecology). Considerable assistance to the project was provided by John Madden, CEO of Penn State Hazelton, and Dr. Monica Gregory, Director of Academic Affairs. Drew Magill and Allen Gregory of Friends of the Nescopeck, Diane Madl, Environmental Education Coordinator at Nescopeck State Park, and Robert Hughes, Eastern PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation, were particularly helpful to the student team.

School of Forest Resources faculty serving as graduate advisers to the 2002 cohort of students were Drs. Robert F. Carline, C. Andrew Cole, C. Paola Ferreri, James C. Finley, Michael Jacobson, William E. Sharpe, and Grace Wang. Instructors for the two Keystone courses were Lysle S. Sherwin, Director of CWS, and Dr. C. Andrew Cole, Associate Director. Brian Lee, a Ph.D. candidate in Forest Resources, was teaching assistant supporting ArcView GIS applications. Associate Professor of Landscape Architecture Ken Tamminga was appointed Faculty Fellow to the 2002 Keystone Projects.

The next two Keystone Projects are slated to begin in August 2002 on Sinking Valley and Spruce Creek, both subwatersheds of the Little Juniata River located less than an hour from University Park. 🌱



### **Nescopeck Team**

*Standing (left to right): Kate Schmidt and Jon High  
Seated (left to right): Manisha Kaul, Ursula Sherrill, Curt Gill, Kirk Patten, and Diane Evans*

# School Notes

In February, **Margaret Brittingham**, associate professor of wildlife resources, was named an associate editor of *The Auk*, published by the American Ornithologists' Union.

Extension associate **Bryan Swistock** was quoted in an April 10, 2002, Time.com Internet article on drought. He provided a number of steps we can take to help preserve water. As of this writing, the article appears at <http://www.time.com/time/nation/printout/0,8816,229745,00.html>.

**Marc McDill**, assistant professor of forest management, and advisee **Sonney George**, Ph.D. candidate in forest resources, co-authored the paper "Optimizing Simulated Annealing Parameters for Solving Harvest Scheduling Problems" presented at the Symposium on Models and Systems in Forestry at Punta de Tralca, Chile, in March. **Stephanie Rebain**, M.S. student in forest resources also advised by Dr. McDill, presented the paper, "Can Mature Patch Constraints Mitigate the Fragmenting Effect of Harvest Opening Size Restrictions" at the conference.

The Second Annual Goddard Forum, co-sponsored by the Penn State Maurice K. Goddard Chair in Forestry and Environmental Resources and the Penn State Dickison School of Law, was held April 17-18 at The Penn Stater Conference Center in State College, Pennsylvania. The forum addressed the scientific, legal, and policy issues surrounding the problem of global and regional climate change. In particular, it focused upon the roles that states, localities, private industry, and other nongovernmental organizations can play. It examined strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and atmospheric concentrations, including innovative trading and sequestration strategies. It also examined policies that might be implemented to deal with the impact of climate change upon health, flood control, forestry, agriculture, and ecosystems. Attendees received continuing legal education credit. Twenty-seven speakers made presentations, which will be incorporated into proceedings.

The United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization is carrying out a project in Africa to better improve the ability of governments to raise revenues in the forest sector. As part of the project, **Michael Jacobson**, assistant professor of forest resources, spent two weeks in April in South Africa reviewing their forest revenue systems. In addition, he analyzed a controversial revenue source—water pricing of timber plantations. South Africa is water scarce country and timber plantations are water users in very important catchments. Therefore the South African government has instituted a water tariff based on the volume of water the trees use. Dr. Jacobson did an analysis of the impact of the water pricing scheme on forest sustainability in the country.

**Dr. John Carlson's** title has been changed from Principal Investigator to Director of the Schatz Center for Tree Molecular Genetics in the School of Forest Resources. The initial appointment of this title, effective in May 2002, is for a period of three years. The Schatz Center was made possible by a gift from deceased alumnus **Louis Schatz '34** to advance research and

training in forest genetics. Dr. Carlson is also associate professor of molecular genetics.

The Center for Watershed Stewardship and personnel from the northcentral region of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection presented a workshop on May 18, 2002, to several dozen volunteer watershed groups. The workshop, "The Stewardship Process - Charting the Course," presented introductory watershed assessment, management, and planning information to about seventy participants on a cold, wet, and snowy day. Center Director **Lysle Sherwin**, and Associate Director **Andy Cole** presented material on various aspects of a watershed assessment. **Brian Lee**, Ph.D. candidate in forest resources, presented an introduction to GIS; **Melissa Schnier**, M.S. student in wildlife and fisheries science, spoke about riparian assessment, and an introduction to AVStreams was presented by Dave Lehning, a programmer in Penn State's Environmental Consortium. Sherwin and Cole finished the day with a discussion on issues, goal setting, and planning.

Two graduate students from the School of Forest Resources received awards at the Seventeenth Annual Graduate Exhibition in April. **Emily Phillips**, M.S. student in ecology advised by **Dr. Bill Sharpe**, won a third place award in Health and Life Sciences. Her poster was titled "Brook Trout and Associated Fish Species as Indicators of Episodic Acidification." **Emily Hansel**, an M.F.R. student in forest resources with an option in watershed stewardship, is advised by **Dr. Jim Finley** and won a third place award in Social and Behavioral Sciences. Her poster was titled, "Private Riparian Landowner Attitudes on Conservation: A Study on Jacobs Creek Watershed."

A new CD-ROM for educators who teach tree identification to youth and adults is available from the Penn State Forest Resources Extension. The CD-ROM includes a *Tree Identification* PowerPoint® Presentation, which consists of slides that users can view on a computer monitor, show on a large screen with a video projector, or print to make overhead transparencies.

The CD-ROM is designed for use with the *Summer Key for Pennsylvania Trees*, a recently revised 4-H publication. To use the *Summer Key*, participants look at a tree leaf and decide whether it has certain characteristics, such as whether it is needle-like (like a pine or spruce) or broad and flat (like an oak or maple). As they make each decision, the key directs them to make choices about other characteristics, until they reach the final decision point, which reveals the tree's identity.

The *Tree Identification* presentation begins by using illustrations to introduce basic concepts and terminology necessary for using the *Summer Key*. Then participants view photographic images of tree leaves and practice using the key. The presentation includes detailed notes, which help presenters explain important concepts, define terms, and show others how to use the key. Step-by-step instructions outline the correct path through the identification key for each leaf. For each tree in the presentation, an additional slide shows other features, such as twigs, bark, flowers, fruits, and growth form. Penn State School of Forest Resources

Extension developed the presentation to support the Pennsylvania Forest Stewardship Program and Pennsylvania 4-H. The *Summer Key for Pennsylvania Trees* publication is available on the *Tree Identification* CD-ROM as a pdf file and also on the Penn State Natural Resources Extension Web site: <http://rNnext.cas.psu.edu/publication.htm#youth>. *Tree Identification* CD-ROMs are available from: Forest Resources Extension, 7 Ferguson Building, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA 16802. There is a \$5 fee for each CD, which covers production and delivery costs. (Make checks payable to "Penn State.") For more information about the *Tree Identification* CD-ROM or the *Summer Key for Pennsylvania Trees*, call 1-800-235-WISE (toll-free) or send e-mail to [RNRnext@psu.edu](mailto:RNRnext@psu.edu).

*Our Heritage of Community Trees* is a richly illustrated 72-page booklet, including nine pages of literature references, about the origins and history of urban forestry in Europe and America. The principal chapters describe how trees came into the design of urban landscapes, and how arboricultural practices and urban forest management developed over the centuries. To order a copy, enclose a check for \$16.00 (\$18.00 overseas) payable to: Pennsylvania Urban & Community Forestry Council, 56 East Main Street, Mechanicsburg PA 17055. *Compatible Tree Factsheets for Electric Lines and Restricted Spaces Including Evergreens for Screens* is an expanded 2nd Edition that contains factual information and color photos of sixty broadleaved varieties and eighteen evergreens, all smaller types of trees especially suited to sites with space limitations. A table of tree characteristics indicated by symbols simplifies selection. Advice on analyzing planting sites, selecting adapted varieties, procuring planting stock from nurseries, and proper planting and after-care is included. Order by sending an \$18.00 check (includes shipping), payable to "Penn State," to Municipal Tree Restoration Program, 109 Ferguson Building, University Park PA 16802.

**Marc E. McDill**, assistant professor of forest resource management, and **Grace Wang**, assistant professor of natural resources policy, were among fifteen individuals in the College of Agricultural Sciences who recently completed a yearlong Curriculum Infusion Project. They participated in a series of monthly seminars to discuss and learn how they can change curricula to better reflect the increasingly multicultural reality of United States higher education. Instead of integrating diversity as an added component, the program explored how diversity permeates all aspects of curricula content.

The School of Forest Resources offered two institutes in June to provide teachers and other educators with information and educational tools to teach a balanced environment and ecology curriculum related to Pennsylvania's natural resources. Classroom instruction was supplemented by field and laboratory work. Eighteen 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade science teachers participated in AFSIT, the Aquatic and Fisheries Science Institute for Teachers, and twenty-seven 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade teachers participated in FRIT, the Forest Resources Institute for Teachers. AFSIT was directed by **Dr. C. Paola Ferreri**, associate professor of fisheries management, and included study of fishery basics, fish life cycle,

where fish live, watersheds, aquatic life as an indicator of ecosystem health, and current fisheries and aquatic resource issues. FRIT was directed by **Dr. Sanford Smith**, natural resources and youth extension specialist, and included study of Pennsylvania's forest, water, and wildlife resources and current issues; forest products; urban and community forests; and youth curriculum resources. Additional faculty, staff, and students involved in these institutes were **Dr. Andrew Cole**, **Nathan Bosis**, **Dr. Margaret Brittingham**, **Aaron Goar**, **Joe Harding**, **Dr. Gary San Julian**, **Dr. Erin Snyder**, **Melissa Schier**, **Lee Stover**, **Bryan Swistock**, and **Jessica Kelligher '01**, vocational ag teacher in Pleasant Gap, Pennsylvania.

Penn State's Conservation Leadership School (CLS) was held at the University's Stone Valley Recreation Area near State College, Pennsylvania, in late June and mid-July. Sixty students between the ages of 15 and 18 attended one of the two, one-week programs offered. CLS emphasizes field-based, hands-on learning, group problem solving, and leadership. The students worked in teams with faculty and staff from the School of Forest Resources and representatives of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, the Pennsylvania Game Commission, the Department of Environmental Protection, and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. This year's curriculum focused on current natural resource issues affecting each and every Pennsylvanian, including: sustainable forestry, Pennsylvania wood products, watershed management, and managing Pennsylvania's white-tailed deer. **Michael Powell** served as CLS director, and **Dr. Sanford Smith** served as faculty adviser to CLS. Three of the four student counselors were also from the School of Forest Resources: graduate students **Jon High** and **Cathy Seyler**, and undergraduate student **Lee Kline**.

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## President's Message



Stanley R. Rapp '52

June 5, 2002

Two months ago today, a funny thing happened on a trip to Portland, Oregon. Because of chest discomfort, my local doctor ordered me to the big city for an angiogram test, at which time they found advanced heart disease. A few days

later, I walked out of the hospital with a quadruple bypass.

Looking back on this event, it occurred to me that it could serve as a starting metaphor for this letter's theme.

My first impulse was to cancel out my calendar and forego '02 responsibilities. After several hundred get well cards and some wise counsel, this person and the Alumni Group will continue to move forward and meet the ever-present conservation challenges and opportunities in the state and in the nation.

As it is, I missed the April 19 board meeting and alumni banquet. Board member **Lowell Underhill '56** chaired the meeting and was emcee at the banquet. Thanks a lot, Lowell! We honored three Outstanding Alumni, recommended by our Awards and Recognition Committee (chaired by **Terry Harrison '77**). We are currently seeking award nominations for both Outstanding Alumni and Outstanding Recent Alumni (graduated in the last ten years) awards to be given at the School of Forest Resources Alumni and Friends Banquet in spring 2003. Please send your nominations by September 30, 2002.

At our banquet we honored **Ellen Manno '86g**, executive director of our alumni group, with a richly deserved Certificate of Achievement. Congratulations, Ellen. And we bid farewell to **Danielle Young**, editor of RESOURCES, who has moved to a new position working with alumni in the College of Education.

I am pleased to report that Penn State has selected **Chuck Strauss '58** as Director of the School of Forest Resources, after a one-year, national search. Isn't this typical: search all over and the best person is in our own backyard?

Also, at our spring banquet, Peter Pinchot presented a twelve-page essay, "Creating a Culture of Sustainability on Family-owned Forest Lands." I have read this; it is good and on the cutting edge. Contact Ellen Manno at University Park and she will send you a copy.

Let me finish on this note: silence is NOT always golden. In the past, I have asked you to drop me a note if you have any ideas on how our 4,500-person group can best weather these turbulent times of conservation change, and still persevere. Drop me a note and I will get back to you.

Best regards,  
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**Editor's Note:** *It is with much sadness that I report that Stan Rapp's wife Rosalyn died unexpectedly in her sleep on June 5 in their home in Trout Lake, Washington.*

## Election Results

Based on 112 ballots returned from our Winter 2002 newsletter, **Joseph "Joe" E. Bernard '60 and '63g**, **J. Theodore "Ted" Jensen '50**, and **Gregory "Greg" M. Schrum '67 and '69g**, have been elected to three-year terms on the School of Forest Resources Alumni Group Board of Directors, and **Lowell T. Underhill '56** has been elected to a second three-year term. A complete listing of board members is in the box on the next page.

Terms of four at-large board members will expire in spring 2003, so we will have another election in January 2003. If you are interested in being a candidate for the board or wish to nominate someone else, please provide the information on the Response Form on page 27.

## Life Membership Rebate

For a limited time, the Penn State Alumni Association is offering a \$50 rebate to the School of Forest Resources Alumni Group (or any other affiliate alumni group designated) for every new life member recruited. Penn State has the largest alumni association, and we are number one in alumni donors, but when it comes to life memberships, we are in second place—behind the University of Illinois. If you would like to join as a life member, please contact Ellen Manno at 814-863-5831 or [exr2@psu.edu](mailto:exr2@psu.edu) to request the special card and code required for correct designation of your rebate, or check the box on the Response Form on page 27.

# School of Forest Resources Outstanding Alumni

Three School of Forest Resources Outstanding Alumni were honored at our Alumni and Friends Banquet on April 19, 2002, at Toftrees Hotel and Conference Center in State College: **David Spencer '37**, **Robert Rumpf '49**, and **Edward Kocjancic '54**.

The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding School of Forest Resources alumni and to foster closer relationships between the award recipients and students, faculty, staff, and other alumni. The selection criteria for the award include professional achievement, excellence, impact, and recognition; service to the profession, to the School of Forest Resources, and to the community; and demonstration of high personal and professional standards.

## School of Forest Resources Alumni Group Board of Directors

### Elected at-large members (terms expire Spring 2003):

Michael R. Jones ('83 FORSC)  
George R. Kemp ('53 FOR)  
Nelson S. Loftus ('58 FOR)  
Dave B. Messics ('87 W L S)

### Elected at-large members (terms expire Spring 2004):

Terry P. Harrison ('77 FORSC), *vice president*  
Stanley R. Rapp ('52 FOR), *president*  
Benjamin G. Tresselt, Jr. ('63 FOR)  
Gary C. Wakefield ('67 FOR T, '69g W L M)

### Elected at-large members (terms expire Spring 2005):

Joseph E. Barnard ('60 FOR, '63g FOR)  
J. Theodore Jensen ('50 FOR)  
Gregory M. Schrum ('67 FOR T, '69g FOR R)  
Lowell T. Underhill ('56 FOR)

### Immediate Past President:

George R. Kemp ('53 FOR)

### Director, School of Forest Resources (SFR):

Charles H. Strauss

### President, College of Ag Sciences Alumni Society, *ex officio*:

Dean Girton

### SFR Faculty Member:

Henry D. Gerhold ('52 FOR and '54g M FOR)

### 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.

The School of Forest Resources Alumni Group will make up to four Outstanding Alumni awards annually. For the first time in 2003, we will also be awarding up to one Outstanding Recent Alumnus Award. A nomination form is printed on page 26 and is also available on the School of Forest Resources Web site (<http://www.sfr.cas.psu.edu>). Photocopies are acceptable. Nominations for either award are to be submitted **by September 30** to:

School of Forest Resources  
Alumni Group Awards Committee  
Ferguson Building  
The Pennsylvania State University  
University Park, PA 16802

We are pleased to introduce our 2002 Outstanding Alumni Award recipients.

The first award was made posthumously to **David L. Spencer**, class of '37, who died in February 2000 at the age of 84. His classmate **Al Kirnak '37** of Portland, Oregon, nominated Dave for this award.

Dave was born near Philadelphia in 1915. After completing his forestry degree, he worked for a few years with the Civilian Conservation Corps, and then as a logger in northwestern Pennsylvania, felling trees and cutting them in to firewood. This was during the Great Depression and before the invention of chain saws. Next Dave borrowed money and enrolled at the University of Michigan. After completing an M.S. degree in the new field of wildlife management, he began a job with the Missouri State Game Commission in 1942. In 1943, with America engaged in World War II, Dave enlisted in the Naval Air Corps and became a naval flight instructor in multi-engine seaplanes at Corpus Christi, Texas.

Dave was discharged from the Navy in 1945 and soon began working with Starker Leopold, the son of Aldo Leopold. They conducted bird studies in Mexico, traveling by foot and horseback; this was a comprehensive study under the auspices of the University of Wisconsin. Dave then began doctoral studies at the University of Wisconsin and it was there that he came to know Aldo Leopold. After six months he knew that research was not his preferred vocation and he entered the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 1946. Because of his aviation experience he was a natural to fly the aircraft that the agency relied on heavily. In addition he had extensive experience in forestry and wildlife management. He flew duck surveys in Mexico, Guatemala, Florida, and Canada, as well as flying in remote areas of Alaska in the late 1940s and 1950s.

In 1948, the year he married his wife Eloise, he became refuge manager of the Kenai National Moose Range. Although there were fourteen national wildlife refuges in Alaska at that time, Dave was only the second manager appointed anywhere in the territory. In 1950 his duties were expanded to serve as supervisor of all the national wildlife refuges in Alaska. He fought for and guided the Alaskan National Wildlife Refuge System through the turbulent years of poachers and squatters, oil development, statehood, emerging wilderness and environmental ethics, conflicting demands for use of wildlife and their habitats, and the selection of lands to be added to the refuges for the

Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA). He was instrumental in bringing back the Aleutian Goose from the brink of extinction. With the help of his colleagues, Dave instigated the establishment of the Kenai Canoe Trail System. He retired from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 1976 and then worked an additional eight years for the University of Alaska.

Dave's professional recognitions are numerous and include the highest honor of the Department of Interior, the Distinguished Service Award in 1973; the Alaska Conservationist of the Year award from the National Audubon Society in 1981; and the Professional Service Award from the University of Alaska in 1985. In 1997, a unit of the Kenai Wilderness was named in David Spencer's honor.

Dr. John Craighead provided a letter in support of Dave's nomination and wrote, "I know of no other who has done as much as Dave to preserve and manage wildlife and its habitat in Alaska. He was a humble and soft-spoken man but resolute in his husbandry of the land and its wildlife. His integrity was of the highest order and this was matched with a passion for the land and its diversity of life. It is my opinion that he, more than anyone else, set the pattern for natural resource management in Alaska."

*Page Spencer (below) receives the Outstanding Alumni Award from Director Chuck Strauss for her deceased father David L. Spencer (right).*



Dave's wife Eloise still lives in Alaska but was unable to attend the banquet. However, some of Dave's friends and family were present:

-**William "Bill" Willits** from St. Petersburg, Florida, accompanied by his daughter; Mr. Willits was a boyhood and college friend of Dave's and is a 1937 graduate in Ag Economics,

-**Sam James**, who was a classmate of Dave's and graduated in Forestry in 1938, and his wife Jane from Media, Pennsylvania,  
 -**Dr. Page Spencer**, Dave's daughter, with whom he spent fifty, very special years in Alaska. Page is an ecologist with the National Park Service in Alaska. Her husband Michael Fleming accompanied her.

The second recipient is **Robert H. Rumpf** who earned a B.S. in forestry at Penn State in 1949. He began his career with the Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters, filling several assignments between 1949 and 1953, including a tour in the U.S. Army. After earning a master of forestry degree at Duke University in 1954, he joined The Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company in Virginia.

In 1961, Bob returned to Pennsylvania to open a district office in Carlisle. While there, he expanded the woodland acquisition program and installed scientific forest management on company lands. He also encouraged private landowners to recognize the value of management and harvesting on their forestlands. He served as area forester, district manager, administrative assistant, and vice president and general manager at the Spring Grove headquarters of the company. He retired in 1993 with 39 years of service.

Bob's hard work and keen insights earned him the respect of others both inside and outside of the forest conservation field. A proponent of industrial forestry, he is an articulate spokesman for responsible stewardship on industrial and private woodlands.

Bob's service to the profession includes being president and director of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association, and chair of the association's Policy Committee and Forest Industry Committee; he was chairman of the Pennsylvania Tree Farm Committee, chairman of the Mid-Atlantic Communications Committee of the American Forest Institute, chairman of the Forest Resource Committee of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, and a member of the national board of the American Pulpwood Association. He continues to provide a service to private woodland owners in his retirement.

Bob's service to the School of Forest Resources includes being a member of the School's Advisory Board (1991-1995), a member of the Goddard Chair Committee (1992-2000), and a member of the Penn State Forest Issues Group. He also served on the SFR Alumni Group board of directors for two three-year terms from 1995 to 2000. He was instrumental in establishing the Distinguished Lecture Series in the School in 1993.

Bob's service to the community includes being a member of the North Middleton Township Planning Commission for ten years, activity in the Presbyterian Church, and leadership in the Boy Scouts of America.

His awards include the Joseph T. Rothrock Conservationist of the Year Award in 1996 from the Pennsylvania Forestry

Association, the 1993 Maryland Governor's Proclamation for Leadership in Maryland Forestry, and in 1993 he was elected fellow in the Society of American Foresters.

Bob Rumpf was nominated by **Calvin F. Glattfelder '49** of Naples, Florida, and **Arthur J. Oplinger '62** of Spring Grove, Pennsylvania. Mr. Oplinger was present at the banquet. Mr. Rumpf's wife Marjorie was unable to attend.

The third recipient of the award is **Edward F. Kocjancic** who earned a B.S. in forestry in 1954. He has practiced forestry for 45 years, 35 of which have been as a forest consultant. He is president of Edward F. Kocjancic, Inc., a consulting firm based in Kane, Pennsylvania, that employs a staff of eight and is known internationally for its veneer expertise, especially black cherry. Ed's company offers the gamut of natural resource management services, including aerial and GIS mapping and domestic and international marketing.

Ed been a very strong supporter of Penn State's Grand Destiny Campaign and has also served as a volunteer in that effort. He is a life member of the Penn State Alumni Association. He has served on the School's Advisory Board since 1995. His company has worked in conjunction with the School to develop the latest computer technology for forest inventory and information gathering. Each fall his company hosts a visit from the School's sophomore forestry class. His support of the new forestry building includes funding for a teaching laboratory, to be named the Kocjancic Forestry Laboratory, that will contain 24 stations for students taking classes in silviculture, dendrology, timber harvesting, and forest mensuration.

Ed Kocjancic has demonstrated by example the importance of forest stewardship, sustainability, and multiple-use in the management of private forest land. He is an FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) resource manager. Most recently, this past August, Ed was named a finalist in the 2001 Governor's Export Excellence Award. This award recognizes companies and individuals who are leading contributors to Pennsylvania's expanding international market opportunities.

Ed's professional affiliations include being a 47-year member



Peter Pinchot, director of Milford Experimental Forest, spoke at our 2002 Alumni and Friends Banquet in April about "Creating a Culture of Sustainability on Family-owned Forestlands." He began by relating how his extended family dealt with joint ownership of forested property in northeastern Pennsylvania inherited from Gifford Pinchot

and his brother, and goes on to explore how a culture of stewardship might be stimulated in the absence of family ties. He argues that "the fundamental reason that conservation has had such limited success on private lands is that conservation itself is ultimately a community value, not a private value. Without a community to provide the social support, the network of experience and knowledge, and the reinforcement for conservation, the many pressures affecting private landowners are more likely to overwhelm their desire to manage their land sustainably. . . . Creating this culture of sustainability for private landowners is the unfinished piece of the conservation revolution that began over a century ago on the public lands." For a copy of the paper, please contact Ellen Manno, alumni group executive director, at 814-863-5831 or [exr2@psu.edu](mailto:exr2@psu.edu).

of the Society of American Foresters, a life member of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association, a director of the Allegheny Hardwood Utilization Group, a director of the Pennsylvania Forest Industry Association, a director of the McKean County Conservation District, a director of the Pennsylvania Council of Professional Foresters, and a member of the Pennsylvania Hardwood Development Council.

His community involvement includes serving on the Advisory Board of Northwest Savings Bank, Kane Branch; serving as a director on the Kane Area Industrial Development Council; and serving as leadership gift director for St. Callistus Church in Kane, Pennsylvania, where he spearheaded the fund-raising of one million dollars to help the church meet its building campaign goal.

**Robert C. McColly '72**, who was present at the banquet with his wife, nominated Ed Kocjancic. Also accompanying Ed were his wife Pat, and son Ed and daughter-in-law Carol

*Director Chuck Strauss (center)  
with 2002 Outstanding Alumni  
Bob Rumpf (left) and Ed Kocjancic (right).*



# Alumni Notes

## In Memoriam: Ed Farrand



Edward P. Farrand died May 4, 2002 at the age of 84. He completed a bachelor of science in forestry in 1940 and a master of forestry in

1962, both at Penn State. He was an associate professor of forestry extension at Penn State for nearly thirty years, retiring in 1979.

Ed served four years as a communications officer in the U.S. Army Corps during World War II and was discharged in 1946 as a captain. Prior to his position at Penn State, he was employed by the Krumenacker Lumber Company and Armstrong Forest Company.

He helped organize the Pennsylvania Maple Syrup Producers' Council in 1963, which promotes the production and sale of the state's maple products. In 1954, he assisted in forming the Youth Forestry Training Camp, held annually at Stone Valley Recreational Area, and served as its director for many years. Thousands of boys and girls participated in this weeklong program, which offered in-depth training to young people interested in forestry career opportunities. The camp was sponsored by forest-based industries and organizations.

He served as chairman of numerous woodland management workshops and forest landowner conferences. Ed also worked closely with Christmas tree growers, assisting them with production practices and shearing techniques. He was the course instructor for numerous workshops conducted by the northeastern U.S. Extension foresters, at log-bucking training sessions for lumber mill crews, and for high schoolteachers' educational training programs.

For his entire tenure with Penn State, he was chairman and judge of the

Pennsylvania Farm Show's maple products and Christmas tree exhibits. He was also in charge of numerous forestry and maple-products exhibits at the university's annual Ag Progress Days. He presented papers at the National Christmas Tree Growers Convention and at the Maine and Delaware State Christmas Tree Growers conventions.

In 1969 he was recipient of the Maple Man of the Year Award presented by the Pennsylvania Maple Producers Council, and in 1979, he was recognized as Maple Syrup Man of the Year by the New York Maple Syrup Producers Council. He was honored with the Centre County Conservation District's Distinguished Service Award and, in 1980, with the Conservationist of the Year Award by the Pennsylvania Forestry Association.

Active in Scouting, he served as chairman of the Nittany Mountain District and was on the board of Juniata Valley Council. He was honored with Scouting's adult Silver Beaver Award.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Juniata Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America, 9 Taylor Drive, Reedsville, PA 17084, or the State College Presbyterian Church, 132 W. Beaver Avenue, State College, PA 16801.

As additional information, here is a brief biosketch written by Ed Farrand that appeared in the January 1998 issue of our alumni newsletter:

"I was a farm boy from Boonton High in northern New Jersey and entered Penn State Forestry School at Mont Alto as a freshman in 1936. A lumber company in Cambria County, Pennsylvania, was looking for a graduate forester with farm experience to work for forty cents an hour plus room and board. Since I qualified, the job was mine. Starting at the end of a crosscut saw cutting hemlock and northern hardwood logs for the mill, and later working in the mill, helped me learn the business. I also helped bring in the hay, castrate the pigs, and baby-sit the children.

"The draft and voluntary entry in to the Air Force ended this job a week before Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. I was trained as a weather observer and ended up in a heavy bomb squadron (B-24)

stationed in the Panama Canal area including the Galapagos Islands. The mission was flying anti-sub patrol on the west side of the Panama Canal using radar-equipped planes. The U.S. navy replaced our Sixth Air Force in 1944 using water-based planes.

"After a discharge in 1946 when professors were returning to their duties at the forestry school, I took on one of their jobs purchasing and shipping pulpwood from Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia to mills in Lock Haven and Johnsonburg, Pennsylvania. By 1949 conditions had changed and pulpwood was available locally for the two mills. My base was moved from Lynchburg, Virginia, to Lock Haven, Pennsylvania.

"In February 1951, I became assistant extension forester at Penn State upon the retirement of Frank Murphey. Without taking any time off for class work or for preparing my thesis, "Red Pine Growth and Development over a Forty-year Period," I earned a master of forestry degree at Penn State in March 1962. I had assumed the extension forester position when Walter Simonds retired in 1960.

"The 28 years in forestry extension involved working with county agents over the whole state. County agents arranged meetings with landowners for discussions and demonstrations concerning forest management and Christmas tree production from planting to shearing and harvesting. Maple syrup production was demonstrated in northern counties and southwestern areas in Bedford and Somerset counties. Christmas tree growers and maple syrup producers were organized in local groups that later joined statewide, then national, organizations. My early work involved considerable travel to the counties. Later this travel was reduced and more time was spent in the office working on publications and correspondence.

"After retiring in 1979, I consulted with forest landowners, treating and harvesting their crops of timber. Now volunteering for local organizations has superseded the consulting almost completely."

## 1920s

**Chester F. Phelps, at Mont Alto 1927-29** – 6 Victoria Circle, Hilton Head, SC 29926. News from daughter Tillie Ann Phelps Weaver: “With sadness I announce the passing of my father, Chester F. Phelps, age 92, on April 26, 2002. My father was at Mont Alto State Forest School 1927-29, and attended Penn State at Mont Alto the summer of 1929. He received a B.S. in forestry from North Carolina State University in 1931. My mother, B. Ann Phelps, in reasonably good health at age 91, will continue to reside here at the above address.”

## 1930s

**Willard S. Bromley, 1931** – “Mr. Bromley, age 93, of 417 Reeds Landing, Springfield, Massachusetts, died April 2, 2002. Known to his friends as Bill, he was born February 13, 1909, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Philadelphia’s Central High School and then earned a B.S. in forestry from Penn State and a master’s degree from Yale University. Prior to World War II Mr. Bromley supervised various Civil Conservation Corps camps, logging operations, and tree planting projects. He was later a forester for the Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company in Upper Michigan, converting its logging operations from clearcutting to selective logging. His varied forestry career included associate professorship at the University of Michigan and posts with the U.S. Forest Service and the Ohio Division of Forestry. After 25 years with the American Pulpwood Association in New York City, New York, he retired as its Executive Vice President. After retiring he worked as a consultant within the forest industry.”

**Charles A. Young, 1939** – 46800 Coppage Lane, Drayden, MD 20630-3211. “Like classmate **James Wilkinson '39**, I am getting a bit ‘elderly.’ I was 87 years young on February 28. I wrote a ‘piece’ for the Centennial Voice book to be published in 2003 by Penn State Mont Alto; see how my memory matches your freshman experiences. Keeping busy ‘badgering’ my legislator on bills that affect forestry and other land uses in Maryland.”

## 1940s

**Duane C. Conley, 1942** – Redstone Highlands, Apt. 385, 12921 Lincoln Way, North Huntingdon, PA 15642.

## 1950s

**Dean Quinney, 1950** – 37329 Charles Town Pike, Purcellville, PA 20132-2903. “Still live in Loudoun County at the base of the ‘Blue Ridge.’ Unfortunately, Loudoun County now is the fastest growing (population) county in Virginia. Not to my taste!”

**Walter R. Rossman, 1950** – 2282 New Germany Road, Ebensburg, PA 15931-3406; romary@floodcity.net. “Mary and I are enjoying the winter days on our Tree Farm (Hemlock Dell) in Cambria County, Pennsylvania, with the winter birds at our feeders and caring for an assortment of chickens, geese, steer, barn cats, and peafowl. In 2001 our daughter Dana and family built a house on a portion of the farm. Our legacy at Penn State includes Mary’s father Harry W. Carson (1920 Animal Husbandry), Mary (1948 Education), me (1950 Forestry), daughter Diane (1972 Recreation and Parks), son Douglas (1978 Williamsport, Nursery Management), and most recently grandson Adam C. Myers (junior in Chemical Engineering).”

**Glenn P. Haney, 1951** – 1132 Kay Street, Boalsburg, PA 16827-1630; gphaney@aol.com. “I am still enjoying retirement here in Boalsburg, the ‘gateway’ to Happy Valley. Enjoyed seeing many members of Class of ‘51 last June at Mont Alto. Three of us, **John L. Hall, Joe Gutkoski** (who graduated in Landscape Architecture), and I attended the 50th class reunion on the University Park campus last June. We were inducted as ‘pioneers’ and received a certificate and medallion. It was a very well-planned and pleasant reunion weekend. The Penn State Alumni Association is to be commended on its recognition of senior alumni. My best wishes to the School of Forest Resources Alumni Group. I hope they continue to grow stronger. I regret that I was unable to attend the 2002 annual meeting, April 19-20, 2002.”

**Paul “Sunshine” Shogren, 1951** – 1638 Memorial Drive, Oakland, MD 21550-4337; Shogren@gcnet.net. On March 1, 2002, Mr. Shogren wrote, “Prostate removed 16 January 02. Now on radiation to get those rascally cells outside the prostate area. Hope to be recovered in April or May. During my recovery, like any normal forester retiree, I reread Gifford Pinchot’s *Breaking New Ground*; those were the days! Completed the Sjögren Family History from Sweden iron mills to McKeesport steel mills. I still can read Swedish! Since I am not able to winter camp, I have become an ‘indoor scouting administrator.’ Remember the Mont Alto Centennial in 2003.” Mr. Shogren provided the following update on June 4, 2002: “Cancer treatment all finished. Few ill effects. Traveled to Lindsborg, Kansas, with my two sisters. It’s full of Swedes; we toured a rolling mill that used equipment made in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. I camped out, so my recovery is progressing.” On June 18, Mr. Shogren wrote, “On May 27, Carl ‘Skip’ Rebele and I teamed up to conduct the American Legion - Veterans of Foreign Wars - sponsored Memorial Day service at the Oakland Cemetery overlooking the town. Rebele was chairman of the event and I was the speaker. Rebele and I have known each other since Swissvale, Pennsylvania, High School and Penn State days. Later we both served separately in Korea during 1952-53 as an Army engineer officer and Marine engineer NCO, respectively, then did not meet again until 1991 when I moved to Oakland where Rebele had resided for 25 years. Both of us are active in American Legion affairs. The Penn State foresters’ spirit is alive and well in western Maryland!”

**Henry Gerhold, 1952** – 109 Ferguson Building, University Park, PA 16802; hdg@psu.edu.

**Richard Houts, 1952** – 4213 Ash Grove, Sioux Falls, SD 57103-4909; fjhouts@aol.com. “Fifty years ago my B.S. in Forestry! Subsequently I worked briefly for the Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters in Emporium, Pennsylvania. With a Christian conversion at this time, my focus became

working more with people than trees. While in seminary preparing for ministry, I worked one day a week and full time in summers for the St. Paul, Minnesota, Forest Experiment Station. Since then I've taught 39 years in Christian higher education and since 1976, at a Baptist seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. My teaching has been in church leadership, administration, and conflict management. For the last two decades I have also consulted with churches in transition or trouble. I have fond memories of Penn State forestry student days!"

**Carl Rebele**, 1952 - 901 Pine Tree Point, Swanton, MD 21561; creb@mail2.gcnet.net. "I had a good visit with **Chuck Strauss '58** and **Henry Gerhold '52** at University Park in June. It was time well spent sharing old times and fond memories. I shared pictures of my time in Korea (101st Airborne Division and 578th Combat Engineers), which illustrated the first rubber-tired skidder, KSC's with sneakers, logging the back side of the punchbowl for the MLR (main line of resistance) on Heartbreak Ridge. This initiated an idea to prepare a series of photos, WW I through 2002, for presentation in our new building. If you are interested, please contact me or **Paul Shogren '51** (Shogren@gcnet.net) to assist with the project."

**Tom Breslin**, 1957 - 300 N. Eaton St., Berwick, PA 18603-2600; tomb@pa.net.

**Maurice W. "Bill" O'Connell**, 1958 - 11019 West Crystal Bay Rd., Post Falls, ID 83854-8790; billoconn@earthlink.net.

## 1960s

**Ed Frayer**, 1961 - 1901 E. Cliff Swallow Trail, Green Valley, AZ 85614; edf@mtu.edu. "I recently retired as dean emeritus of Michigan Tech after a rewarding career with two universities and the U.S. Forest Service. I have always been proud of my Penn State education. It's been quite a while since I visited the campus. I've known **Kim Steiner** and Susie since they were students at Colorado State University. And I have

fond memories of parking a trailer in **Chuck Strauss'** or **Murph's** driveway while deer hunting with **Dick Jorgensen**. Unfortunately, **Dale Solomon**, one of my best friends from the class of '61, recently passed away after a year-long bout with brain cancer.

In submitting this news, I reflected on my career. I will attempt to list a few high points. These are some of the things I am proudest of (in addition to my education at Penn State and Yale):

1. Worked with students to establish, and served as the advisor of, the first Society of American Foresters Student Chapter (at Colorado State University).
2. Worked at Colorado State University (CSU) for 18 years—the last eight as head of the Dept. of Forest Science; and at Michigan Tech as dean from 1984-2000.
3. Helped to pioneer continuing education in forestry while at CSU, with over 30 workshops and 1000 participants.
4. Was a charter member and the first elected Chair of the SAF Inventory Working Group.
5. Was selected as 'the outstanding administrator' at CSU.
6. Helped to develop excellent academic and research programs at CSU and later Michigan Tech by hiring outstanding faculty members.
7. Helped to raise \$2.5 million for one-quarter of the cost of expanded forestry facilities at Michigan Tech (state of Michigan provided the other \$7.5 million).
8. Consulted on wetland inventories for over twenty years and authored publications regarding the national status of wetlands.
9. Being selected as a SAF Fellow.
10. Most of all, having the opportunity to be associated with great individuals at Penn State, Yale, the USFS, CSU, and Michigan Tech."

## In Memoriam

**Chester F. Phelps**  
at Mont Alto 1927-29  
died April 26, 2002

**Charles H. Hutt, 1928**  
died July 22, 2000

**Willard S. Bromley, 1931**  
died April 2, 2002

**Ephe M. Olliver, 1931**  
died October 18, 2001

**Walter C. Dabulewicz, 1935**  
died August 6, 2001

**S. Burry Hicks, 1936**  
died April 8, 2002

**Ronald B. Payrow, 1936**  
information received Oct. 2001

**Jerome N. McCavitt, 1937**  
information received Feb. 2002:  
"died 15 years ago"

**Edward P. Farrand, 1940 and 1962g**  
died May 4, 2002

**John R. Finley, 1943a**  
died January 17, 2002

**Horace H. Mitchell, 1954**  
died November 28, 2001

**Nathaniel Walker, 1955g**  
died in November 2001

**Gareth M. Turgeon, 1958**  
died October 23, 2000

**Dale S. Solomon, 1961**  
died March 14, 2002

**Walter N. Peechatka**, 1961 – 5 Lantern Lane, Camp Hill, PA 17011. Delegates of agricultural societies elected Mr. Peechatka, executive vice president of PennAg Industries Association, as a new member to serve on Penn State's Board of Trustees. A native of Monroe County, Mr. Peechatka served in the United States Army from 1962 to 1964, and then became a service forester and assistant supervisor of cooperative forest management with the Bureau of Forestry of the Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters from 1964 to 1969. He went on to become a program specialist for watershed programs for the state Soil and Water Conservation Commission, and from 1971 to 1982 he served as director of the Bureau of Soil and Water Conservation of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources. From there, he served as executive vice president for soil and water for the Conservation Society in Ankeny, Iowa, a 13,000-member professional society at the international level dedicated to soil and water conservation, from 1982 to 1987. Mr. Peechatka then returned to Pennsylvania in various roles with the Department of Agriculture, including director of the Bureau of Plant Industry from 1987 until 1991, deputy secretary for regulatory programs from 1991 to 1995, and executive deputy secretary from 1995 to 1998. In his current position, he is responsible for the overall management of PennAg Industries Association and the group insurance trust. He represents the association in Harrisburg and Washington, D.C., and handles all editorial duties for association publications.

**Thomas Yorke**, 1964 and 1967g - 2347 Glade Bank Way, Reston, VA 20191-2732; tjyorke@mindspring.com. The Tau Phi Delta alumni from the 1960s are holding a reunion in State College this summer during the weekend of August 16-18. Tom reports that thirty couples have signed up for the reunion. The weekend begins with a reception at the Nittany Lion Inn on Friday night. The alums will spend Saturday morning touring the campus, playing golf, or visiting Penns Cave. They will then meet

at their fraternity house on Saturday night for a reception and dinner. They will conclude their weekend with a brunch at the Nittany Lion Inn on Sunday morning.

Any forestry grads in the State College area are welcome to stop but Tau Phi Delta on Saturday night, August 17, to share some good times with old friends. Anyone needing further information can contact Tom by e-mail (above) or call (703) 620-6727.

## 1970s

**James G. Purcell**, 1970 – 471 Sherry Drive, Ukiah, CA 95482; purcell@pacific.net. "I have been employed with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection since 1975, and currently serve as Division Chief. On January 9, 2002, The California State Board of Forestry presented me with the board's Golden Trowel Award for Excellence in Archaeological Site Stewardship in recognition of outstanding efforts to locate and protect significant archaeological and historical resources during forestry projects within California."

**John Laurence**, 1971 – 7777 NW Oxbow Drive, Corvallis, OR 97330-2827; jalaurence@fs.fed.us. "I recently joined the USDA Forest Service after 25 years at Boyce Thompson Institute at Cornell University. I changed from 'researcher' to 'research manager' and now work as manager of the Ecosystem Processes Program at the Pacific Northwest Research Station."

**Bill Baldwin**, 1974 – 477 Coopers Pond Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30044-5232; wbaldwin@bellsouth.net. "Things continue to go well in the transition from Hickson to Arch Chemicals. I was recently transferred back into the ArchWood Protection business unit as Director of EH&S/Industry Relations.

We just got back from a one-week Caribbean cruise with five other couples from Harrisburg. We had a great time. That was our fifth cruise. If you have never been on one, try it—you will love it! Mercedes and I celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary in June and our oldest daughter Sandy is getting married

in September. Another busy year."

## 1980s

**Helen J. McGinnis**, 1982g – P.O. Box 300 Harman, WV 26270.

**Claire Travis Myrick**, 1983 – 1434 McIlroy Road, Charlotte, NC 28212-6739; claire.travis@weyerhaeuser.com. "I have been a sales rep for Weyerhaeuser's fine paper business for 18 years. My sales territory is the Carolinas, Virginia, and Tennessee. I moved to Charlotte in 1989 and established a sales office for Weyerhaeuser at that time. I got married in 1999. My husband Mark is a sales rep for a hydraulic equipment company. We love to visit the North Carolina mountains for hiking and enjoy mountain biking on rail trails. I contribute to Penn State fund-raising efforts as often as possible."

**Ron Hughes**, 1988 – 1320 Belman Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22401. Ron is a wildlife biologist with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

## 1990s

**John Groninger**, 1991g – 636 E. Pleasant Hill Road, Carbondale, IL 62901-7792; groning@siu.edu. "I have been working at Southern Illinois University for nearly five years now. My responsibilities include teaching courses in silviculture as well as agroforestry and urban forestry. My wife Elaine and I now have two daughters, Molly (4), Liesl (2), and a third on the way."

**Laurie (Kashuba) Smith**, 1992 – 1056 Big Ridge Road, Oneida, TN 37841.

**David A. Nelson**, 1995 – 137 North Marshall St., York, PA 17402.

**Greg Nowacki**, 1995g – USDA Forest Service – R9, 310 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Room 500, Milwaukee, WI 53203.

**Jan D. Detwiler**, 1998 – 2601 N. Grand Avenue #119, Santa Ana, CA 92705; jdetwile@uci.edu or mothernature98@hotmail.com. "I have



## Williams Heads U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

**Steven A. Williams**, 1986g – 1440 Upper Bermudian Road, Gardners, PA 17324. Steven A. Williams was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on January 30, 2002, and was formally sworn in by Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton on February 21, 2002. As director, Williams oversees the operations of the nation's primary wildlife conservation agency with more than 7,500 employees and a 2002 budget of \$1.94 billion.

Previously, Williams served as Secretary of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks from 1995. His other former positions include Deputy Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Game Commission from 1992 to 1995, Assistant Director for Wildlife for the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife from 1989 to 1992, and a wildlife biologist specializing in research and management for white-tailed deer for the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife from 1985 to 1989. He served as a graduate teaching assistant at the Penn State from 1981 to 1985, working on wildlife habitat analysis, and as a graduate teaching assistant at the University of North Dakota from 1979 to 1981.

Williams' doctorate in forest resources at the Penn State focused on the application of a geographic information system for ruffed grouse habitat analysis; **Gerald Storm**, adjunct associate professor of wildlife management (now retired), and **Wayne Myers**, associate professor of forest biometrics, served as his co-advisers. Williams also completed a bachelor's degree in Environmental Resource Management at Penn State, and his master of science degree is from the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks. He is a member of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, the Wildlife Society, and other professional and conservation organizations. Williams, 44, and his wife, Beth, have two children. He was born in Bellows Falls, Vermont, and grew up in the rural Northeast.

been living in southern California for the last three years and am a single mother of a two-year-old future forester named Chaz. I am employed as Administrative Assistant III for the chairman's office in the Department of Radiology at University of California, Irvine, Medical Center. My organizational skills are put to use as the department's Merit and Promotions staff coordinator, the Attendings Schedule coordinator, and the On-call coordinator, as well as being responsible for tracking the doctors' vacations and conferences; handling requests; a three-step process for approval, upkeep of the log book, and the spreadsheet I created. In addition to various other secretarial duties, I also monitor a battery recycling project I initiated. Forestry is still a great love for me, and I miss Pennsylvania. I look forward to returning to both some day."

**J. Rebecca Hargrave**, 1999 – 23A Rexford St., Norwich, NY 13815; jr45@cornell.edu. Becky is employed with Cornell Cooperative Extension in Chenango County, New York, as a community horticulture and natural resources educator.

**Eric Reeder**, 1992g - 1516 S. Massachusetts St. #3, Seattle, WA 98144.

**Shawn Standish**, 1999 - 1309 Flanders Road, Charlotte, MI 44813. "I am a forestry inspector with Consumers Energy."

### 2000s

**Herb White**, 2000 – 3645 N. Darien St., Philadelphia, PA 19140. Herb is employed as an assistant arborist at the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

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## Calendar of Events

- August 20** Ag Progress Days Annual Alumni Luncheon and Meeting, Rock Springs, PA. Reservation deadline is August 12. Send \$5 made payable to "Penn State" to Alumni Relations Office, 229 Ag Administration Building, University Park, PA 16802. Contact: Jillian Stevenson, 814-863-7278 or [jstevenson@psu.edu](mailto:jstevenson@psu.edu).
- August 20-22** Ag Progress Days, Rock Springs, PA. Visit the Web site at <http://apd.cas.psu.edu/>. Contact: Bob Oberheim, 814-865-2081 or [bah4@psu.edu](mailto:bah4@psu.edu).
- September 26** Alumni and Friends Reception at The Wildlife Society 9th Annual Conference, Bismarck, ND. Contact: Betty Harper, 814-863-0362 or [bjh17@psu.edu](mailto:bjh17@psu.edu).
- September 28** The SAF, TWS, and FPS student groups will be hosting a tailgate prior to the Penn State – Iowa football game. Contact: Betty Harper, 814-863-0362 or [bjh17@psu.edu](mailto:bjh17@psu.edu).
- September 18** Workshop: PREDICT Model, Penn Stater Conference Center, State College, PA. Contact: Michael Powell, 814-865-7554 or [mjp175@psu.edu](mailto:mjp175@psu.edu).
- October 6** Alumni and Friends Reception at the 2002 SAF National Convention. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Adams Mark Winston-Salem Hotel, Winston-Salem, NC. Contact: Betty Harper, 814-863-0362 or [bjh17@psu.edu](mailto:bjh17@psu.edu).
- October 14-16** Workshop: Wood Structure and Identification, Bryce Jordan Center, State College, PA. Contact: Michael Powell, 814-865-7554 or [mjp175@psu.edu](mailto:mjp175@psu.edu).
- October 24-25** Workshop: Stormwater Design and Management. Contact: Michael Powell, 814-865-7554 or [mjp175@psu.edu](mailto:mjp175@psu.edu).
- December 5-6** Third Goddard Forum, "Biodiversity: Addressing a Global Issue Locally." Days Inn, State College, PA. Contact: Robert McKinstry, 814-865-9390 or [rmb10@psu.edu](mailto:rmb10@psu.edu).