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## Gearing Up for the Centennial Celebration

It's been almost 100 years since our forestry program was established as the Department of Forestry in the School of Agriculture at The Pennsylvania State College in 1907 . . . almost 100 years since the first baccalaureate forestry students studied in Hemlock Hall, the two-story frame building erected to house the new department. During the past century, more than 6,000 students have graduated in forestry and the expanded disciplines of wood science and wildlife and fisheries science.

And now it's almost time to celebrate a milestone of forest resources education at Penn State. A planning committee has met diligently during the past two years to prepare for the centennial celebration. The dates are set: April 27 - 29, 2007. Mark your calendar. You won't want to miss this once-in-a-lifetime event.

The centennial weekend celebration will appeal to a broad audience—alumni, friends, families, faculty, staff, and students. Many of the activities will take place in and around the new Forest Resources Building, on the corner of Bigler Road and Park Avenue at University Park. You can read more about the new building on page 2 and see the full schedule of centennial events on page 25. Blocks of rooms have been reserved at the Nittany Lion Inn and the Days Inn State College; see page 23 for reservation information.

The festivities begin on Friday afternoon, April 27, with registration, an opening session, centennial tree dedication, and reception. Friday evening has been "left open" to facilitate class get-togethers. The Central Pennsylvania Convention and Visitors Bureau is an excellent resource for alumni and anyone else who wants to review options in the area for dining, shopping, exhibits, and more. Go to <http://visitpennstate.org/> or <http://centralpacvb.org/> or call toll-free 1-800-358-5466 for more information.

Saturday's tour options offer something for everyone: Forest Resources Building tour, campus walking tour, Molly Trolley campus driving tour, Beaver Stadium tour, Pattee Library tour, and a Stone Valley Forest tour. A catered noon barbecue at the building makes lunch plans easy. Saturday afternoon's "fun fair" at the Forest Resources Building includes live music, displays, and

activities for children. A woodsmen demonstration and a quiz bowl top off Saturday afternoon's events. Saturday evening's reception, class photos, and dinner at the Nittany Lion Inn, provide additional opportunity to catch up on the careers and families of alumni and friends.

Sunday's activities are comprised of an ecumenical service, brunch, and closing remarks.

A silent auction will be open for bidding on Friday and Saturday. Auction proceeds will benefit student activities. Please consider donating an item. Student groups affiliated with the School will also sponsor a centennial clothing sale. Auction details and a clothing sale order form will be mailed to all alumni this fall.

Early next year, the Penn State University Press will publish a centennial history book authored by Dr. Henry Gerhold, professor of forest genetics. Use the Response Form on page 27 to place your pre-order. Orders are also being taken for a framed print of the three forestry buildings and centennial decals; read more about these items on page 4.

Thanks to generous donations by several alumni (John Steimer '49, Bruce Edwards '71, Bob Rumpf '49, and Bob Bommer '56) the first 400 registrants for the centennial weekend will receive a centennial keepsake crafted at Wendell August Forge in Grove City, Pennsylvania: an aluminum coaster with a raised image of the Forest Resources Building. Coaster sets, comprised of four coasters and a holder, will also be available for sale.

Some class representatives are already beginning to rally their classmates for a good turnout at the centennial. Consider taking the initiative yourself to contact fellow alumni. If you need help finding them, or if you want to volunteer to assist with any other aspect of the centennial celebration, please contact Ellen Manno at [exr2@psu.edu](mailto:exr2@psu.edu) or 814-863-5831.

You will be hearing from us again soon. This fall, we will mail all alumni and friends the latest centennial information and registration materials. Preliminary forms in this newsletter are also available for your use. Start making your plans now. We look forward to seeing you April 27 - 29, 2007! ♦



*A newsletter for our alumni and friends*

## Building Update



From March thru June, we were successful in moving our faculty, associates, staff, and grad students into the new building. Please note that our structure's official name is the Forest Resources Building. As such, we have new addresses, but thanks to the efforts of administrative assistant Cathy Arney, we kept our original phone numbers.

Typical to any new structure, we have had a

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## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

### *A Century of Forest Resources Education at Penn State by Henry D. Gerhold*

Hello Friends,

Compressing our School's 100-year history into an interesting and functional text was no easy task. When this proposal was suggested to Professor Henry "Hank" Gerhold about three years ago, he gave it careful thought, and soon responded with a proposed outline for his unique offering.

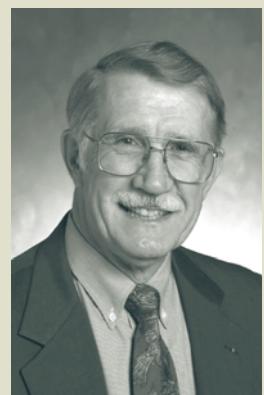
Hank was well aware of the previous text organized by Henry Clepper in 1957, which served as our 50th anniversary book and an important record of our past. Of interest, Hank attended the 50th and is the longest tenured faculty member within our School. Gerhold's book does not repeat Clepper's text, but uses it and allied documents in developing our history and the story of the people who played key roles within this past.

The new book will be published by Penn State Press in early 2007 and is offered to our alumni and friends at a prepublication cost of \$30, plus \$5 for shipping (see pages 4 and 27).

Gerhold's book is an original piece of research that compiles an effective summary of the people and professional events that led to the establishment of our School. He traces the transitions of leaders, academic standards, and political settings that have shaped our current curricula. He compiled brief biographies on more than 70 people who served within the School, influenced its transition, or had been identified as prominent alumni within their respective fields. There are well-documented sections on our faculty and staff and on the growth of responsibilities evident within our teaching, research, and outreach programs. Hank has brought forward the various contributions of past leaders, faculty, and staff who worked toward this educational cause. People like John Ferguson, H. Norton Cope, H. Arthur Meyer, Pete Fletcher, Yates Borden, Kathryn Johnson, and Bob Shipman are identified and acknowledged.

But perhaps one of the more interesting sections of this book underscores the role of our alumni and their contributions to professional endeavors. After all, as Hank quickly points out, the reputation of any educational institution is largely measured by the merits of its graduates. And so it is with us. Each and every one of these persons was researched by Hank through personal interviews or, in the case of those who have passed on, through interviews of associates, friends, and family members. No easy task, but each of these fine people is presented in an accurate and colorful manner.

I'm certain that you will enjoy reading through this descriptive history of our School. After all, much of this is about you.



Cheers,  
Chuck Strauss

### Building Update *continued from page 2*

few start-up problems and a few idiosyncrasies relative to new furniture, new labs, and certain missing elements from the original plans. But given our 100,000 square feet of new space, four floors of offices and labs, and allied basement area, this new building is quite functional and is an architectural trendsetter for our University Park campus.

Several key administrators from Old Main, including President Spanier, have complimented us as having one of the finest buildings at University Park. The gift of paneling, laminated beams, seating areas, and architectural millwork from the Pennsylvania Forest Products Association certainly sets a tone and charm within this building that is seldom found within academic structures. And, of course, these elements speak well of Pennsylvania's forest resources and our allied industry.

We are also enjoying the particular gains from having our entire faculty "under one roof." There is an increased level of correspondence among one another and a mutual enjoyment of our new environment.

We now have the advantage of a variety of meeting spaces: from the spectacular views offered by our three meeting rooms on the north side of the Bigler Wing, to the more formal Director's Conference Room, or the 105 Meeting Room, with its wall of cherry paneling, or the 24-person Video Teleconferencing Room, and its surround of ash paneling. We also have the Steimer Auditorium that seats 153 amid a grand display of cherry paneling. Students have a separate meeting room within the Edwards Student Center that seats 12 and features cherry paneling.

Outside is a well-landscaped complement to this fine structure, including a wide variety of hardwood trees, flowering shrubs, and a lawn that is trying its best during this dry summer. And after 5 p.m., a pick-up squad of School soccer players can be found on the Meadow Commons that joins our building and the Business Building. These matches usually prove to be rough-and-tumble co-ed games.

We have never before enjoyed such grand facilities, or athletic events. ♦

## Centennial Items for Sale

The first items on sale to commemorate the School's centennial are a history book, a framed print, and centennial decals.

The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary history book, *A Century of Forest Resources Education at Penn State*, is authored by Dr. Henry Gerhold, professor of forest genetics, and will be published by The Penn State University Press early next year. The book contains brief biographies of nine pioneers in forestry education, fifteen directors and interim directors of the School, and more than fifty alumni and professors. Historical descriptions of faculty and staff, facilities, academic curricula, student organizations, research, extension and outreach, and alumni relations include some little-known facts.

Pre-orders for the centennial history book are now being accepted. Cost is \$30 plus \$5 shipping and handling. (After January 1, 2007, cost will be \$35 per book, plus \$5 shipping and handling.) Use the Response Form on page 27 to place your order.

The framed print shown below (actual size is 22.5" x 12.5"), which has images of the three homes of the forestry program at University Park, is already in stock. On the left of the print is Hemlock Hall, the two-story frame building erected in 1907 to house the then new department. That building soon became known as "Fergie's Woodshed," in honor of Professor John A. Ferguson, or the "shack," due to its construction of hemlock timber rather than brick.

Hemlock Hall was torn down in 1940, and the forestry program (officially renamed the School of Forest Resources in 1954) moved into the then brand-new Forestry Building, (pictured on the right in the print), which was renamed Ferguson Building in 1967 in honor of Professor Ferguson.

The School's administrative offices and many faculty and

staff offices remained in Ferguson Building until earlier this year, but the entire School of Forest Resources could not be accommodated in that structure. In 1966, the Forest Resources Laboratory was completed for the Wood Products program and in 1991, the Pennsylvania Fish and Wildlife Cooperative Unit moved out of Ferguson Building to Merkle Laboratory. By the late 1990s, faculty and students associated with the School were also located in Wartik Laboratory and the Heinz-Hamer Center in downtown State College.

Pictured in the center of the framed print is the Forest Resources Building, the School's new home, which houses all three professional programs (Forest Science, Wildlife and Fisheries Science, and Wood Products) under one roof.

Copies of the color, framed print, are available for immediate purchase. Cost is \$55 plus \$15 for shipping and handling. (International addresses will be charged additional postage). Again, use the Response Form on page 27 to place your order.



Lastly, the image above is another that you will be seeing throughout our centennial celebration. Created by Penn State graphics design student Ethan Dahl, this image will be used on various centennial items, especially the clothing sale to be held this fall by the student groups affiliated with the School of Forest Resources. Watch your mailboxes in November for more information and order forms!

In the meantime, you can order four-inch, round, two-color decals with this image. Both face-adhesive and back-adhesive styles are available. Cost is only 50 cents each, with no charge for shipping and handling. Use the Response Form on page 27 to place your order. ♣

You can see color images of the framed print and the decal online at <http://www.sfr.cas.psu.edu/Alumni/Alumni.html>.

# Faculty and Staff Resources

## Goguen Receives Outstanding Faculty Award 2006



Christopher B. Goguen, senior lecturer in wildlife science, is the recipient of the 2006 School of Forest Resources Outstanding Faculty Award. This award recognizes a faculty member who has made extraordinary contributions to the School of Forest Resources community through teaching, advising, and research. Faculty are nominated by students and a final

selection is made by a panel of representatives from the School's student organizations.

Goguen joined the School in January 2001 and teaches five undergraduate courses. Four are junior-senior-level courses, offered once each year, for which he has primary responsibility: Wildlife and Fisheries Measurements, Mammalogy, Mammalogy Lab, and Conservation Biology. The fifth course is the Web-based version of the sophomore-level Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation, which Goguen and Dr. Gary San Julian offer every semester.

Goguen also curates the School's vertebrate collection, advises undergraduates, and assists with undergraduate curriculum development and recruitment.

Students are very satisfied with Goguen as an instructor and a mentor. "He is a great professor; he makes class fun and interesting in many ways. He is a great adviser and a good role model for wildlife and fisheries students," stated Hallie Groff, vice-president of the Penn State Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society, when she announced Goguen as the award recipient at the School's spring picnic.

In addition to his work with undergraduates, Goguen serves on graduate research committees and maintains an active research program. He oversees research assessing the value of brush piles for wildlife (and provides undergraduates the opportunity to assist with the data collection) and continues his own research on cowbird-ungulate interactions. His master's degree, completed in 1994 at Texas Tech University, evaluated the influence of livestock grazing on breeding songbirds and the behavioral interactions between the cowbird and its hosts. His doctoral dissertation, completed in 1999 at the University of Wisconsin, addressed the relationship between livestock grazing and brown-headed cowbird movements, distribution, and reproductive success. Goguen earned a B. S degree in wildlife biology at the University of Vermont in 1990.

Prior to coming to Penn State, Goguen served as a visiting professor at the University of Delaware in the Department of Entomology and Applied Ecology and also at Bard College's Graduate School of Environmental Studies in New York State. He also has had various field experiences with the U.S. Forest Service Northeastern Forest Experiment Station in Amherst, Massachusetts; with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Research Center in Anchorage, Alaska; and with the University of Florida in Gainesville. He is a member of the American Ornithologist's Union, The Wildlife Society, and the Society for Conservation Biology. ♦

## Swistock Honored with Trailblazer Award



Bryan Swistock, extension associate in the School of Forest Resources, has been honored with the Staff Laureate 2006 Trailblazer Award given by the College of Agricultural Sciences.

This award honors a staff member who demonstrates creativity and innovation in the improvement of programs, services, products, or approaches to the workplace.

Swistock serves as an Extension water resources specialist and is a key figure in the Water Resources Extension program. The following examples of recent work projects exemplify his creativity and innovation.

In response to the increasing use of Web-based resources by Extension clientele, Swistock developed the Water Resources Extension Web site (<http://water.cas.psu.edu>) in 2003. He continually updates and improves the site with an increasing amount of content for both Extension educators and the general public. Web site visits have increased dramatically to the current level of nearly 11,000 visits per month.

One of the most common water-related questions received by Pennsylvania Extension offices deals with interpretation of water-testing results for private water supplies. Recognizing this need, Swistock worked with Dr. William Sharpe, professor of forest hydrology, and James Clark, extension educator in McKean County, to develop a detailed publication entitled *Water Tests: What Do the Numbers Mean?* This 26-page publication was marketed to certified water-testing laboratories around the state for inclusion with water test reports to their clients. To date, more than 16,000 copies have been distributed to Pennsylvania homeowners. The publication received awards from both the National and Pennsylvania Association of County Ag Agents.

More than three million rural residents of Pennsylvania utilize private wells and springs and more than 50 percent of these water supplies fail to meet drinking water standards. To address this concern, Swistock and Sharpe created a new program in 2003 to train volunteers (Master Well Owners) to help educate private water system owners. The program includes many government and private partners.

As of July 2006, 291 volunteers have been trained and they have educated more than 9,000 homeowners throughout the state. Many of the volunteers have utilized innovative ideas to provide education for private water system owners in their communities. The program received the national Outstanding Project in Ground Water Protection Award from the National Ground Water Association in 2005. The program's success has led to additional funding in 2006 to train more volunteers and expand into other states.

Swistock earned an M.S. in Environmental Pollution Control at Penn State in 1988 and completed a B.S. degree in Environmental Health at Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1986.

The Staff Laureate Awards Program was initiated by the college's Staff Advisory Committee to the Dean in 2002. 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 honored during a college-wide staff meeting in May.

The Awards Committee of the School of Forest Resources, chaired by Dr. Henry Gerhold, nominated Bryan Swistock for the Trailblazer Award. ♦

Forestry topics, taught by Smith, focused on tree identification and growth, as well as forest science and ecology.

The program featured both lectures and activities, and teachers earned Act 48 credit. For more information or a brochure, contact Dr. Smith at (814) 865-4261 or by e-mail at [sss5@psu.edu](mailto:sss5@psu.edu). ♦



*Above, Bryan Swistock, extension associate in water resources, explains the methods and importance of measuring stream flow. Below, teachers determine stream water quality by identifying the macroinvertebrates and other aquatic life collected from Spring Creek. These photos are from a 2003 FRIT workshop.*



## Forest Resources Institute for Teachers

Grade school teachers refreshed or expanded their knowledge about ecology and the environment by attending the Forest Resources Institute for Teachers (FRIT), August 8-9. Organized by Penn State's School of Forest Resources and Penn State Cooperative Extension, the program is designed to instruct teachers of grades 1-7 in forest and water resources topics.

"The focus of the program is to provide the tools and information needed to teach a balanced environment and ecology curriculum that relates to some of Pennsylvania's natural resources," said Sanford Smith, lecturer in forest resources.

"Since the state requires this type of material to be taught in the grade school curriculum, teachers can use this opportunity to gain a better understanding of these topics in a hands-on environment."

Bryan Swistock, extension water resources specialist, taught the water resources portion of the program, which included water-quality indicators, water pollutants, and watersheds.

# Student Resources

## Carrozzino is Outstanding Senior and Rapp Prize Winner



Wildlife and Fisheries Science undergraduate Amy Carrozzino was recognized as the School of Forest Resources Outstanding Senior 2006 at a School picnic on April 18. A committee of School of Forest Resources faculty and Xi Sigma Pi members 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. Xi Sigma Pi is the School's honor society—a chapter of a national honor society of natural resources disciplines. Also nominated were Forest Science seniors Chad Atwood, Jon McGrath, and Chuck Coup, and Wood Products senior Scott Lyon.

Carrozzino is also the 2006 recipient of the Orpha Kelly Rapp and Jesse Rossiter Rapp '15 Prize for Academic Excellence in the amount of nearly \$3,000. 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. The Rapp Prize for Academic Excellence was first awarded in 1992. Carrozzino is the seventh Wildlife and Fisheries Science senior to receive the award. Six Forest Science seniors and two Wood Products seniors have also been beneficiaries of the Rapp Prize.

Carrozzino graduated in May 2006 with a B.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Science and a minor in Forest Science. As a Schreyer Honors College Scholar, she completed a thesis, "Evaluation of a Natural Resources Extension Exhibit for Youth," under the direction of Dr. Sanford Smith, lecturer in forest resources.

In addition to an excellent academic record, Carrozzino is known for her outstanding service to the School and her profession. She served terms as secretary and president of the Penn State Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society (TWS) and as secretary of Xi Sigma Pi. She initiated and chaired the First Annual TWS Wild Game Dinner this past spring, and helped maintain the TWS bluebird box trail. She was a bear check station volunteer for four years with the Pennsylvania Game Commission and a Wildlife 4-H Day Explorers Tract Leader for three years with Penn State Cooperative Extension. In May 2005 she participated in the exchange trip to Albert-Ludwigs Universität in Freiburg, Germany. She is a member of Gamma Sigma Delta, the honor society of agriculture.

Carrozzino has done volunteer work for T&D Cats Refuge, Shaver's Creek Environmental Center, and at the college's Ag Progress Days. She is a member of the National Association of Interpreters and is certified as an interpretive guide. Her work experience also includes positions with the New Jersey State Park Service, Cedar Run Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, Penn State's Rock Springs Fisheries Research Facility, and Penn State's Natural Resources Cooperative Extension Office.

This fall, Carrozzino will begin work on a master's degree at Virginia Tech. Her graduate assistantship there will focus on studying wildlife response to reforested strip mines in southwestern Virginia. Her goal is to eventually complete a doctoral degree and pursue a career in wildlife research and extension. ♦

## The Wildlife Society is College's Outstanding Student Organization

The 2005-06 academic year was a tremendous one for the students of the Penn State Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society (TWS), culminating in their selection by Ag Student Council as the College of Agricultural Sciences (CAS) 2006 Outstanding Student Organization.

Selection as the CAS Outstanding Student Organization is based on performance in five categories: Professional and Leadership Development, Educational Activities, Community

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*Members of the Penn State Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society gather with their adviser, Dr. Duane Diefenbach, at the Northeast Conclave held in March at Eastover Resort in Lenox, Massachusetts.*

**Service and Service Learning, Fundraising, and Activities Above the College Level.** Individual category winners are recognized as well, and TWS received first-place standing in the first three of the five categories listed above. The honors came with a financial reward of \$800 – \$100 for each of the three first-place finishes and \$500 for being the overall winner.

The professional and leadership development opportunities that TWS offered during the school year included a peer summer internship presentation at which members who had a wildlife-related summer internship spoke about their experiences. Also in the fall, Dr. Rich Yahner gave a presentation on graduate school preparation and application. In the spring, professional trappers presented TWS members with information on tanning game hides for personal use and commercial sale, and an environmental consultant spoke about career opportunities for wildlife and fisheries biologists in nongovernmental agencies and legal firms.

Among the educational activities organized by TWS were an elk herd tour guided by a Pennsylvania Game Commission officer; two one-day workshops that focused on incorporating songbird education and wetland education, respectively, into K - 12 curriculum; and an interpretive cave tour that emphasized species diversity, cave importance and formation, and natural interpretation of lands surrounding the cave.

The student chapter's community service and service learning projects included assisting staff at Shaver's Creek Environmental Center remove invasive plant species from the facility's grounds and constructing bat boxes for use at the center; assisting staff at T&D Cats, an exotic animal care facility, with construction and cleaning projects; and assisting the Pennsylvania Game Commission at bear check-in stations during the three-day bear season.

The Wildlife Society's Northeast Student Conclave was resurrected this past year after a long hiatus and the Penn State Student Chapter was well represented by a dozen members among the ten schools and 103 students who participated at the March event in Lenox, Massachusetts. Penn State won the demonstration quiz bowl and volunteered, along with Rutgers, to host the conclave in 2008. Penn State had also sent a quiz bowl team to the national meeting in Madison, Wisconsin, in September.

Additional highlights of the year included a wildlife game dinner, a canoe trip, and a fishing derby for members. Student chapter officers this past year were Joshua Ream, president; Hallie Groff, vice president; Nyssa Lewis, secretary; Jonathan Felix, treasurer; and Scott Chiavacci and Luke Kemp, Ag Student Council reps. Dr. Duane Diefenbach is the faculty adviser. ♦

## First Annual Wild Game Dinner

The Penn State Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society (TWS) hosted its First Annual Wild Game Dinner on Saturday, February 25, at the Tau Phi Delta Fraternity.

Wildlife and Fisheries Science senior Amy Carrozzino, chair of the chapter's Fundraising and Recruitment Committee, organized the event with help from several other committee members. The game dinner idea was adopted from other student chapters that convened at the national TWS conference in Madison, Wisconsin, last fall.

Many students, faculty, and staff came out to enjoy delicious game dishes including grilled venison, rabbit stew, bear roast, venison pot pie, pheasant, javelina roast, and swan meatballs. A team of four faculty judges—Drs. Diefenbach, Goguen, San Julian and Strauss—selected their favorite dishes in the avian, fish, large mammal, and small mammal categories.

The Wildlife Society hopes to make the game dinner an annual winter event on the last Saturday in February that will be open to students, alumni, faculty and staff as well as the public. The chapter anticipates even more guests and delicious game dishes next year. ♦



*WFS senior Amy Carrozzino confers with Drs. Strauss and Goguen before the faculty judges begin to taste test the wild game dishes.*



*The "winners" at the First Annual Wild Game Dinner were (left to right): Nick Duffy for his venison pot pie, Mark Haffley for his steelhead trout dish, Dane Cramer for his duck chili, and Kevin Lutz and Hallie Groff for their squirrel dish.*

## Tussey Mountain Fire Provides Local Firefighting Experience

On May 1, when a wildfire burned 437 acres in the Tussey Mountain area, six School of Forest Resources students were among the volunteers working to put out the flames. The fire was believed to have started on Treaster Kettle Road in Harris Township by a downed power line.

Under the supervision of Brent Harding, forester in the School of Forest Resources, the forestry students applied skills learned in the classroom to assist the local volunteer fire



Penn State forestry students interact with other squads during a break in fighting the Tussey Mountain fire.

departments and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in suppressing the blaze.

"It's unfortunate that a fire occurred at Tussey Mountain, but for the six students involved, it really peaked their interest in fighting forest fires," said Harding.

Fighting fires may not be the first job that comes to the mind for forestry students, but experiences such as this increase awareness of forest firefighting as a career choice. Before beginning an internship with Harding and taking a class that had a firefighting element, Damian Houseknecht, a senior in forest management, had not given much thought to the possibility of working as a firefighter. Now, with lessons learned in the classroom and at Tussey Mountain, he plans to incorporate firefighting into future career plans.

"I was definitely able to apply what I had learned about how thermals and wind shifts affect fires, and how fire behavior changes throughout the day," said Houseknecht about the Tussey Mountain fire.

Locally, there are only a handful of days that are dry enough to be considered ideal conditions for a forest fire. If there is a fire, it is handled in large part by volunteer firefighters. In the western part of the United States, however, the threat of forest

fires is constant and ongoing. Ideal forest fire conditions in the West often span periods of months.

Penn State forestry students have the opportunity to take a wildland fire management class and become certified as a Wildland Fire Fighter Type II. Once trained, these students may work as casual hires of the federal government to fight fires in the western portion of the United States. Students can move up through the ranks to the elite 'hot shot' firefighters traveling from one western forest fire to another.

"The wildland fire management class has two main components. One is practical and concentrates on training that meets the state requirements, along with some federal requirements for firefighting, and the other is the ecological understanding of fires," said Margot Kaye, assistant professor of forest ecology and instructor for the wildland fire management class.

More information on Penn State forestry students' role in fighting the fire in the Tussey Mountain area is available at <http://psuforestmgmt.cas.psu.edu/TreasterKettleFire.htm>. ♦

## Two Students Die in Vehicle Accidents

Two forestry students died in separate vehicle accidents this past spring semester.

Sophomore John Nelson, age 20, of Pittsburgh was the driver and sole occupant of a vehicle that slid off Beaver Road, west of Julian, about 14 miles from State College on March 18 around 9 a.m. Nelson spent a year at Penn State Altoona before coming to University Park in fall 2005. He was a volunteer field team leader for the Centre County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue team and an Eagle Scout. He was a Master Sergeant in the Civil Air Patrol and vice president of the Penn State Rifle Club. He attended Penn State's Conservation Leadership School in 2003.

On May 1, Ricky Helman age 20, of Minersville was a passenger killed in a one-car crash on state route 192 near R.B. Winter State Park in Union County around 12:40 a.m. The driver, a Penn State Schuylkill student, also died. Helman spent two years in Liberal Arts at Penn State Schuylkill. In fall 2005 he came to University Park and entered the Forest Science major. He had a goal of starting his own tree service.

We extend our sympathy to the families and friends of Nelson and Helman. ♦

## Spring 2006 Commencement

### UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

#### *Forest Science*

Katherine Anundson, Chad Atwood, Timothy Bahr, Jason Burdo, Kyle Clouse, James Cook, Cory Deniker, Mitchell Dysinger, Bruce English, Wesley Hoffman, Zachary Kane, Justin Kaskan, Layne Miller, Adam Reese, Bret Robinson, Eric Smail, Chad Vorhees, Matthew Young

#### *Wildlife and Fisheries Science*

Adam Behney, Amy Carrozzino, Ryan Claire, Joseph Cocco, Dane Cramer, Christopher Dyer, Justin Escajeda, Jonathan Felix, Thomas Gieder, Lewis Gorman, Hallie Groff, Mark Haffley, Daniel Hinnebusch, Jamie Howe, Elif Kaynak, Nyssa Lewis, Andrew Little, Raymond Madden, Richard Marther, Ryan Martin, Adam McClain, Christopher Moscatiello, Jillian Novak, Elissa Olimpi, Benjamin Page, Curtis Small, Toni Weidman, Damon Young

### GRADUATE STUDENTS

#### *Forest Resources*

Brian Beakler, Ph.D.; Christopher Dahl, M.S.; Anna Kelso, M.S.; Jamie A. Murphy, M.S.; Margaret O'Neil, M.S.

#### *Ecology*

Casey Godwin, M.S.; Shawn Rummel, M.S.

## School Notes

**Robert Carline**, adjunct professor of fisheries science, received an award in September 2005 from the American Fisheries Society for the most significant paper in the *North American Journal of Aquaculture* in 2004.

Staff assistant **Sandra "Sandi" Stauffer** retired on disability in August 2005, with 25 years of service at Penn State.

In January, **Kim Steiner**, professor of forest biology, became vice-chair of the board of directors of the American Chestnut Foundation and chair of the Allegheny Society of American Foresters.

Several School of Forest Resources students were honored at Penn State's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Environmental Chemistry Student Symposium held at University Park March 17-18, 2006. Master's students **Sarah MacDougal** and **Lindsey Donaldson** received poster awards and doctoral candidate **Anthony Buda** received an oral presentation award.

**David DeWalle**, professor of forest hydrology, is serving as president of the American Water Resources Association during 2006.

**Richard Fritsky**, a research associate who will complete an M.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Science this summer, won the 2006 Best Student Presentation Award in March 2006 from the Pennsylvania Chapter of The Wildlife Society for his work entitled, "Habitat Use, Density, and Survival of Eastern Cottontails on Six CREP Sites in Pennsylvania."

**John Karish**, National Park Service (NPS) research biologist housed in the School of Forest Resources, was presented with the NPS 2006 Inventory and Monitoring Professional Excellence Award in February. Karish was chosen for his success in conveying research results to a variety of audiences—agency staff, other cooperators, and the public. He developed regional guidelines to promote continued, standardized presentation and publication of results, and improved a science information Web page to distribute results electronically.

**Jennifer Stingelin Keefer**, NPS Northeast regional NPSpecies database manager, was elected in April 2006 to serve on the National Species Database (NPSpecies) Advisory Committee. **Scott Tiffney**, NPS Northeast regional NatureBib database manager, was elected in January 2005 to serve on the National Natural Resources Bibliographic Database (NatureBib) User Board.

Goddard Chair professor **Robert McKinstry** co-wrote a brief submitted in May 2006 to the U.S. Supreme Court representing a number of leading scientists supporting the position of a number of states contending that the federal government should regulate emissions of greenhouse gases from automobiles to address climate change.

After one year each as vice president, president-elect, and president, **Paul Smith**, professor of forest products marketing, is now serving a one-year term as past president of the Society of Wood Science and Technology. His term as past president ends June 2007.

**Sanford Smith**, lecturer in forest resources, received a 2006 Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals Gold Award in the Computerized Graphic Presentation or Slide Set category for his program, "Forest Awareness Poster Presentation." A collaboration between the School of Forest Resources and the Department of Integrative Arts in the College of Liberal Arts, the project was designed to educate youth about the forest resources of Pennsylvania by tapping the creative ideas and talents of some of the country's most promising visual arts students.

Wood products junior **Thomas Ruffing** is one of eight undergraduates nationwide to receive a \$5000 scholarship from the Robert E. Dougherty Foundation. The foundation's scholarship program had its largest applicant pool in 2006 with 25 eligible applications from juniors, seniors, and graduate students enrolled in a forest products, wood science, wood technology, chemistry, mechanical engineering, or industrial engineering curriculum. Six member companies submitted a total of eight applications; the balance were nominations by college and university faculty.

The National Cooperative Research Awards Program annually recognizes the achievements and services of individual Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Units. The **Pennsylvania Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit** (PCFWRU), housed in the School of Forest Resources, was one of two units selected in 2005 to receive this Unit Excellence Award for their research, technical assistance, and student training provided in support of cooperating state agencies.

**Duane Diefenbach**, adjunct associate professor of wildlife ecology, is collaborating with biologists from the New York Department of Environmental Conservation, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the Pennsylvania Game Commission, and the National Wild Turkey Federation to trap, band, and release 300 wild turkey gobblers in each state to determine spring gobbler harvest rates. The research will also be used to determine annual survival and nonhunting mortality rates of gobblers, and hunter reporting rates of banded birds. The study will be conducted over four years.

**Diefenbach** was recently elected vice president of the Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society. He also serves as the section's newsletter editor.

A collaboration between the College of Agricultural Science's Office for Undergraduate Education and the Information and Communication Technologies unit has resulted in the development of a new student-recruiting tool – a twice-annual student recruiting newspaper. Called ***Penn State, Science for Your Life***, the tabloid delivers news from the college to prospective students and their parents, emphasizing the wide diversity of educational and career opportunities the college provides. The first issue was mailed in March to about 10,000 prospective students, including high school seniors who have expressed an interest in attending the college and Penn State freshmen and sophomores systemwide who have not yet chosen a major. See the newspaper online at <http://www.cas.psu.edu/Spotlights/06Newspaper/Default.html>.

In June, **Nicole Robitaille Brown**, assistant professor of wood chemistry, completed her term as chair of the Northeastern Section of the Forest Products Society and is now chairing the society's Adhesion Technical Group.

**Julianne Schieffer**, extension urban forester in Montgomery County, recently received the "Governor of the Year Award" from the Philadelphia Academies for her constant support and contributions to the Environmental and Horticulture Academies.

In August 2006, **Richard Yahner**, professor of wildlife conservation, will be awarded an honorary life membership from the International Society of Arboriculture.

**Michael Jacobson**, associate professor of forest resources, will be on sabbatical from January to June 2007 to conduct collaborative research on the efficient and equitable commercialization of nontimber forest products to address the issues of poverty and environmental degradation in rural areas of southern Africa at Rhodes University and the University of Stellenbosch. He will also be assisting Stellenbosch University in curriculum development and establishing a Forest Business Unit.

Professor emeritus **Rex Melton**'s wife of 63 years, Margie Melton, died February 23, 2006. Memorial contributions can be made to Schlow Centre Region Library, 211 S. Allen St., State College, PA 16801.

Professor emeritus **William Sopper**'s wife of 54 years, Marie Sopper, died July 28, 2006. Memorial contributions can be made to Mount Nittany United Methodist Church, 1500 East Branch Road, State College, PA 16801.

Forest Science senior **Charles "Chuck" Coup** served as College Marshal at the College of Agricultural Sciences summer 2006 commencement ceremonies held on August 12. He had the highest grade point average of all College of Ag summer graduates. Coup plans to pursue graduate studies in silviculture at one of three western universities.

# Alumni Resources

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## President's Message



Tom Yorke '64 and '67g

**D**o you remember how beautiful Penn State is in the springtime? Postpone that long-planned trip to Europe or that fishing trip to Alaska. They will not compare with the School of Forest Resources Centennial Celebration planned for April 27-29, 2007.

We will be celebrating 100 years of forestry education at Penn State with three fun-filled days of activities. It will be a time to

reminisce with your friends and former classmates about your years at Penn State and to catch up on their careers and families. The recently completed Forest Resources Building will be the centerpiece of the celebration with a reception and centennial tree dedication on Friday evening plus activities throughout the day on Saturday.

Now is the time to act! It is a simple 5-step process: (1) Complete the registration form that is included in this issue of RESOURCES and send it back to the School of Forest Resources. (2) Call the Nittany Lion Inn or Days Inn to make room reservations. (3) Call or e-mail your friends and tell them that you sent in your registration for the centennial celebration and ask them to join you. (4) Contact your friends again in two weeks to confirm that they are registered. (5) Bug your friends one more time about attending the centennial celebration.

If you want to be more involved, we still need class representatives to help us contact alumni and friends to encourage them to attend the centennial celebration. If you have the interest and time to write, e-mail, or call a few classmates, please contact Ellen Manno (814-863-5831; exr2@psu.edu) or me. We have stationery and sample letters and notes available for your use.

Before ending this message, I want to make you aware of two other significant events. The Forest Resources Building will be dedicated at 10:30 am on Friday, September 8. The other event is the Annual Ag Tailgate prior to the Michigan State game on November 18. The tailgate is special this year because we have invited Michigan State alumni to join us. Members of the Spartan Band and the Blue Band, cheerleaders, and our respective mascots will be at the tailgate.

I will be at the building dedication and Ag Tailgate. I hope to see many of you at one of the upcoming events.

For the glory,

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## Election Results

Based on 104 ballots (79 hard-copy and 25 electronic) returned from our Winter 2006 newsletter, **David J. Babyak '71, E.L. "Dick" Shafer '56 and '57g**, and **Mark R. Webb '73** have each been elected to a second three-year term on the School of Forest Resources Alumni Group Board of Directors, and **Franklin S. Judd '67 and '73g** was elected to a first term. For a complete listing of board members, please see the box on the next page.

**Thomas Yorke '64 and '67** and **Mark Webb '73** will continue their terms as president and vice president, respectively.

Terms of four at-large board members will expire in Spring 2007, so we will have another election in January 2007. If you are interested in being a candidate for the board, or wish to nominate someone else, please use the Response Form on page 27.

## School of Forest Resources Outstanding Alumni

Four School of Forest Resources Outstanding Alumni were honored at our Alumni and Friends Banquet on April 21, 2006, at the new Forest Resources Building at University Park: **Keith Atherholt '79**, **Alex Kirnak '37**, **Robert McColly '72**, and **Darrel Williams '73, '74g**.

The purpose of the awards is to recognize outstanding School of Forest Resources alumni and to foster closer relationships between the award recipient 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.

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## School of Forest Resources Alumni Group Board of Directors

Elected at-large members (terms expire Spring 2007):  
David B. Lezzer ('00 FORSC)  
Aura L. Stauffer ('89 W L S, '95g W F S)  
Benjamin G. Tresselt, Jr. ('63 FOR)  
Thomas H. Yorke ('64 FOR, '67g FOR), *president*

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

Elected at-large members (terms expire Spring 2009):  
David J. Babyak ('71 FORSC)  
Franklin S. Judd ('67 FOR T and '73g FOR R)  
E.L. "Dick" Shafer ('56 and '57g FOR)  
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SFR Faculty Member:  
Henry D. Gerhold ('52 FOR and '54g M FOR)

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

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

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

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

The School of Forest Alumni Group will make up to four Outstanding Alumni awards annually, and one Outstanding Recent Alumni award annually. 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  
Forest Resources Building  
Penn State University  
University Park, PA 16802

We are pleased to introduce our 2006 Outstanding Alumni Award recipients.

**Keith D. Atherholt** completed the first two years of his Penn State degree at Mont Alto, subsequently entering the Wood Products major at University Park and graduating in November 1979. His first professional assignment was with Rex Lumber Company of Englishtown, New Jersey, one of the largest hardwood marketing companies on the East Coast. Atherholt worked in sales and marketing for a period of 11 years, supplying many of the prominent wood product manufacturers in Pennsylvania and New York.

In 1991, Atherholt joined the Dwight Lewis Lumber Company at the onset of the company's expansion in lumber sales and marketing and their diversification toward dimension products manufacture. By 1995, Lewis Lumber established Lewis Lumber Products, Inc., naming Atherholt as president. Under Atherholt's leadership, Lewis Lumber Products organized an active sales development program linking their inside sales team with an evolving Internet sales system. Their growth warranted added investments in molding machinery and computer-based scan optimizing rip system and allied chop system. Today their company services wood product manufacturers throughout a 250-mile radius of Picture Rocks, Pennsylvania.

Atherholt has maintained an active role with the Penn York Lumbermen's Club, Forest Products Society, the Pennsylvania Forestry Association, the Pennsylvania Forest Products Association (PFPA), and Woodworking Machinery Import Dealers Association (WMIDA). In 2001, Lewis Lumber received a first-place Technology Achievement Award from the CEDA-COG region of central Pennsylvania. In 2002, Lewis Lumber received the national Innovator of the Year Award from WMIDA.

When Penn State announced formal plans for the new Forest Resources Building at University Park, the PFPA stepped forward with a suggested donation of laminated beams, paneling, and allied millwork. The University accepted the proposed gift, with Lewis Lumber Products working with Bower Lewis Thrower Architects on the final design. Atherholt coordinated the completion and installation of more than \$600,000 of paneling, moldings, and laminated beams for the building.

Atherholt has maintained a close working relationship with School of Forest Resources faculty, lecturing in several courses

on a continuing basis. He has also served on the School's Advisory Board over the past three years. He is an advocate of the Wood Products major at Penn State and considers its specialization a primary asset for entering his industry.

Atherholt has been active with the Kiwanis Club in both Williamsport and Montoursville, serving as president of the Williamsport group. He has a strong focus on youth development, both within the Faith United Methodist Church (Youth Worker of the Year Award), Kiwanis (1999 Kiwanis AYSO Coach), and as chairperson of the Central Pennsylvania Kairos Prison Ministry.

**Alex W. Kirnak** completed his first year of college at Mont Alto with a full scholarship from the Buhl Foundation of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was awarded three additional scholarships during his undergraduate program. Serious complications from scarlet fever required him to complete junior and senior forestry courses during his final year, still graduating from Penn State with honors in 1937.

Kirnak then pursued his early aspirations of "entering the lumber business in the Pacific Northwest." Lacking the money for train fare, he hitchhiked across the United States and arrived in Longview, Washington, eight days later with the clothes on his back, a homemade down sleeping bag and ground sheet, a camera, and \$19. The timber industry was in desperate straits in the midst of the Great Depression, and was operating at about 30% capacity. It did not take Kirnak long to realize his chances of getting work through an employment office were zero.

After several days of pounding on the door of the Long-Bell Lumber Company's vice president of timber and logging for a job, he got results. The vice president made a call to the main logging camp at Ryderwood, Washington: "I'm sending up a big green kid. Put him to work. If he doesn't learn fast and work hard, run him off!" (Not the usual post-college career launch, but a Depression was on.) Salary was \$110 per month with \$40 deducted for room and board in camp.

The first day in the timber, Kirnak was paired with a veteran faller (whose partner had been injured), felling old-growth Douglas-firs, on springboards with hand tools. Kirnak took to the big timber like a duck to water. Then followed five years of log bucking, yarding, loading, rigging up, and being involved directly with Long-Bell's conversion from railroad operations to log truck operations.

The hard physical exposure of felling and bucking big timber with hand tools led to his lifelong personal interest in power saws (as chainsaws were first called), and Kirnak was selected to be on one end of the first power saw ever that felled an old-growth Douglas-fir.

During these five years, Kirnak developed an improved accounting system for his camp's unit (thanks to having taken an accounting course at Penn State!). Every other Saturday he reported production and cost results at the main office in Longview. Most of this work was done in the evenings after working all day in the timber.

World War II intervened and Kirnak served three years in the U.S. Navy, island-hopping in the Pacific as staff engineering officer of a flotilla of rocket-firing gunboats in the amphibious forces.

Upon his return to Long-Bell, Kirnak was assigned as trucking manager in the fifteen-year-old Tillamook Burn. His added wartime experience with radios led to his installing the first two-way radios in logging operations. By 1950 he also moved to Long-Bell's sawmill operations in the Tillamook Burn, salvaging old-growth timber killed in the 1933 fire.

In 1954, Kirnak accepted an attractive offer by East Asiatic Company, an international conglomerate, to work as the Pacific Northwest international lumber sales manager. In that position he provided leadership in shipping the first pulled-to-length paper covered lumber cargo to destinations in Europe, Australia, South Africa, Asia, and South America. This was a prelude to container shipments that are common today.

After directing marketing and shipping of over half a billion feet (clear lumber only), Kirnak retired from corporate life in 1971. He received the Lumberman of the Year award in 1994 from the Portland Wholesale Lumber Association in recognition of his considerable accomplishments in logging, milling, and marketing and in community and industry service.

Following his retirement, Kirnak served as a consultant to the timber industry. He also was retained as defense expert by United States and Canadian chainsaw manufacturers in their defense of legal issues in 21 states and federal jurisdictions.

Kirnak served as co-executor of the estate of his lifelong friend, Ed Hoener, publisher of "The Timberman" magazine. The Hoener Trust gave full scholarships to needy and worthy forestry students at Oregon State University. Kirnak also served on the Hoener Trust advisory committee that oversees the investment and awards of the trust.

From his arrival in the Northwest, Kirnak was active in conservation efforts for wilderness areas and national parks. These activities included successful ten-year efforts with Olympic Parks Associates in preventing the 300,000-acre removal of the finest old-growth timber from Olympic National Park. The activities also included the fourteen-year successful efforts, until 1972, for congressional authorization to restore 48,000 acres to the Three Sisters Wilderness, removed previously by the USDA Forest Service in 1958; and ten years with the North Cascade Conservation Council, resulting in the creation of North Cascades National Park in 1968.

Beginning with the camera he took to the Northwest in 1937, Kirnak documented the harvest of old-growth timber, frequently carrying his camera in his lunch pail during those early years. He built an excellent portfolio that depicts the people, timber, and equipment tied to this historic trade. His spare time in the summer was spent mountain climbing and in the winter skiing. Kirnak has maintained an active interest in Penn State's School of Forest Resources, both through our Alumni Group and his continued ties with various School directors.

**Robert C. (Bob) McColly** earned his B.S. in Forest Science from Penn State in 1972. Upon graduation, he started his career as a procurement forester for the Koppers Company in Salisbury, Maryland, and spent time working in northern Louisiana, East Texas, and Arkansas. In 1973, McColly worked for Mann and Parker Lumber Company in New Freedom, Pennsylvania, as a lumber purchaser before returning to Koppers Company in early



*Left: School of Forest Resources Director Charles Strauss (far left) with 2006 Outstanding Alumni (left to right) Bob McColly, Darrel Williams, and Keith Atherholt. Not present was 2006 Outstanding Alumnus Al Kirnak, who is pictured above.*

1974. He worked for Koppers Company in the Salisbury area until 1976, when he accepted a position as procurement manager for L. A. Clarke and Son in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

In 1977, McColly joined Forest Land Services, Inc., a consulting forestry firm based out of Elkins, West Virginia. In 1980, he purchased the assets of Forest Land Services and became president of the firm. He expanded by opening an office in Ligonier, Pennsylvania, in 1986. For the last 29 years, McColly has been doing consulting forestry work in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio, and Kentucky. The firm currently employs three full-time foresters and manages more than 100,000 acres in these states.

While at Penn State, McColly was a member of Xi Sigma Pi national honorary forestry fraternity, and a member of Tau Phi Delta social fraternity, where he served as treasurer and alumni chairman. He is a certified forester with the Society of American Foresters, and a licensed professional forester in the states of Maryland and West Virginia. He was named the Pennsylvania Area IV Outstanding Tree Farm Inspector in 1982.

He has served as secretary, treasurer, and vice president of the Delmarva Professional Foresters Association, and has been a member of the Association of Consulting Foresters (ACF) of America, Inc. since 1978. McColly has been active with ACF, serving as chairman of the Pennsylvania chapter, president of the national chapter 1992-1994, chair of the national convention in 1989, and serving on the Practicing Foresters Institute Trust board of directors four years, including a term as president in 2002.

McColly served on the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Landowners Association 1990-1999, and is also a member of the Forest Landowners Association. He served on the Pennsylvania Governors Forestry Advisory Task Force in 1996 and was a member of the Penn State School of Forest Resources Alumni Board 1996-2000. He is currently a member of the advisory board for the Ibberson Endowed Chair of the Penn State, and a member of the School of Forest Resources Advisory Board. He

also served as a member of a composite review committee aiding and selecting a director for the School of Forest Resources.

McColly has been a guest lecturer at Penn State for forest economics and timber harvesting courses, and has guest lectured at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. He was successful in spearheading a campaign, with Tom Yorke, to raise funds for a Tau Phi Delta faculty office in the new Forest Resources Building. He also completed an ACF-sponsored effort to name the Ibberson Chair office in the new building.

McColly's civic activities include coaching Little League baseball in Ligonier, Pennsylvania, for seven years and serving on the Little League board of directors for four years; YMCA board of directors for five years and as vice president; YMCA youth basketball coach for six years. Currently, he serves on the Westmoreland County Youth Commission.

**Dr. Darrel L. Williams** received his B.S. degree in Forest Science in 1973 and his M.S. degree in Forest Resources in 1974. His master's thesis, under major professor Dr. Brian Turner, focused on computer analysis and mapping of gypsy moth defoliation in Pennsylvania using data from a new satellite program called the Earth Resources Technology Satellite, later renamed Landsat. He was recruited to NASA immediately following attainment of his M.S. degree. While at Penn State he was a member and two-year resident of the Alpha Zeta fraternity – the national agricultural and biological sciences honorary fraternity. He was also a member of Xi Sigma Pi, the national forestry honorary fraternity. He later earned a Ph.D. in Physical Geography from the University of Maryland in 1989.

Williams currently serves as the associate chief in the Hydrospheric and Biospheric Sciences Laboratory at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland. He continues to serve as the Landsat Project Scientist, a position he has held since 1992. In this position he was responsible for ensuring the scientific integrity of the Landsat 5 and 7 missions currently in orbit. Williams also serves as the project manager for

NASA's LBA-ECO project in Brazil that is focused on better understanding the effects of large-scale tropical deforestation on continental and global weather systems. Prior to his selection as associate chief, Williams served as head of the Biospheric Sciences Branch from 1991 through 2001. He began his NASA service in 1975 as a research scientist.

Williams served as assistant project scientist for Landsat 4 and 5 during the late 1970s and early 1980s, and as the EOS Deputy Project Scientist during 1989-90. He has authored and coauthored more than 70 publications in the field of quantitative remote sensing. In 1991 he was named an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland, Department of Geography.

Williams has received well over two-dozen NASA awards in a variety of categories. Foremost among these are the NASA Medal for Outstanding Leadership (1997) and NASA's Exceptional Service Medal (2000). He has also received awards from external organizations such as the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the American Society of Photogrammetry. He received the Aviation Week and Space Technology 1999 Laurels Award for outstanding achievement in the field of space in recognition of his science leadership role for the highly successful Landsat 7 mission.

Williams' remote sensing research involved the development of enhanced quantitative techniques for assessing forest canopy conditions. Landsat imagery depicting some of these techniques are on display in the "Looking at Earth from Space" room at the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum, with acknowledgment to Williams.

In 2002, Williams was recruited by the government of Australia to serve as an expert reviewer of Australia's National Carbon Accounting System, which was developed to conduct continental-scale assessments of carbon stocks (that is, forests) in Australia using Landsat data.

Williams served as a member of the editorial board of the International Journal of Remote Sensing from 1990 through 1998, and has also served on the editorial board of the International Journal of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing. Williams has served as NASA science officer for several sponsored research projects at Penn State, including projects of Dr. Wayne Myers in the School of Forest Resources. He has served on the advisory board for Penn State's Environmental Resources Research Institute (now Penn State Institutes of the Environment).

Williams has served his community as a member of the Queen Anne School board for six years, and has coached several youth sports teams. In 2000, he was invited by his high school alma mater, Punxsutawney Area Senior High School, to give the commencement address to the first graduates of the new millennium.

## School of Forest Resources Alumni Employment Statistics

For more than three decades, the School of Forest Resources has been conducting alumni surveys one to two years after graduation to learn about employment success. The information gathered has been useful in providing current and prospective students, parents, and faculty and staff with information about career opportunities.

In October 2005, we mailed an employment survey to the Class of 2003-04; that is, students who graduated with a B. S. degree from the School of Forest Resources between August 2003 and May 2004. The survey was sent to 33 Forest Science (FORSC) alumni, 31 Wildlife and Fisheries Science (W F S) alumni, and 13 Wood Products (W P) alumni. We attempted to contact all nonrespondents by phone or e-mail. The total survey response rate (mail survey plus follow-up) was 73% for FORSC, 61% for W F S, and 100% for W P, and 73% overall.

In total, 94% of the Forest Science (FORSC) graduates from the Class of 2003-04 were using their degrees in professional pursuits (that is, professional employment or graduate school). The number of FORSC alumni employed in public forest management a year or so after graduation had reached a unique high of 47% with the Class of 1998-99, decreased to 22% of the Class of 2001-02, and was 28% for the Class of 2003-04. Of the seven FORSC alumni in public-sector forestry, two were employed by a federal agency (one of these was a seasonal position); the rest were employed by state agencies (one of these was a seasonal position). In terms of geographic location, six were in Pennsylvania and one was in New York. The average annual salary for public sector forest management positions for the Class of 2003-04 was \$27,500 (based on five reported salaries). If the seasonal salaries are not factored in, the average annual salary was \$32,500 (based on two reported full-time position salaries).

The number of FORSC alumni employed in the private sector had reached a low of 2% for the Class of 2000-01, and was only 9% for the Class of 2003-04. Two of the three private-sector forestry positions reported were in Pennsylvania; the other was in California. The average annual salary (based on three reported salaries) was \$32,500; all three were full-time positions.

FORSC alumni in the Class of 2003-04 who were employed in general resource management areas reached 47%—an all-time high—up from the 20-30% range the previous five years. Six of the 11 FORSC alumni in this category were employed by either Bartlett Tree Experts or Davey Tree, and a seventh was also with a tree service company. The other four were involved with mapping, surveying, and wetland delineations. Only one of these 11 positions was seasonal. The average annual salary for FORSC alumni employed in a general resource management positions was \$36,000.

FORSC alumni pursuing additional education was 9% for the Class of 2003-04; this statistic typically is less than 10% about every other year. Blue-collar employment for FORSC graduates was 6% and has been in the 6 - 7% range for the past three years.

In total, 91% of the Wildlife and Fisheries Science (W F S) graduates from the Class of 2003-04 were using their degrees in

professional pursuits—comparable to the Class of 2002-03 but an increase from the 79% reported for both the Class of 2000-01 and the Class of 2001-02.

W F S alumni employed in wildlife/fisheries management was 34%—a six-year high. Two of the seven wildlife/fisheries jobs were in Pennsylvania (one of these was a term position), two were full-time, permanent positions in Maryland and North Carolina, and three were temporary positions in Idaho, Connecticut, and Virginia. The average annual salary for the full-time positions in wildlife/fisheries management was \$25,800 (based on three reported salaries).

W F S employment in general resource management rose to 19% for the Class of 2003-04 (it was 11% for the Class of 2002-03, and 17% for the Class of 2001-02). W F S employment in management/engineering/sales (nonwood industry) was 16% for the Class of 2003-04 (it was 14% for the Class of 2002-03 and 12% for the Class of 2001-02).

The percentage of W F S alumni pursuing additional education was noticeably low—6% for the Class of 2003-04—only the fifth time in 19 years that this figure has been below 10%. Blue-collar employment for W F S graduates was 9%, the seventh time in 19 years that this figure has been below 10%.

Employment of Wood Products (W P) graduates for the Class of 2003-04 was again excellent, with 78% of the W P alumni employed in some aspect of the wood products industry, 8% in general resource management (arboriculture), 8% using business/marketing skills in a nonwood products industry, and 8% in a W P graduate program. Five of the ten wood-products-related positions were in Pennsylvania; the others were in New York, Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, and Kentucky. The average annual salary for W P alumni in wood products positions (all full-time) was \$40,000 (based on two reported salaries).

Four of the wood-products-related positions were with JELD-WEN in Pennsylvania, Florida, and North Carolina; two were with Catawissa Lumber in Pennsylvania. The other four were with Hexion Chemical in Kentucky, Ballie Lumber in New York, a family-owned sawmill in Virginia, and a construction company in Pennsylvania.

## Online Library Access for Alumni



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Penn State Alumni Library. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for "LOGON IN | SEARCH | ABOUT | CONTACT US | GIVE TO PENN STATE | HOW DO I... | HOME PAGE". Below the navigation is a large banner for the "Historical Digital Collegian Archive". The banner features a small image of two people, a link to "A Letter from Nancy L. Baker and Margaret T. Tamm", and a "Join the Alumni Unit" button. To the left of the banner is a sidebar with sections for "Penn State Room", "Featured Collections", "Resource Centers", "Career Resources Tools", "Business News", "Trust", "Member Benefits", "How Do I...", and "FAQ". The main content area has several sections: "Welcome Your Alumni Library is one more way Penn State provides lifelong learning opportunities.", "Historical Digital Collegian Archive" (with a link to "The Historical Digital Collegian (1887-1955) provides access to the entire run of the Penn State student newspaper, including news, editorials, columns, and classified ads, in digital format. The archive includes original layout, text, photographs, and advertisements. For those who prefer to print the newspaper instead, each issue can be viewed page-by-page or downloaded in PDF format. Digital Collegian affords researchers greater flexibility in locating articles of interest and gives greater access to researchers not able to visit the University Libraries."), "History of Women at Penn State" (with a link to "Since 1981, the Penn State Commission for Women has promoted and supported women and women's issues at the university and in the community. Through its 25th anniversary in 2006, the Commission and Penn State Press have published a book, *We Are a Strong, Articulate Voice: A History of Penn State Women*, which documents the history of women at Penn State from the admission of the first female in 1871 through Penn State's 150th anniversary in 2005. The images reflect challenges and accomplishments, from early days of dormitory life and residence in temporary houses/men's dorms, to the turbulent 1960s, when women tent their voices to welcome men to Penn State, to the present day when women serve the campus climate led by the creation of the Commission for Women."), "We Are a Strong, Articulate Voice" (with a link to "Written by local author Carol Sonnerud, is available in the Penn State University Bookstore. The book is \$25.00 plus shipping and handling. To order, call 800-339-1300. For more information, on the Commission for Women at Penn State, go to <http://www.equity.psu.edu/cfw/>."), and "Penn STATE | UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES | PENN STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION | The Pennsylvania State University © 2006 | Privacy and legal statements | Last updated: 1/25/06 | E-mail us | Contact us | URG 106 06 025".

Penn State alumni now have special online access to many of the most popular offerings of the University Libraries through the new Alumni Library at <http://alumni.libraries.psu.edu> online. The Alumni Library is a joint project of the Libraries and the Penn State Alumni Association.

Through the new Alumni Library site, alumni can access thousands of pages of information, readily organized on the Web site. The majority of the Alumni Library site is

available to all Penn State alumni, but several sections within the site are for Alumni Association members only.

"The Alumni Library is a tremendous benefit to Penn Staters," said Roger L. Williams, executive director of the Penn State Alumni Association. "To have access to all of this information in one easy-to-use online location is something alumni have been wanting, and we are thrilled to work with University Libraries in putting this site together."

The Alumni Library is organized into easily accessed sections. "Resource Centers" offer career tools, including business and employer ratings; online research tools with Internet search tools, education and funding resources, almanacs, genealogy topics, and more; and a travel center that includes a worldwide ATM locator, a hiking trail finder, and other useful site links for travelers.

In the "Penn State Room," alumni can search through the Historical Digital Collegian Archives (1887-1955), read current issues of the *Digital Collegian* (1988 - present), and access digital archive information about Penn State sports through the years, the 150-year evolution of the University Park campus, and a link to Penn State history and traditions.

"Featured Collections" presents exhibits and collections that will change bimonthly. Currently this section features the University's Pennsylvania German broadsides and fraktur collection with more than 270 images, the Mira Lloyd Dock collection, Depression-era photos, Fred Waring's America collection, Pennsylvania Civil War newspapers and more.

Alumni Association members can access a number of unique features on Alumni Library, including past and current issues of hundreds of newspapers such as full editions of *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Washington Post*. They will also be able to use ProQuest, an integrated search engine that features business, interdisciplinary, medicine, psychology and communications resources. ProQuest also includes full-text articles from more than 1,000 top business publications, which can be accessed by browsing news options or through keyword search. Two other members-only sections are the Penn State antiques show, where experts can evaluate Penn State antique

memorabilia, and an online bulletin board where members can post photos and notices of upcoming gatherings.

"New information technology has made it possible to open the virtual libraries' doors to Penn State alumni and friends, and we are excited to have this opportunity to partner with the Penn State Alumni Association," said Nancy L. Eaton, dean of University Libraries and Scholarly Communications at Penn State.

## TravelBlue: Another New Member Benefit

The Penn State Alumni Association rolled out another member benefit this spring—TravelBlue, a deeply discounted vacation rental program.

TravelBlue is different than any benefit the Penn State Alumni Association (PSAA) has offered before. Sure, it complements the array of the more than 30 educational, classic, luxury, and active adventure vacation packages that PSAA offers every year through the Alumni Tours program. But TravelBlue is a less expensive and individually tailored travel alternative aiming to attract younger alumni and alumni with families who are in the market for inexpensive, yet first-rate, travel accommodations.

While Alumni Tours are open to anyone, TravelBlue is for *members only*. Nonmembers can invest \$50 in an annual membership or \$600 in a life membership and save considerably more than that on just their first vacation rental.

TravelBlue supports numerous goals and objectives in PSAA's strategic plan—increasing service and support to alumni in general; engaging younger and more diverse alumni; improving the renewal rates of gratis and annual members; increasing participation in PSAA travel programs, and more.

To use the new TravelBlue program, Penn State Alumni Association members should first e-mail [alumni-member@psu.edu](mailto:alumni-member@psu.edu) or call 1-800-548-LION option 2 to get a members-only booking code, then search an online database at [www.alumni.psu.edu/travel](http://www.alumni.psu.edu/travel) of available vacations rentals or call 888-729-3842 to talk to a vacation reservationist to book their vacation rental. There are no hidden fees or sales tours to attend . . . just terrific accommodations at resort vacation condos or houses, renting for as little as \$349 per week per unit.

TravelBlue is a partnership between the Penn State Alumni Association and University Alumni Travel Benefits, a program sponsored by Resort Condominiums International and Cendant Corporation, world leaders in vacation, leisure and travel services. These travel companies oversee the Web site, which lists all available accommodations.

Historically speaking, TravelBlue is just one of a long line of innovative benefits the Penn State Alumni Association has launched in its 135-year history. In the 1960s, PSAA offered the first Alumni Association educational tour, and in 1975, the Alumni Vacation College was established. A decade later, the Penn State Alumni Association became the first alumni association to establish an affinity credit card and license plate program, not to mention a life insurance program for alumni. In 1994, Huddle with the Faculty began on football Saturdays, and the alumni Web site was launched—one of the first alumni associations to do so.

## New Life Memberships in the Penn State Alumni Association Benefit our SFR Alumni Group!

As an affiliate group of the Penn State Alumni Association, the School of Forest Resources Alumni Group can generate funds for group events and activities through the RealLife program. RealLife, now in its fourth year, rewards groups like ours for efforts in recruiting new life members to the Alumni Association.

Here's how it works: We receive \$50 for every new life member recruited during the fiscal year. Our SFR Alumni Group has been assigned a unique three-digit code, GAG. Please note our group's code on all life membership applications. At the end of the fiscal year on June 30, the Alumni Association tallies the number of life members recruited by our group. In August, we receive payment based on our number of new life-member recruits.

Please note that we also receive payment for current annual memberships that are converted to life memberships.

For more information on life membership, call the Penn State Alumni Association toll-free at 1-800-548-LION or log on to <http://alumni.psu.edu/4life>.

# Alumni Notes

## 1930s

**John J. Mohr**, 1939 – died February 14, 2006. Here are excerpts from Mr. Mohr's obituary printed in the Spring 2006 issue of *Allegheny News*. Between 1941 and 1946, Mohr was an officer in the Civilian Conservation Corps, worked for the War Department, and served in the U.S. Army in the European Theatre of Operations. Following military service, he held various career positions in the Maryland Department of State Forests and Parks, including district director of Maryland's Eastern Shore. In 1979 he retired as chief of ecological and structural programs for the Maryland Park Service. Even after retirement, he remained active in forest management and preservation activities on the Eastern Shore. He was a member of the Society of American Foresters for 62 years and received the Society's Golden Member Award.

## 1940s

**David M. Waite**, 1940 – 1046 N. Vinedo Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91107-1819. “I would enjoy attending the centennial celebration in April but will wait and read about it in the next newsletter. Thank you for sending me RESOURCES as it has kept me up-to-date on the School of Forest Resources activities through the year.”

**Harry E. Murphy**, 1943 – 3128 Woodhaven Drive, Birmingham, AL 35243-5715, hmrphy@resourcempg.com. “I try to keep up with the Hon. **Bob Kintigh**. (Hon. is correct in addressing Bob; he was in Oregon Senate, Pres. Pro Tem). I try to keep in touch with **Bob McCollly** and **Mark Webb** but they never stop in the same place twice (any advice?). The School is doing super under Chuck Strauss – a BIG THANKS.”

**Joseph E. Ibberson**, 1947 – 3764 Sharon St., Harrisburg, PA 17111-1905. Joe Ibberson is one of eight graduates of Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences selected as recipients of the college's 2006 Outstanding Alumni Awards. The awards recognize alumni for their achievements and provide opportunities for recipients to interact with the college's faculty, students

and other alumni. Ibberson is a private forest consultant who retired from the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry as chief of forest advisory services in 1977. During his time with the bureau, he oversaw the development of management plans for two million acres of state forestland, organized the bureau's Division of Forest Advisory Service, and launched a pest control initiative that grew into the Division of Forest Pest Management.

In 1999, he endowed the Joseph E. Ibberson Chair in Forest Management in the School of Forest Resources. The primary purposes of the chair are to contribute toward the education of undergraduate and graduate students majoring in Forest Science and to further serve a leadership role within this discipline. Dr. Harry V. Wiant was appointed to the Chair in 2002. In 2003, Mr. Ibberson established a financial agreement with the University for a second endowed chair, the Joseph E. Ibberson Chair in Community and Urban Forestry. This faculty post will follow in the same accord, with teaching and professional service as the primary responsibilities.

**Edwin F. Youngblood**, 1948 – died November 25, 2005. Here are excerpts from Mr. Youngblood's obituary, sent to us by **Harold Birch** '51: Mr. Youngblood attended Mont Alto for two years. He then went to serve his country in the 29<sup>th</sup> Division of the U.S. Army during World War II and received two Purple Hearts. He returned home and to Penn State and graduated in 1947. He went to work for the USDA Forest Service and was an assistant forest ranger in Willow Springs, Missouri, and Bena, Minnesota. He then was named district ranger in Manistique at the Hiawatha National Forest. From there he moved to the regional office in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as land staff officer with the Huron-Manistee National Forest. He retired in 1980.

**Robert C. Burkholder**, 1949 – died January 16, 2006. Here are excerpts from Mr. Burkholder's obituary, sent to us by **Henry Gerhold** '52, '54g: In December 1942, Burkholder enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and was called to active duty in April 1943 as an aviation cadet. He flew 81

combat missions in Europe. He was awarded six stars to the European Theatre of Operations ribbon, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, and nine Air Medals. After graduation from college, he served for about 32 years with the USDA Forest Service as a national forest staff officer and regional employee development and training officer. He retired in 1979.

## 1950s

**Joseph A. Krivak**, 1950 – died February 20, 2006. Here are excerpts from Mr. Krivak's obituary, sent to us by **Ted Fedak** '50: Krivak was an Army veteran of World War II. He was employed in the offices of the Department of Agriculture, Department of Interior, and by the Environmental Protection Agency, where he was a water pollution control specialist, retiring in 1982.

**Dean Quinney**, 1950 – 37329 Charles Town Pike, Purcellville, VA 20132-2903. “Still alive and well here in northwestern Virginia. This area largely was settled by Quakers and German farmers who came down from Pennsylvania in the mid-1970s. So, I feel right at home! My three sons also live in the same general area and we frequently get together to do ‘outdoor things’.”

**Walter R. Rossman**, 1950 – 2282 New Germany Road, Ebensburg, PA 15931-3406. “Mary and I attended the April 2006 alumni reunion dinner in the atrium of the new School of Forest Resources building. After an excellent dinner, we enjoyed visiting with Joyce and **Bob Ross** '49, **Charles Merroth** '49, **John Steimer** '49, and Marilyn and **Henry Gerhold** '52. It was a memorable and enjoyable event. We look forward to many more.”

**Harold B. Birch**, 1951 – 6017 Northridge Road, Columbia, SC 29206-4337. “In the winter edition of the School of Forest Resources newsletter, my classmate **Paul Shogren** '51 wrote of his interesting and edifying research on the 10th Forest Regiment in WW I and of the existence, while we were in school (1947-1951), of an Army reserve unit of ‘forest engineers’ in State College to which some of our veteran

## In Memoriam

**John J. Mohr**, 1939  
died February 14, 2006

**John Dertzo**, 1940  
died March 30, 2006

**Howard Kinney, Jr.**, 1941  
died February 20, 2006

**David P. Snavely**, 1941  
died April 4, 2006

**James A. Long**, 1942a  
info received April 2006

**Mervin H. Reines**, 1942  
died October 21, 2005

**Robert W. Pearl**, 1948  
died June 5, 2005

**James S. Watson**, 1948  
died January 2, 2001

**Edwin F. Youngblood**, 1948  
died November 25, 2005

**Paul R. Beattie**, 1949  
died December 28, 2004

**Robert C. Burkholder**, 1949  
died January 16, 2006

**Thomas T. Eberhard**, 1949, 1950g  
died January 16, 2002

**Jerome P. Swanson**, 1949  
info received March 2006

**Paul Elizeus**, 1950  
died May 8, 2000

**Joseph A. Krivak**, 1950  
died February 20, 2006

**Edward F. Kocjancic**, 1954  
died May 9, 2006

**Samuel A. Marquebreck**, 1954  
died April 17, 2006

**James M. Noel**, 1954  
died September 20, 2005

**Jess W. Malcolm**, 1955g  
died April 10, 2005

**Charles C. Wagner**, 1958  
died March 26, 2006

**Richard O. Bunner**, 1959g  
died September 17, 2005

**Gerald A. Meier**, 1959  
info received April 2006

**William J. Sullivan**, 1960  
died October 22, 2003

**Donald E. Little**, 1965  
died January 31, 2006

**David E. Carson**, 1969  
died June 14, 2006

**Eric M. Wachsmuth**, 1969, 1974g  
died December 17, 2005

**Martin K. Swartwood**, 1972  
died October 16, 2005

**William J. Baldwin**, 1974  
died July 6, 2006

**Charles E. Bridge, Jr.** 1976  
died November 2, 2005

**Craig R. Holt**, 1977  
died September 12, 2004

classmates belonged. As a nonveteran, I enlisted as a private in that Engineer Sawmill unit in early 1950 and was disappointed to find no veterans from Forestry in the unit. And if they had a sawmill, I never saw it, either.

My timing was great! The Korean War started shortly after my enlistment and I was called to active duty as an engineer private. Fortunately I was in advanced ROTC and the professor of military science intervened on my behalf so that a year later, when I graduated, I went on active duty as an infantry second lieutenant.

Later when I got to Korea in 1952 there was a call for an officer to supervise a group of Korean civilians who operated a sawmill to provide timbers for our bunkers and bridges. I ducked the opportunity to get off the front lines as by then I was considering a military career. As they say, "The rest is history."

**Glenn P. Haney**, 1951 – 1132 Kay Street, Boalsburg, PA 16827, gphaney@aol.com.

**Henry D. Gerhold**, 1952 and 1954g – 333 Forest Resources Building, University Park, PA 16802, hdg@psu.edu.

**Richard E. Woodrow**, 1953 – 401 W. Yale Circle, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601-2851. "Retired in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, summer, and Goodyear, Arizona, winter. Enjoying retirement."

**Tony Dorrell**, 1954 – 1463 Kern Springs Rd., Woodstock, VA 22664-3225, tdotrrell@shentel.net.

**Edward F. Kocjancic**, 1954 – died May 9, 2006. Here are excerpts from various memorial pieces: Kocjancic served in the U.S. Army for two years. He worked in the family wood business and then as a consulting forester managing the Pennzoil acreage in northern Pennsylvania. In 1967 he formed Edward F. Kocjancic, Inc., a consulting forestry firm.

Known internationally for his veneer expertise, especially black cherry, Kocjancic conducted tours and programs on the Allegheny National Forest for professionals and students. His company also cooperated with the School in the



development of the latest computer technology for forest inventory and information gathering. He was a guest lecturer at University Park, and each fall his company hosts a visit from the School's sophomore forestry class.

The Kocjancic family has been a strong supporter of the Forest Resources Building program, establishing the Kocjancic Forest Soils and Water Laboratory, a 24-seat teaching lab for instruction in forest soils, hydrology, and allied forest sciences.

Kocjancic was a lifetime member of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association, director and past president of the Allegheny Hardwood Utilization Group, board member of the Pennsylvania Council of Professional Foresters, a lifetime member of the Penn State Alumni Association, and a 50-year member of the Society of American Foresters. He was named a School of Forest Resources Outstanding Alum in 2002, a Centennial Fellow of Penn State Mont Alto in 2004, and a Penn State Alumni Association Fellow in 2005.

Kocjancic and his wife Pat attended our School's alumni banquet in April 2006.

## Attention Class of 1957

Special 50th-year reunion activities are being planned for the Class of 1957 during the School's centennial weekend celebration, April 27-29, 2007. If you are interested in learning more, please contact **Bob Baldwin '57**, 432 E. Irvin Avenue, State College PA 16801-6601; (814) 238-8686; rcb9@psu.edu.

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

**William "Bill" Gericke**, 1957 – Apt. #188, 125 56th Avenue, St. Petersburg, FL 33705-5439, wagjr2003@yahoo.com. Mr. Gericke visited the School of Forest Resources in May 2006.

**Henry Hartmann**, 1958 – R.D. #2, Box 91D, Thompson, PA 18465, hank@nep.net.

**Kerry Schell**, 1958 – 5413 Lonas Drive, Knoxville, TN 37909.

**Charles C. Wagner**, 1958 – died March 26, 2006. Here are excerpts from Mr. Wagner's obituary, sent to us by **Bob Baldwin '57, '61g**: Wagner served in the U.S. Army as a corporal with Headquarters Special Forces in Alaska during the Korean War. He was a fisheries biologist for Penn State, retiring in 1991. He also was a partner in Cooper and Wagner Environmental Consulting. Memorial contributions may be made to Walker Township Volunteer Fire Company, 125 Firehouse Lane, Howard, PA 16841.

**Roger Friedrich**, 1959 – 1136 Quintara St., San Francisco, CA 94116-1227, hilltoproger@hotmail.com.

## 1960s

**Joe Barnard**, 1960 and 1963g – 584 Blossom Trail, Mount Joy, PA 17552, Jbobernard@aol.com.

**Joel Hockinson**, 1960 – 34 Brown Circle, Port Matilda, PA 16870, joelinda@pennswoods.net.

**Walter Peechatka**, 1961 – PennAg Industries Association, 2215 Forest Hills Dr., Suite 39, Harrisburg, PA 17112-1099, wpeechatka@pennag.com. Peechatka, a member of Penn State's Board of Trustees, was re-elected in July to serve an additional one-year term as a director of the Agricultural Law Resource and Reference Center of The Dickinson School of Law.

**David C. Froggatt**, Jr., 1965 – 7105 Birchett Dr., Prince George, VA 23875,

dfroggatt@earthlink.net. "In August of last year, after 38 years in private forestry, I retired. On September 1 of last year I began a new business in Real Estate and Forestry. Stop by Misty Woods, LLC in Prince George, Virginia, the next time you are on I-95 in Virginia. The Paterno coffee cup is always full."

**Fred A. Stormer**, 1966 and 1968g – 10190 SW 153 Avenue, Beaverton, OR 97007, rfstormer@aol.com. Mr. Stormer visited the School of Forest Resources in May 2006 accompanied by **Nelson Loftus '58** and '62g.

## 1970s

**James "Jim" Luse**, 1970 – 111 Laguna Ct., Roseburg, OR 97470-9124. "I have recently retired after 30 years with the Roseburg Oregon District of the Bureau of Land Management. I spent the earlier years in forest road engineering, silviculture, and timber sale administration. The bulk of my career was in timber sale layout and contract preparation and finally as environmental coordinator."

**J. Edward Wilson**, 1973 – P.O. Box 5834, Harrisburg, PA 17110-0834.

**William "Bill" Baldwin**, 1974 – died July 6, 2006. Here are excerpts from a death notice sent to us by David A. Webb: Baldwin served in the U.S. Navy. In addition to his B.S. in Forest Science from Penn State, he earned an MBA from Duquesne University. A veteran of 32 years in the wood industry, Bill was presently the V.P. of EH & S and Industry Relations for Arch Wood Protection.

Mr. Baldwin had submitted the following alumni news on June 22, just prior to his death: "I read Tom Yorke's message in the Winter 2006 newsletter where he mentioned his goal to increase submissions to Alumni Notes, so I thought I would do just that. The past year has been very exciting for the Baldwin clan. Our youngest daughter Erin received her Ph.D. in biochemistry from Vanderbilt (Nashville, TN) and is working on a post doc in genetic birth defects at Emory University (Atlanta). Not to be outdone by her younger sister, our other daughter, Sandy, gave birth to our first grandchild,

Olivia Elise Bianco) last September. Finally, I was interested in reading the announcement concerning next year's centennial celebration. I am seriously considering attending, and encourage my classmates to do so as well."

**Joseph Kearse**, 1975 – 1917 Meadow Lane, Wyomissing, PA 19610, [jtkearse@aol.com](mailto:jtkearse@aol.com).

**Bob Knight**, 1975 – 315 Dashing Wave Lane, Alpharetta, GA 30005, [rwkjk@aol.com](mailto:rwkjk@aol.com).

**Patrick Evans**, 1977 – 316 S. Van Buren St., Moscow, ID 83843-2939. Mr. Evans is the 2005 recipient of the B.R. Sen Award from the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. This award recognizes Evans as the outstanding field staffer of FAO for 2005 as a result of his leadership for the development of community-based natural resource management in Cambodia. He received the award Nov. 19 at the biennial conference of FAO in Rome, Italy. Mr. Evans has been employed by FAO since 1988 and has served in Nepal, Jamaica, Tonga, and Bhutan and recently completed eight years in Cambodia. He resides in Moscow, Idaho, with his wife, Robin, son, Taylor, 17, and daughter, Bryn, 13.

**Marsha Ehrhardt Kearney**, 1977 – 7144 Shady Grove Way, Tallahassee, FL 32312-8082, [rmeek@cs.com](mailto:rmeek@cs.com). "Have been forest supervisor for the national forests in Florida nearly eight years, and am still loving it. Had a wonderful surprise this past year—Chuck Myers, who was on the faculty when I was at Penn State, became the regional forester for the Southern Region of the USDA Forest Service. My former instructor is my boss thirty years later! Come down to the Southeast and see forest management at its best!"

#### 1980s

**Roger Lord**, 1981 and 1984g – 8153 SW 171<sup>st</sup> Place, Beaverton, OR 97007, [rlord@masonbruce.com](mailto:rlord@masonbruce.com). "I have been remiss in not reporting my whereabouts lately. I joined the consulting firm of Mason, Bruce, and Girard in Portland, Oregon, in July 2004 after nine years with Boise Cascade's corporate timberland office in Boise. With the impending sale of the Boise timberlands, it was time to move on, further west once again. I'm managing forest planning, economics, and policy analysis projects at MB&G and living in Beaverton. Penn State alums Steve Fairweather '74, '82g and Bob Carson '81 are here at MB&G also.

**Elizabeth "Betsy" (Heid) Gallace**, 1984 – 200 Heidaway Lane, Altoona, PA 16601.

#### 1990s

**Laurie (Kashuba) Smith**, 1992 – 1056 Big Ridge Road, Oneida, TN 37841, [lauriesmith@fs.fed.us](mailto:lauriesmith@fs.fed.us). "The Daniel Boone National Forest has been through a reorganization, combining six districts into four. I am still a supervisory forester on the Stearns Ranger District, managing the recreation facilities, lands, minerals, and roads programs for the district. One of the excitements of this past year (besides reorganization) was obtaining a \$25,000 grant for a wheelchair-accessible heritage trail in an old coal mining camp. I'm looking forward to seeing the new building this summer when we visit Penn State."

**Doug Still**, 1996g – 166 Valley St., Apt. 6M402, Providence, RI 02909-2480. Still is city forester in Providence, Rhode Island.

**Chris Sprague**, 1998 and Jennifer "Becky" Hargrave, 1999 – 27 Plymouth Street, Norwich, NY, [crspragu@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:crspragu@gw.dec.state.ny.us), [jrh192@hotmail.com](mailto:jrh192@hotmail.com).

**Cindy Condliff**, 1999 – 213 Rawlins Drive, Waukesha, WI 53118, [c\\_condliff@hotmail.com](mailto:c_condliff@hotmail.com). "I continue to work as an environmental engineer at ENSR, an environmental consulting company in a suburb of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. My husband Sergio and I bought our first home in September 2005 and celebrated our two-year anniversary in March 2006."

#### 2000s

**David Lezzer**, 2000 – 1899 Silver Road, Wooster, OH 44691, [psu4ster@hotmail.com](mailto:psu4ster@hotmail.com).

**Coreen (Ripp) Fallat**, 2005g – Apt. 3, Davidson St., Madison, WI 53716, [coreen.ripp@gmail.com](mailto:coreen.ripp@gmail.com).



# SFR Centennial Silent Auction

A silent auction will be held during our Centennial Weekend Celebration, April 27-29, 2007. Silent auction items will be on display in the Forest Resources Building on Friday and Saturday. Proceeds of the silent auction will benefit student activities sponsored by:

American Water Resources Association Student Chapter

Forest Products Society Student Chapter

School of Forest Resources Graduate Student Organization

Society of American Foresters Student Chapter

Tau Phi Delta Fraternity

The Wildlife Society Student Chapter

Xi Sigma Pi Honor Society, Eta Chapter

Please consider donating an item to the auction. Donation suggestions include:

School of Forest Resources memorabilia

Penn State memorabilia

Penn State and School apparel

Gift certificates for restaurants and services

Gift certificates for sporting equipment

Antiques

Travel/tour packages

Theatre/sports tickets

Gift/food packages

Use of a vacation timeshare

Weekend bed and breakfast accommodations

Wood carvings and hand-crafted items

Photos and paintings

Flowers, seedlings, and Christmas trees  
Theme baskets

Silent auction donations should be sent to:

Jamie Murphy  
114 Forest Resources Building  
University Park, PA 16802  
814-863-0362  
jam563@psu.edu

To be included in the silent auction listing, an Item Donation Form must be received by March 1, 2007. The form is available online at <http://www.sfr.cas.psu.edu/Alumni/Alumni.html>.

Donations must be received no later than March 15, 2007.

All donations are tax-deductible and will be acknowledged by letter.

## SFR Centennial Registration

Here is your first opportunity to register for the School of Forest Resources Centennial Weekend Celebration, April 27-29, 2007! A few other opportunities will follow. In November, we will be mailing a packet of centennial information to all School of Forest Alumni, and we will include the registration materials again in our Winter 2007 newsletter. These materials are also available on our alumni Web page, <http://www.sfr.cas.psu.edu/Alumni/Alumni.html>.

Now is the time to start planning your participation in this once-in-a-lifetime event!

### LODGING

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

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

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

To check out other lodging options in the area, go to the Web site <http://www.centralpacvb.org/> and click on "Places to Stay" . . . or contact the Central Pennsylvania Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800 E. Park Avenue, State College, PA. 16803; local phone: 814-231-1400; toll free: 800-358-5466; fax: 814-231-8123; e-mail: [info@centralpacvb.org](mailto:info@centralpacvb.org)

# SFR Centennial Registration

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

(1) \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name                      First Name                      Maiden name (if applicable)

If SFR alum: \_\_\_\_\_  
Class Year                      Degree

If full-time Penn State student, check here: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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## QUIZ BOWL

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Alumni Team    \_\_\_\_\_ Student Team    \_\_\_\_\_ Faculty Team  
First and Last Name

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# SFR Centennial Registration

	<b>Number Attending**</b>	<b>Cost per person</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<b><u>CENTENNIAL 2007 REGISTRATION</u></b>			
(All registrations include Fri. and Sat. receptions and Sat. continental breakfast; the first 400 \$25 registrations also include a centennial keepsake and a "free ice cream" coupon)	_____	\$25/adult (FREE for student* children, 12 and under, FREE)	_____
<b><u>FRIDAY, APRIL 27</u></b>			
Opening Session (4 p.m.)	_____	adults and children, FREE	
Tree Planting Ceremony (5 p.m.)	_____	adults and children, FREE	
Reception (5:15 - 7 p.m.)	_____	adults, FREE children, ages 6 to 12, FREE children, 5 and under, FREE	
The Village at Penn State (4 - 8 p.m.) (Limited to 20 people; leave from Forest Resources Bldg.; includes tour, reception, and dinner at The Village, a continuing care retirement community)	_____	adults, FREE as guests of The Village	
<b><u>SATURDAY, APRIL 28</u></b>			
Continental Breakfast (9 - 10 a.m.) (coffee, tea, juice, donuts, bagels, muffins)	_____	adults, FREE children, ages 6 to 12, FREE children, 5 and under, FREE	
Molly Trolley Campus Driving Tour (Limited to 33 people on each tour)	10 - 10:50 a.m. 11 - 11:50 a.m. 1 - 1:50 p.m. 2 - 2:50 p.m.	adults and children, FREE adults and children, FREE adults and children, FREE adults and children, FREE	
Campus Walking Tour (10 a.m. - noon)	_____	adults and children, FREE	
Forest Resources Building Tours, upon request, any time between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.	_____	adults and children, FREE	
Stone Valley Tour (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.) (Limited to 47 people; includes box lunch)	_____	\$8/person (\$4/student*) for box lunch	_____
Lunch Buffet (noon - 1:30 p.m.) (BBQ spare ribs and grilled chicken tenders with two sides)	_____	\$10.00/adult (\$5/student*) \$7.50/child ages 6 to 12 children, 5 and under, FREE	_____
Fun Fair (1 - 4 p.m.) (music 1-3 p.m., face painting, displays/activities, Nittany Lion, Smokey Bear; Woodsmen Demo at 2 p.m., Quiz Bowl at 3 p.m.)	_____	adults and children, FREE	
Beaver Stadium Tour (2 - 4 p.m.) (Limited to 30 people)	_____	adults and children, FREE	
Pattee Library Tour (2 - 4 p.m.) <i>tentative</i> (Limited to 30 people)	_____	adults and children, FREE	
Banquet Reception and Class Photos (5:30 - 7 p.m.)	_____	adults and children, FREE	
Banquet Dinner (7 p.m.)	_____	pork dinner, \$35/person (\$18/student*) vegetarian dinner, \$35/person ("")	_____
<b><u>SUNDAY, APRIL 29</u></b>			
Ecumenical Service (9:30 a.m.)	_____	adults and children, FREE	
Brunch and "Charge to Our Alumni" (10:30 a.m.)	_____	\$14/adult (\$7/student*) \$10.50/child, ages 6 to 12 children, 5 and under, FREE	_____

If you would like to make a contribution to sponsor a meal for a student at the Saturday banquet (any dollar amount is acceptable), please note that dollar amount here. Contributions are tax-deductible and will be acknowledged by letter.

*Make checks payable to "Penn State" with "SFR Centennial" in memo line.*

\*Student = full-time Penn State student

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

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**School of Forest Resources**  
**Outstanding Alumni and Outstanding Recent Alumni Award**  
**Nomination Form**

Please check one:  Outstanding Alumni Nomination

Outstanding Recent Alumni Nomination (alumni who have graduated in previous ten years)

Is the nominee aware of this nomination?  yes  no

Date of nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

**INFORMATION ABOUT THE PERSON MAKING THE NOMINATION**

Name

Address

Phone Number

FAX Number

E-mail

**INFORMATION ABOUT THE PERSON BEING NOMINATED**

Name

Address

Phone Number

FAX Number

E-mail

SFR Graduation Year and Major

Please attach a thorough description of the nominee relative to the selection criteria of

1. Professional achievement, excellence, impact, and recognition (and significant career advancement for Outstanding Recent Alumni nominees)
2. Service to the profession, to the School of Forest Resources, and to the community
3. High personal and professional standards

The nomination may also include a list of persons who may act as references.

Send to: School of Forest Resources Alumni Group Awards Committee  
Forest Resources Building  
The Pennsylvania State University  
University Park, PA 16802  
**by September 30**

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**RESPONSE FORM**

No dues are charged for membership in the School of Forest Resources (SFR) Alumni Group. We rely on contributions to support alumni activities, including the publication of this newsletter. This newsletter is sent twice a year to more than 4,500 alumni at a cost of about \$6,000 per issue. Contributions for the SFR Alumni Group should be made payable to "Penn State" and designated, in the memo section of the check or in a cover letter, for the School of Forest Resources Alumni Group, send to Penn State, College of Agricultural Sciences, Development Office, 233 Agricultural Administration, University Park, PA 16802 (or enclose it with this Response Form and it will be forwarded to the correct office). You will receive a receipt, and your contribution will be tax deductible.

(Name)	(Class year)	(Major)
(Mailing address)	(Phone)	(E-mail address)

- I have sent a contribution for the SFR Alumni Group in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Penn State, College of Agricultural Sciences, Development Office, 233 Agricultural Administration University Park, PA 16802 (or it is enclosed and will be forwarded to the correct office). The contribution is made payable to "Penn State" and designated for the School of Forest Resources Alumni Group.
- I would like to order the framed print of the forestry buildings, the centennial history book, and/or the centennial decal. (See page 4 for details.) All checks are to be made payable to Penn State with "SFR Alumni Group" and "print," "book," and/or "decal" written in the memo portion of the check. Payment is to be mailed to Ellen Manno with this form to the address below.  
 print(s); each \$55 plus \$15 shipping and handling  
 book(s); each \$30 plus \$5 shipping and handling (this is a pre-order; book will be available early in 2007)  
 decal(s), face-adhesive; each \$0.50, free shipping and handling  
 decal(s), back-adhesive, each \$0.50, free shipping and handling
- I would like the following news to be included in an upcoming newsletter. The next issue will be published in winter 2007. To submit news online, go to <http://www.sfr.cas.psu.edu/Alumni/AlumniNews.htm>.

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 September 30!*

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## Calendar of Events

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| August 29-31  | Wood Structure and Identification, Forest Research Lab, University Park, PA.<br>Contact: Michael Powell, 814-863-1113 or <a href="mailto:mjp175@psu.edu">mjp175@psu.edu</a> .   |
| September 8   | Forest Resources Building Dedication, University Park, PA. 10:30 a.m.<br>Contact: Abigail Hopkins, 814-863-1373 or <a href="mailto:amh143@psu.edu">amh143@psu.edu</a> .   |
| September     | Dates to be announced. Forestry Taxation and Financial Planning Workshops, Ebensburg, State College, and Hazelton, PA. Contact: Michael Powell, 814-863-1113 or <a href="mailto:mjp175@psu.edu">mjp175@psu.edu</a>            |
| September 24  | SFR Alumni and Friends Reception at the TWS National Convention, King Salmon Room, Hilton Anchorage Hotel, Anchorage, Alaska. 6 - 8 p.m. Contact: Rich Yahner, 814-863-3201 or <a href="mailto:rhy@psu.edu">rhy@psu.edu</a> . |
| October 4     | Advanced Kiln Drying of Lumber, Forest Research Lab, University Park, PA.<br>Contact: Michael Powell, 814-863-1113 or <a href="mailto:mjp175@psu.edu">mjp175@psu.edu</a> .  |
| October 19-20 | Annual Pennsylvania Community Forests Conference, Toftrees Resort, State College, PA.<br>Contact: Bill Elmendorf, 814-863-7941 or <a href="mailto:wfe1@psu.edu">wfe1@psu.edu</a> .  |
| October 26    | SFR Alumni and Friends Reception at the SAF National Convention, William Omni Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, PA. 6 - 8 p.m. Contact: Ellen Manno, 814-863-5831 or <a href="mailto:exr2@psu.edu">exr2@psu.edu</a> .                   |
| November 9    | Ibberson Forestry Forum, The Penn State Conference Center and Hotel, University Park, PA.<br>Contact: Michael Powell, 814-863-1113 or <a href="mailto:mjp175@psu.edu">mjp175@psu.edu</a> .                                    |