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## Gary Alt Receives Alumni Fellow Award

In September 2000, the Penn State Alumni Association, the largest alumni organization in the nation, announced the recipients of its 2000 Alumni Fellow Award, the most prestigious honor conferred by the association. Twenty-seven designees were honored at ceremonies held on campuses throughout the University system.

Penn State DuBois alumnus Gary Alt was among a select group chosen to receive the award for 2000. Each year, the Penn State Alumni Association bestows on a few alumni the title Alumni Fellow in recognition of outstanding professional achievement, service to the community, and continued involvement in higher education at Penn State. The title is designated as permanent and lifelong by the University's board of trustees.

Alt, a nationally known wildlife bear biologist and now the head of the Pennsylvania Game Commission's new whitetail management division, received the Alumni Fellow Award from Dr. Graham B. Spanier, president of Penn State, at an awards presentation held at The Nittany Lion Inn on the University Park campus.

Alt expressed his appreciation to the University, and to the DuBois campus in particular. "Over the past 25 years I have had the career of my dreams, and I owe it all to Penn State," said Alt.

Alt earned an associate degree in Wildlife Technology from Penn State DuBois in 1972 and a master's degree in Wildlife Management from Penn State, University Park, in 1977 under the advisement of Dr. James Lindzey. He also earned a doctorate in Forest Resources Science from West Virginia University and a bachelor's degree in Wildlife Science from Utah State University.

The son of a dairy farmer, Alt was among the first in his family to attend college. "In my family, almost no one went to college or was expected to," he explained as he accepted his award.

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Alt, a member of the DuBois program's 1972 inaugural class, attributes his educational experience with laying the groundwork for his continued success.

"I know I would not have survived on a large campus. I



*President Spanier and Dr. Alt at the awards ceremony*

needed a small campus like DuBois. The professors there brought me under their wings, nurtured me, and let me grow. They motivated me to pursue my education further, and then helped me to succeed. Without a small campus like DuBois, I never would have made it," he said.

Alt has studied bears in the commonwealth for 25 years and has been the driving force in making Pennsylvania a national leader in the research and management of black bears. He is recognized as one of the world's foremost authorities on black bear biology and has been the subject of feature articles in *Sports Illustrated*, *Reader's Digest*, *USA Today*, and *The Wall Street Journal*.

He has published significant research in his field, appeared on national television, produced an award-winning video for the Pennsylvania Game Commission, and made countless personal appearances across the country.

Last fall, he was appointed head of the game commission's new Deer Management Section. Since then, he has been traveling across the state seeking input from sportsmen, farmers, foresters, ecologists, and the general population as he develops a management strategy to keep deer herds at appropriate levels throughout the commonwealth.

Penn State encourages its Alumni Fellows to return to the University to share their expertise with current students. During a recent visit to DuBois, Alt discussed career opportunities in wildlife biology with students enrolled in the campus wildlife technology program and local high school

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*A newsletter for our alumni and friends*

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

The School of Forest Resources published its first alumni newsletter in 1943, and since then a newsletter has been distributed once or twice a year to our ever-growing alumni list. Over the years, our list of “friends” - those interested in the School but not necessarily alumni - has also grown. RESOURCES developed out of a desire to update the alumni newsletter and to publish a newsletter that will also interest our friends. In addition, RESOURCES will be distributed three times a year. We hope that you are pleased with the result. We welcome your comments and suggestions!

The Editors

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students. He also presented a public talk titled "The Natural History and Management of Whitetail Deer" in which he detailed the challenges confronting him as he develops the state's deer management plan.

The management plan that evolves from Alt's work will influence Pennsylvania's deer population and habitat for generations to come, and its ramifications will be felt outside of the commonwealth, as well.

"Pennsylvania has one of the largest deer herds in the United States, and all other states are watching us to see what happens here," said Alt. "I want to establish the best deer management program in the nation. It's the greatest cause I have ever taken on and the job has changed my life. But I'm willing to do this now because it's a cause I believe in. It's not fun, but it's important, and I believe it's the right thing to do." ♦

### Penn State Facts

Penn State has developed an on-line, one-stop resource of all sorts of facts on the University, from budget and finances and alumni activities to student enrollment and Penn State history. Prepared by the University Budget Office, the Center for Quality and Planning, and the Office of University Relations, new information will be added as it becomes available. To use the Fact Book, go to <http://www.budget.psu.edu/factbook>.

### Who Wants to be a Millionaire?

It was a cold and stormy night. What's worse, it was Thanksgiving and we were at the beach. Tired of watching the rain trying to fill up the ocean, we turned on the television and caught the family edition of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" Each contestant team included a parent and an elementary-school son or daughter.

Finally, I thought, some questions I could answer! Nothing about the name of the third string on Sting's favorite guitar, or how many Supreme Court Justices were late for Jimmy Carter's second inauguration (be careful, it's a trick question). No, tonight we'd have regular questions, the kind young kids and I would know. Like, "What color eggs doesn't Sam I Am like?" Or, "How many elements are in the intersection of two sets with non-overlapping populations?" Our family did pretty well, keeping right up with the kids and their parents (after all, our side had four B.S., three M.S., and 1 Ph.D. degrees, along with an Internet connection).

On the show, the first few questions are always quite easy, designed to keep the attention of young viewers. On this family show, the parent was supposed to defer to the child for the first few rounds. One father and daughter were doing quite well when this question came, designed for the child to answer: "Which war is also known as the 'war between the states'?" The child stared blankly, and her father stepped in, explaining, "I think they cover this next year." (We thought the correct answer was "deciding where to spend next Thanksgiving.")

That exchange has stuck with me, reminding me of something that we so often take for granted: Our education depends on educators! It is easy for us to assume that everyone knows that the "war between the states" was the Civil War, but the reality is that no one knows this unless someone teaches it to him or her. I fully expected that the young girl on Millionaire would know the answer—because everyone does—but she hadn't gotten to that yet. Next year, though, she would learn about the Civil War, led by a curriculum designed with a particular schedule, informed by a teacher who knew what was expected and did it, helped by a textbook and other materials, and housed in a room and building where learning can occur. (I'll not dwell on the danger if we do take this for granted, because you all know and value education.)

The same process occurs in college, although the questions are a bit tougher. As Marc Abrams might have asked in his Forest Ecology final: "Within visible light, plants absorb least strongly in which wavelengths?" (same color as the eggs Sam doesn't like). Or Paul Smith in Wood Products Marketing: "Develop a marketing strategy to enter the eastern U.S. market with a new interior oak railing system." Or Paola Ferreri in Fisheries Science: "Estimate the abundance of striped bass in Raystown Lake using a Schabel equation, given that your marking method caused differential mortality among marked and unmarked individuals." Without the teachers, materials and facilities to make this learning possible, there wouldn't be professionals in forestry, wood products, wildlife and fisheries, or water resources.

The folks who don't take this for granted are our faculty members. I am continually reminded, by the actions of our faculty, of how much they put into their teaching—in time, creativity and caring. We've remained true through time to our number one goal of helping produce the next generation of natural resource professionals (and I use the term expansively, to include everyone graduating from our School, whether they become extension agents or wood products sales personnel). Nowhere in this nation is there a more dedicated group of faculty than the women and men of Penn State's School of Forest Resources.

And another group that never takes their education for granted are the alumni of our School. I hear regularly from graduates about the good things that happened to them while they were in school and after school, including graduates from every decade from the thirties to the nineties. The greatest measure of our performance is your success, in life and in work.

Based on that criterion, we're all Millionaires!



Larry Nielsen

# Faculty and Staff Resources

## Jim Finley Recognized by the Society of American Foresters



Dr. Jim Finley is a forester, but when you talk to him about his position in the School of Forest Resources his comments tend to have a strong social-science focus. "Natural resource management is about people," Jim says, "and we need to get our research out to where it is applied." His approach and efforts in extension garnered the 2000 Technology Transfer and Extension Award, presented annually in recognition of out-

standing achievement in technology transfer, implementation, and extension by the Society of American Foresters.

Finley, an associate professor of forest resources, earned all three of his degrees from The Pennsylvania State University and has worked on extension efforts since the early 1970s. His projects over the years have ranged from forest regeneration to stream geomorphology to modeling how to evaluate wildlife habitat, but he emphasizes that all of his work has been related in one way or another to how people look at their land and their land resources.

Over the years, Jim has learned that there is often a disjoint between what researchers want landowners to do with their land and what the landowners prefer to do. "When we talk to people about how to manage their forest," Jim explains, "we have to think about their objectives while we work to accomplish our own management objectives. "There are those who want to tell landowners what to do, but the landowners often have good reasons for not wanting to follow the guidelines." Jim emphasizes that landowners want to understand why a recommendation is important. Moving people in a direction that will allow them to take care of those things that are important to tomorrow, and instilling a sense of stewardship in people, is what his work is all about.

The Technology Transfer and Extension Award, created to emphasize that sound technical information is necessary for the management and conservation of forest resources, is given each year to someone who has demonstrated leadership and innovation in addressing extension issues. Jim explains that the award does not necessarily reflect the use of cutting-edge technology such as video conferencing or the use of the Internet. "Extension is all about moving information from the land-grant university to the user," Finley explains. "It is not so much the technology that you use, but the different schemes you use to get information to the public."

Jim Finley and the other extension agents within the School of Forest Resources have utilized many delivery mechanisms for disseminating natural resource information over the years. Twenty years ago, Jim saw the need to start

landowner associations where a core of people could share, in a peer relationship, the desire to learn about these issues and to create a vehicle through which information could be delivered. He has also worked actively to provide training opportunities for county and 4-H agents to learn more about natural resources so they can work with a broader clientele base. The result has been the Natural Resources Extension Institute, which has held courses on topics such as basic forestry, water and wildlife damage. Cooperative Extension has also brought ideas from other regions of the country, such as the Volunteer Initiative Program (VIP), and turned them into viable methods for creating strong relationships with landowners across the state.

Jim believes that if we provide people with tools so they can understand the impacts of their natural resource decisions, they will make better decisions. "Whether we are working with foresters, landowners, or loggers," Jim says, "they will make better natural resource decisions if they understand the ramifications of their actions and are provided with alternative methods."

In recognition of his accomplishments in extension, Dr. Finley was presented with a plaque and a cash honorarium of \$1,000 at the SAF national convention in Washington, D.C. in November 2000, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the SAF.

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## Judd Michael Named Assistant Professor of Wood Products Business Management



In March 2000, the School of Forest Resources welcomed Judd Michael to the position of assistant professor of Wood Products Business Management. He is a 1994 doctoral graduate of the School's Wood Products program and we are glad that he has returned to University Park as a faculty member.

Judd's major adviser was Paul Smith and his dissertation was entitled, "Furniture Markets as Promotional Tools: Pattern of Use by Retail Furniture Buyers."

After completing his Ph.D., Judd accepted a faculty position in the Department of Forest Science at Texas A&M University, where he had previously earned his B.B.A. in marketing and his M.B.A. When asked what drew him back to Penn State at this point in his career, he explained that Pennsylvania's wood products industry is "varied and challenging from a marketing and business standpoint." "Pine is the primary wood in the South," says Judd. "Pennsylvania produces fine hardwoods and there are more opportunities for new and challenging research related to local industries and the exportation of forest products."

Judd's position in the School of Forest Resources in-

cludes research and teaching. His areas of interest and expertise are quite diverse. He has published papers and proceedings on Internet marketing strategies, environmental attitudes and the "greening" of the wood products industry, and on human resources issues. He is currently focusing on teamwork, communications, and organizational changes being experienced by the wood products industry due to competition and environmental factors. One of his goals is to "help organizations operate more efficiently and to adopt change." Recent projects for such organizations as International Paper, Louisiana-Pacific and the Texas Forest Service have been designed to investigate such problem areas as encouraging production employees and field foresters to adopt new behaviors, and increasing the retention and performance of employees.

Judd is teaching two courses this spring: Forest Industries Organizational Management and Wood Industry Marketing Strategies. These new offerings will greatly enhance the learning opportunities for our Wood Products and Forest Science students. "Students need a broader business education to be successful managers," says Judd, "and these courses will better prepare students for high-level positions, which will benefit them and the organizations that hire them after graduation."

Judd is often asked to present information to industry workers and managers, as well as to non-profit agencies. He has recently given presentations on competitiveness, strategies for productivity and performance, marketing via the Internet, and the future of new forest products, to name just a few, across the United States and in Guatemala. He is also coordinating a few continuing education workshops for industry representatives.

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## Fliers on Pennsylvania's Natural Resources Published for Kids

White-tailed deer are an endangered species? Cutting trees destroys forests? These are the kinds of misconceptions that prompted the development of a series of booklets on Pennsylvania's natural resources for youth.

"If we can teach kids to better understand our natural resources, they can grow up to make sound decisions related to the state's landscape and economy," says Sanford "Sandy" Smith, natural resources and youth specialist with the School of Forest Resources.

The "From the Woods" series, for 10- to 14-year-olds, includes full-color photographs and easy-to-read text on topics specifically tailored to Pennsylvania, such as making maple syrup, making hardwood lumber from logs, forest stewardship and harvesting trees. The booklets can be used in formal and non-formal educational settings, such as schools, environmental centers, parks, maple festivals, 4-H clubs and scout groups. "Adults enjoy these easy-to-read publications as well," Smith says.

"**Maple Syrup: A Taste of Nature**" describes the step-by-step process of making maple syrup and the uniqueness of this natural sweetener from trees.

"**Forest Stewardship**" covers the importance of good forestry practices and conservation to provide for our present

## School Faculty Host McNair Scholars

The School of Forest Resources hosted 17 McNair Scholars who are interested in natural resource, environmental, and ecological topics on Saturday, August 5, 2000. The scholars and their advisers were invited to a dinner held at The Nittany Lion Inn. Dr. Catherine Lyons, assistant to the dean for minority affairs in the College of Agricultural Sciences, also attended.

The McNair Scholars program was created in honor of physicist Ronald E. McNair, who was American's second African-American astronaut in space and was one of the seven Challenger space shuttle crew members killed in the explosion on January 28, 1986. The program was designed for first-generation college students from under-represented groups who are planning to pursue doctoral degrees.

Approximately 450 scholars from all disciplines were on Penn State's campus to present their research. The scholars represented over 90 programs from across the country. This was the eighth year that Penn State hosted the McNair Scholars and the first year that the School of Forest Resources organized a dinner in their honor.

"The McNair program is different from other scholarship programs," explained Catherine Lyons, "because it starts with students early in their college careers and sees them through graduate school. The students are also given challenges and opportunities that many undergraduates never receive."

Dr. Dave DeWalle, Dr. Wayne Myers, and Dr. John Carlson described School of Forest Resources programs during the dinner. The students showed great interest in the School and were pleased by the opportunity to meet with representatives from our faculty. ♦

and future needs and tomorrow's forests.

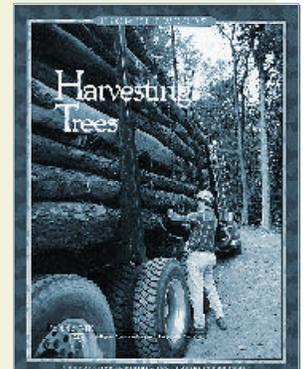
"**Harvesting Trees**" describes how trees are harvested, step-by-step, the importance of good forest management and some of the best practices used.

"**Hardwood Lumber**" discusses what hardwood lumber is, how it's produced and what makes Pennsylvania one of the top hardwood lumber sources in the world.

"The booklets are useful in many ways. Teachers, professional foresters, environmental educators, homeschoolers, loggers and others involved in youth education have all requested them" Smith says. "They are written for Grades 6-8, but with assistance, elementary-school kids can use them as well."

Single or multiple copies of the booklets are available free of charge for Pennsylvania residents from county Penn State Cooperative Extension offices, or from the College of Agricultural Sciences Publications Distribution Center (call 814-865-6713).

To preview or print a publication, go to the College of Agricultural Sciences' publications Web site at <http://pubs.cas.psu.edu/>, click "Search" and enter "From the Woods." ♦



# Student Resources

## Kettle Creek Watershed Focus of 2001 Keystone Project

Over the 2000-2001 academic year the Center for Watershed Stewardship will focus on the 246-square-mile Kettle Creek watershed of northcentral Pennsylvania. Eleven graduate students from the School of Forest Resources, Department of Landscape Architecture, and the interdepartmental programs of Environmental Pollution Control and Ecology are working closely with the Kettle Creek Watershed Association in assessing watershed condition and producing a plan document of management options.

Kettle Creek is a high-quality, primarily forested watershed providing an interesting contrast to the urban/agricultural watershed of Maiden Creek, which was the focus of the previous Keystone project. Kettle Creek faces problems typical of the rural Allegheny Plateau region of the state, such as pollution from non-point sources, especially abandoned mine drainage in the lower watershed, degradation of fish habitat of a once-exceptional brook trout fishery, and a



*Students who are working on the 2001 Keystone Project*

need to engage community interests in restoration and protection efforts. Over 90% is designated an “exceptional value” watershed and the entire watershed has been selected as the third Trout Unlimited “Home Rivers Initiative” targeted to nationally important coldwater fisheries.

Through the fall semester, students were engaged in collecting data on historical, cultural, biological, and physical components of the watershed. Extensive GIS (geographic information system) databases have been assembled and synthesized for the production of maps and modeling to characterize environmental conditions. Land use and demographic information will aid in identifying priority areas for protection and restoration. Field assessments will be used to “ground truth” the geographic database.

To obtain a better understanding of community perspectives on problems and opportunities, the student team organized a “Tell Us About Your Watershed” public meeting and dialog in early November 2000, held at the Cross Fork Volunteer Hose Company. Watershed association leaders, residents, township officials, anglers, and other stakeholders shared their knowledge and expressed points of view on many topics during small group discussions with the students.

A comprehensive watershed stewardship plan will be presented to the Watershed Association and Trout Unlimited in April 2001. In addition, several special research projects are underway by individual students. For instance, Angela Happel and Stephanie Odenwald organized and are conducting a watershed-wide streamflow gauging and water temperature monitoring project, described in a CD-ROM they produced titled “Get to Know Your Watershed.” Shilpa Patil, a Landscape Architecture graduate student, is working on an ArcView-based “3D Visualization of Kettle Creek.”

The following School of Forest Resources graduate students are working on the Kettle Creek Keystone Project: Angela Happel and Stephanie Odenwald, advised by Dr. William Sharpe; Zach Henderson, advised by Dr. Dave DeWalle; Leslie Leckvarchik, advised by Dr. Jay Stauffer; Brian Lee, advised by Dr. Wayne Myers; and Jim Walker, advised by Dr. Andrew Cole. ♦

## Fall 2000 Commencement

### UNDERGRADUATES

#### *Forest Science*

Trilby Bishop, Jennie Church, Jay Czerniak, Christopher Folmar, Nathan Jobe, Matthew Murphy, Kristopher Novak, David Paar, Brett Smiley, Leland Swoger, Paul Weiss, Jason White

#### *Wood Products*

Richard Cebrick, John Fisher, Ryan Leary

#### *Wildlife and Fisheries Science*

Kelley Flaherty, Patrick Gallagher, Nathan Harling, Kent Hersey, Matthew Kramer, Chester Lebo, Chad Mateer, Donald Matulevich, Brett McClintock, Toby Morales, Larry Morgan, Paul Neubauer, Jennifer Peterson, Matthew Peters, Chris Storm, Craig Swope, Nathan Wesner

### GRADUATES

#### *Forest Science*

Anthony Buda, M.S.  
Carolyn Copenheaver, Ph.D.  
Marisa Oliva, M.S.  
Brandon Schreffler, M.S.  
Yanguo Wang, M.S.

#### *Wildlife and Fisheries Science*

Robert Weber, M.S.

## 2000-2001 College of Agricultural Sciences Scholarships and Awards

The College of Agricultural Sciences awarded \$1,206,041 in scholarships and awards to 533 students for the 2000-2001 academic year. This total includes more than \$102,000 that the School of Forest Resources distributed among 78 students, including 10 incoming freshmen. Recipients and donors were honored at a banquet on October 18, 2000, at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel in State College.

Three of our unit's scholarships were newly established in 2000. The **JELD-WEN Foundation Scholarship in Wood Products** and the **Keystone Veneers Scholarship in Wood Products** are now among those available to full-time students enrolled or planning to enroll in our Wood Products program. The **William Allison Ritchey Scholarship** was also recognized for the first time; it was established as an award in 1997 by Mrs. Diane Peterson Ritchey in honor of her husband and it has since grown to a level that distinguishes it as an endowed scholarship.

Two of our unit's scholarships were among those recognized for reaching a milestone of continuous support: The **Keith A. Davies Scholarship** has been awarded for 10 years and the **L. W. Schatz Student Field Trip Fund** was established 15 years ago.

Scholarship and award recipients are chosen by unit scholarship committees as well as by a college-wide committee on the basis of their qualifications and donor-established guidelines.

For a complete list of the School's scholarships and recipients, please contact Ellen Manno at (814) 863-5831.

*If you wish to make a contribution towards a scholarship, or are considering establishing a new scholarship, contact John Krumrine, director of development, at (814) 863-1373. ♦*



*Freiburg students on a field trip in Pennsylvania*

## Penn State – Freiburg Exchange Program

A second group of students from the University of Freiburg visited Pennsylvania and the School of Forest Resources this fall, September 28 to October 8, 2000. Their trip was partially underwritten by a \$5,000 gift from the Danzer Group, a German-based company that owns Bradford Forest Products and Keystone Veneers. Mark Conolly, president of Bradford Forest Products, acquired the gift on our behalf.

The University of Freiburg is situated at the edge of the Black Forest in southwestern Germany and is home to one of the four professional forestry schools in that country. The exchange program established with the University of Freiburg includes short-term visits by groups of students and faculty. The first visit took place in fall 1998 when 18 students from the University of Freiburg spent eight days learning about American forestry and touring Penn's Woods. The tour included national, state, and private forests in addition to several wood-using industry facilities and some cultural sites. Students had the opportunity to discuss forest resource and management issues and compare German and American forest practices. The topography and natural resources of the Black Forest are similar to that found in western Pennsylvania.

In spring 1999, 20 Penn State undergraduates participated in a 10-day study tour in Germany. In addition to cultural tours in the cities of Frankfurt, Wuerzburg, Rothenberg, Konstanz, and Freiburg, the trip included on-site presentations about oak and beech silviculture, landscape management, "nature protection areas," plantation forestry, a forest industries cooperative that provides a market for low-grade material from small landowners, and one of the few surviving coppice-with-standards management areas in Germany. The group, accompanied by Kim Steiner, professor of forest biology, and Grace Wang, assistant professor of natural resource policy, also visited the Lohr forestry technician school in Bavaria and the forestry school at Freiburg.

The exchange of visits is on an every-other-year schedule. The second group from Freiburg, which included 16 students, was able to come for 10 days in fall 2000 and the itinerary was expanded to include more wildlife-related topics, including visits to "elk country," Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, and Patuxent Wildlife Research Refuge. Doctoral candidate Andy Bartholomay accompanied the Germans on their travels throughout the commonwealth and many other Penn Staters spent time with the group during their stay. Penn State students will again have the opportunity to visit Germany in spring 2001.

The Penn State-Freiburg Exchange Program also encourages individual students to study for longer periods of time at their host's university. Two students from Freiburg began a year of study at Penn State in January 2001. The program is also open to faculty. In November 1999, Charles Strauss, professor of forest economics, provided a week-long series of lectures at the University of Freiburg on the economics of tourism. ♦

# School Notes

**Marc Abrams**, professor of forest ecology and plant physiology, received the 2000 Gamma Sigma Delta Research Award-Penn State Chapter. Abrams has also been named a committee member for "State of the Nation's Ecosystems-Forests" by the H. John Heinz Center for Science, Economics and the Environment. Abrams presented the invited keynote lecture "Dendroecological Applications in the Study of Forest Stand Dynamics" at the 2000 International Conference on Dendrochronology for the Third Millennium in Mendoza, Argentina.

**Robert Baldwin**, assistant dean emeritus for resident education, has been selected as a Provost's Emeritus Faculty Teaching Scholar for spring 2001. As a Teaching Scholar, he will be teaching WP 337 "Wood Technology" and will be granted funds for subsequent scholarly activity.

The School's introductory wildlife and fisheries course will be offered as a Web-based course for the first time in spring 2001. WFS 309, Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation, will be offered through Continuing Education.

**Andrew Cole**, associate director for watershed stewardship, and **Gary San Julian**, professor of wildlife resources, designed the course with assistance from Annie Steed, an undergraduate WFS student. The course was supported by the President's Fund and is part of a University-wide effort to develop more Web-based courses to reach a larger and more diverse student population. The Web course mirrors the "regular" resident education course taught every fall and spring semester.

**Dave DeWalle**, professor of forest hydrology, is on sabbatical in spring 2001 to work collaboratively on the development of a new textbook on snow hydrology at the USDA Agricultural Research Service Hydrology Lab in Beltsville, Maryland.

**Adam Downing**, assistant extension agent in Warren County, received the national "Bronze Award for Individual Newsletter" and "Bronze Award for Short Publication" from the Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals (ANREP). The newsletter, "The Woodlander," and publication, "So You Want to Sell Timber," also received second place winner for individual newsletter and second

place state winner for publications from the Pennsylvania Association of County Agricultural Agents (PACAA).

Fern Willits, Geoffrey Godbey, and **William Elmendorf** have been awarded a \$5,000 grant for 2000-2001 from Paul Backman, associate dean for research, College of Agricultural Sciences. The grant will be used to study ethnic minority perceptions and uses of urban parks in Philadelphia, PA, and Atlanta, GA.

**Jim Finley**, associate professor of forest resources, has accepted a position as associate editor for the international journal *Society and Natural Resources*. The journal's focus is social science research associated with the environment. His three-year tenure begins with the January 2001 volume.

**Dr. Christopher Goguen** has been offered a visiting lecturer position in Wildlife Science for spring 2001. His professional training is in wildlife ecology, with an emphasis on avian ecology and conservation. He completed his Ph.D. in 1999 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He comes to us with considerable teaching experience and enthusiasm from the University of Delaware, where he had a one-year teaching position. Chris Goguen has taught courses in avian biology, bird taxonomy, wildlife conservation and ecology, and community ecology.

**Judd Michael**, assistant professor of wood products, received the Award for Excellence in Journal Publications from the Southern Extension Forest Resource Specialists in spring 2000.

**Timothy Pierson**, affiliate assistant professor, and **Jim Finley**, associate professor of forest resources, received the Sandy Cochran Award for Extension Service from the Pennsylvania Forestry Association in September 2000 for the curriculum they developed on logger education entitled Forest Management II.

**William Sharpe**, professor of forest hydrology, has been awarded a \$2,000 grant from the North American Maple Syrup Council.

**Charles Strauss**, professor of forest economics, has been awarded a two-year grant of \$202,781 from the

Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission. The grant is funding research on the qualitative assessment of heritage tourism at 17 heritage sites in the Path of Progress system and the economic impact of heritage tourism in central Pennsylvania. This is the third such grant from the commission that has been awarded to him and the School in the past six years.

**Andy Warner**, biohydrologist with The Nature Conservancy's Freshwater Initiative, joined us in September 2000 through a Memorandum of Understanding with The Nature Conservancy and Penn State. Andy is the husband of **Deanna Behring** who joined our College as director of international programs on September 1, 2000.

**Rich Yahner**, associate dean of the Graduate School, was selected as the 2000 Bellis Award Recipient. The Bellis Award recognizes a current faculty member in the Intercollege Graduate Program in Ecology for outstanding contributions in the education and training of graduate students. The award was presented at the Ecology mini-symposium on November 16, 2000.

Many faculty, staff, and graduate assistants helped teach the Natural Resources Management course during the five-week Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences (PGSAS) in 2000. Several folks also served as mentors for individual study projects: **Paola Ferreri**, assistant professor of fisheries management; **Larry Nielsen**, professor and director; **Bill Elmendorf**, instructor in urban and community forestry; **Marc Abrams**, professor of forest ecology and physiology; and **Bryan Black**, Ph.D. candidate.

The School's Cooperative Extension program received a national award from the National Woodland Owners Association and the National Association of Professional Forestry Schools and Colleges (NAPFSC) for classroom education on private forest land management at the recent NAPFSC meeting in Washington D.C.

## Solving History's Mysteries: The Saga of the Million Lost Pennsylvania Pines

Whatever happened to the million pine seedlings sent by Pennsylvania forestry students to help with the reforestation of the French countryside after World War I?

Eighty years later, and after finding references to this humanitarian effort, those at the site of the forest academy (now the Mont Alto campus of The Pennsylvania State University) want to know. Solving the mystery has become a campus goal as members begin preparing for the school's 100th anniversary.

The saga of the lost pines remains a mystery because the students of 1919 never heard if the pine trees survived the transatlantic shipment. Were the seedlings planted? And, if planted in Europe, where might they be today?

"Many of the academy's forestry students and faculty served in World War I," said Dr. David Goldenberg, Penn State Mont Alto CEO. These students saw the devastation to the French countryside firsthand. When they returned to the academy campus, they met in Emmanuel Chapel, a creekstone chapel at the entrance to the academy grounds. There, Dr. Edwin Ziegler, the academy chief administrator and World War I veteran, led a discussion of what the academy community could do to help war-torn Europe.

Across the creek from the chapel lay the academy nursery where the students grew from one to three million seedlings yearly to plant along the Eastern seaboard. The academy, founded by the great conservationist Joseph Rothrock of McVeytown, Pennsylvania, was the first public forestry academy in the United States. Only Yale University and Biltmore were teaching an academic curriculum in forestry when the academy at Mont Alto was founded in 1903. The nursery was in place to teach these young foresters how to grow and plant tracts of trees, as well as to research species adaptability to different climates.

"So it was natural that the Mont Alto students in 1919 would look to share their expertise and their abundant natural resources with the people of France. On that day in the chapel, the students voted to bundle and ship one million pine seedlings, perhaps as much as one-half to one-third of the nursery's output, we don't know exactly, and ship them to France," said Goldenberg.

The fate of the pines remains a mystery today. In her book "The History of the Pennsylvania State Forest Academy, 1903-1929," author Elizabeth Thomas notes that the Mont Alto students never heard if the seedlings were received.

"So we are on a quest to determine their fate," Dr. Goldenberg said. "We have talked to retired forestry faculty, retired alumni, and our representative, U.S. House Congressman Bud Shuster, to enlist his help in uncovering clues," Dr. Goldenberg said.

Congressman Shuster has contacted the USDA library in Beltsville, Maryland, and is arranging a meeting with staff of the French Embassy so the Mont Alto officials can enlist the embassy's help.

Mont Alto Advisory Board member Robert Rumler of Chambersburg, himself a leading figure of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, has provided a contact with the USDA's agricultural office in Paris.

"Should we find locations where these pines were planted and should they now be mature forests in France, we will request from the French government the opportunity to provide recognition for the hard work and valor of the Pennsylvania State Forest Academy students of 1919. Recognition may be in the form of a plaque or other marker, or a decree. And, Mont Alto alumni and friends may wish to join us on a tour of this area," Dr. Goldenberg said.

"Given that we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Pennsylvania State Forest Academy in 2003, we think it fitting that we solve this mystery in honor of the 100 years of conservation and natural resource management that Mont Alto alumni have contributed to sustaining America's great natural resources," Dr. Goldenberg said.

Contact: Holly R. Yingling, Public Information Coordinator, Penn State Mont Alto, PA 17237, 717-749-6112 (phone), 717-749-6111 (fax), <http://www.ma.psu.edu>. ♦



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## President's Message

This is my final newsletter report to you as president of the School of Forest Resources Affiliate Program Group (SFR APG). New officers will take over at the spring 2001 annual meeting, and I will continue to serve on the board for my remaining two years. Let me first re-cap a few of the significant accomplishments of the board during the past two years "on my watch."

First, the APG membership approved the procedural change in the by-laws to shorten the term of the presidency to allow more APG members to serve on the board and to provide leadership.

Of modern-day historical significance is our new Forest Resources Building initiative as part of Penn State's Grand Destiny capital campaign. I was privileged to work with Larry Nielsen to package our charitable giving opportunities for alumni and to then watch a generous response for not only the new building but for ongoing scholarships and endowments. Each gift was personally acknowledged separately by Larry and me. Our effort as an APG in this campaign needs to be revitalized as we now approach design and construction.

Most significant, however, and most recent, is the establishment (by board consensus in spring 2000) of an Awards and Recognition Committee (chaired by **Terry Harrison '77**) that addressed how to recognize significant contributions to the profession by Penn State School of Forest Resources alumni. At a special board meeting during Ag Progress Days in August 2000, the board unanimously adopted the committee's report outlining candidate requirements and procedures for selection and recognition. The School of Forest Resources Outstanding Alumni Award will be an annual award conferred by our alumni group upon School of Forest Resources alumni. It is not to be an award solely sponsored by the School or the College of Agricultural Sciences. It's a start, and I refer readers to more detailed information in this newsletter issue on page 13. It will set a precedent for other CAAS (College of Agricultural Sciences Alumni Society) academic units.

Last spring I was elected to the CAAS board for a three-year term. Our APG is entitled under the bylaws to an appointed seat on the CAAS board provided that the appointee is a member in good standing in the Society. I served for two years in the *ex officio* role. Then, as your president, I appointed board member **Nelson Loftus '58** to fill my unexpired appointee term. This continues to give the School three strong voices. Forester **Mark Webb '73** is also an elected member of CAAS.

I have continued to serve *ex officio* on Larry Nielsen's

School of Forest Resources Advisory Board. Our enrollment is up, and the School is fairing quite well in light of decreasing enrollment at the College level. Our School continues under very able faculty leadership. As I mentioned

in our last newsletter, our professional education is in good hands.

I should point out that the Summer/Fall 2000 issue of *Penn State Agriculture* magazine devoted 20 of its 36 pages, as well as the front cover, to forest resources issues and forestry research.

Now a brief look at the future. This newsletter issue contains the opportunity to elect new directors for our APG board of directors. Without comment or endorsements, I'll leave the choices up to you. Remember, each vote counts. No butterfly ballots, no chads, no recounts. Exercise your right as a SFR APG member.

By now many of you have received an announcement about the 2001 Forest Resources Issues Conference to be held March 20-21, 2001. The conference is a biennial event of the School of Forest Resources and the SFR APG annual meeting and banquet will be held as usual on the evening of the first day (Tuesday, March 20). Plan to make it both an educational and an alumni experience. Additional information and a registration form are on page 18 of this newsletter. New board members will be inducted and three new officers will take over for the next two years.

I can't believe it has been nearly five years since the last Mont Alto Super Reunion. "**Sunshine**" **Shogren '51** somehow has a way of pushing that clock. Anyway, read the event notice on page 17 of this newsletter and you can see that it is scheduled for May 31 through June 3, 2001. Each past reunion has showcased a new feature on campus. Ten years ago it was the new student union. Five years ago it was renovated Conklin and the bookstore under construction. This year the new Emmanuel Chapel renovation will be showcased. If you are thinking about returning to Mont Alto, you better make that decision pronto. Pre-'63 Mont Alto alums are a vanishing breed. We're becoming an endangered species.



George Kemp '53

Lastly, I want to express my appreciation for the support given me by the board of directors and most notably the efforts put forth by the Awards and Recognition Committee. Thank you Terry and committee members.

I've enjoyed the two-year voyage as your president, and I look forward to continued service for my remaining years on the board. Godspeed.

George Kemp '53

## School of Forest Resources Alumni Group Board of Directors

### Elected at-large members (terms expire Spring 2001):

Terry P. Harrison ('77 FORSC), *vice president*  
Bradley R. Jones ('85 FORSC)  
Stanley R. Rapp ('52 FOR)  
Gary C. Wakefield ('67 FOR T, '69g WLM)

### Elected at-large members (terms expire Spring 2002):

Robert C. McColly ('72 FORSC)  
Marilyn Snyder ('91 FORSC), *secretary-treasurer*  
Michael W. Tome ('78 FOR)  
Lowell T. Underhill ('56 FOR)

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

Michael R. Jones ('83 FORSC)  
George R. Kemp ('53 FOR), *president*  
Nelson S. Loftus ('58 FOR)  
Dave B. Messics ('87 WLS)

### Immediate Past President:

Paul "Sunshine" Shogren ('51 FOR)

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

Larry A. Nielsen

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

Larry Campbell

### SFR Faculty Member:

Henry D. Gerhold

### Executive Director:

Ellen A. Manno

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.

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

The School of Forest Resources Alumni Group Board of Directors includes 12 at-large members who are elected to a three-year term and who may serve a second consecutive term if re-elected. The terms of four at-large board members expire in spring 2001 and, therefore, an election ballot is enclosed in this newsletter. Here are brief biosketches, in alphabetical order, of the candidates listed on the ballot. Incumbents are noted with an asterisk (\*). Vote for no more than four candidates. Ballots must be postmarked by March 5, 2001.

### Terry P. Harrison\* ('77 FORSC)

I am professor of management science and interim department chair of the Management Science and Information Systems Department in the Smeal College of Business Administration at Penn State. After receiving a B.S. in Forest Science from Penn State in 1977, I worked for five years as a forester for Koppers Company in the development of inventory and forest management models. I also worked at the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Division on Land and Forest Resources to develop computer-based forest management tools for the nonindustrial private forest landowner. While at TVA, I completed an M.S. (1981) and a Ph.D. (1983) in Management Science from The University of Tennessee. Since 1982, I have held various positions in the Smeal College of Business at Penn State (lecturer, assistant professor, associate professor, and professor).

Currently, my research and teaching are focused on supply chain management, manufacturing models, optimization and information systems. I also serve as editor-in-chief of the journal INTERFACES.

I have been married to Debbie for 23 years and we have three sons, Jonathan (18), Timothy (12) and Matthew (10).

### Stanley R. "Stan" Rapp\* ('52 FOR)

I was born in Indiana, Pennsylvania, in January 1930. I was raised in New Kensington, Pennsylvania, and graduated high school there in 1948. I am married, have two daughters, one son, and six grandchildren.

I earned a B.S. in Forestry at Penn State in 1952 and then served as a naval officer in the Korean War from 1952 to 1954. I did graduate study in forest soils at the University of Washington in 1954-55. I worked for the U.S. Forest Service as a fire management specialist from 1955 to 1979. From 1979 to 1984 I was a broker/owner of WSR, Inc., a real estate corporation in Riverside, California.

I enjoy local politics, am a senior citizen activist, and active in the Grange and my church. My hobbies include gardening, hiking and camping, regional travel, ham radio and public speaking. I am also a Civil War history buff.

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**Brian L. Tarbert ('82 2FORT, '86 FORSC)**

I graduated from the Forest Technology program at Mont Alto in 1982. I then continued on to receive my B.S. degree in Forest Science, graduating in 1986. In fall 1986 I heard about an opportunity in arboriculture in my hometown of Pittsburgh and decided to apply my forestry skills to maintain urban trees. I was hired by the Davey Tree Expert Company and have been with them for the past 14 years. I have held many positions with the company, primarily working with tree care, insect and disease management of trees, and tree and shrub installations.

Currently I am a recruiter and instructor for Davey Tree and travel throughout the Northeast. Not only do I recruit students for the company, but also hold educational and training sessions for students and instructors. My other responsibilities include the skill development of our field employees.

I still live south of Pittsburgh in the community of Bethel Park. I have been married for the past seven years to my lovely wife Maryann and we have two wonderful children, Matthew (3) and Anna (1).

**Benjamin G. Tresselt, Jr. ('63 FOR)**

A lifelong Pennsylvanian and graduate of the School of Forestry in 1963 (Class of '62), it has been my privilege to have engaged in a wide variety of forestry activities including multiple land use forest management, sawmill machinery design and operation, logging and lumbering, wood waste utilization, wildlife habitat management, electric utility division forester, forensic investigator, and professional witness in tree matters.

I have been a member of SAF since 1962, the International Society of Arboriculture since 1972, and the Pennsylvania Urban and Community Forestry Council Board of Directors since 1995. I am a certified arborist and consultant forester working daily as a diagnostician for Arborist Enterprises, Inc., a professional Pennsylvania-based tree care company. I have accumulated more than 30 years of experience as a diagnostician in arboriculture and urban forestry.

**Gary C. Wakefield\* ('67 FOR T, '69g W L M)**

Originally from Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, I earned a B.S. in Forest Technology in 1967 and an M.S. cum laude in Wildlife Management in 1969 (began the Pennsylvania Bear Research Project). I served as a U.S. Air Force officer during the Vietnam war and afterward was employed by the American Sportsmen's Club, Inc. in California. I moved from California to Wisconsin when I was hired as a big game biologist by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources based in Wisconsin Rapids.

My next position was as conservation department manager for the National Rifle Association in Washington, D.C. I acted as a lobbyist in natural-resource-related issues and supervised a grants-in-aid program for wildlife research. I moved from the NRA to a faculty position with the Parks

and Recreation Department at Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania in 1974 and served there until leaving to pursue private interests in 1988.

I subsequently joined the National Gypsy Moth Management Group and worked in suppression of this forest pest. Later, when gypsy moth numbers subsided, I went to work for Noxious Vegetation Control (NOVCO) out of Columbus, Ohio. I supervised field crews in chemically treating unwanted vegetation on utility rights-of-way.

I left NOVCO in 1993 to join Miller Chemical and Fertilizer Corporation based in Hanover, Pennsylvania. I have been with them ever since and act as their point man in the industrial and forestry markets nationwide. This gives me the freedom to move about the country and gain a perspective on the different forestry issues challenging our profession, which has proved to be fascinating and educational at the same time.

Privately I have also carried on a forestry consulting business for the past 11 years and supervise several timber sales each year. I've also become an accomplished writer and have two historical novels under contract to a book producer in New York.

My wife Sandy and I have been married 34 years and we have three sons, Jason (30), Chad (28), and Ryan (23), who just graduated from Penn State in December. The older two are married and we have three grandchildren with two more on the way.

**Douglas J. Wentzel ('89 W L S)**

I am a program director at Shaver's Creek Environmental Center. Since January 1990, I have worked at the center in a variety of different roles. I currently coordinate and develop the internship, volunteer, and summer day camp programs. I teach Recreation and Park Management courses in interpretation, and also teach on an as-needed basis with school programs, teacher workshops, and bird-of-prey programs, among others. I have presented conference workshops on natural history and environmental education, and have a working knowledge of the fauna and flora of the Northeast, with special interest in the identification and ecology of birds, wildflowers and trees. I have a B.S. degree in Wildlife Science (1989), and served four years in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, highlighted by a United Nations peacekeeping tour of duty in the Sinai Peninsula, Egypt. My wife Susan and I have a son, Dylan (2 1/2). Our Ennisville homestead features a ton of houseplants and a successful bird feeding station. My ongoing interest is the fostering of environmental awareness of the diversity of life in our own backyards. ♦

## School of Forest Resources Outstanding Alumni Award

In his President's Message, **George Kemp** '53 reports that in August 2000 the School of Forest Resources Alumni Group board of directors approved the creation of a School of Forest Resources Outstanding Alumni Award. Here are the guidelines for that award.

*Purpose:* To recognize outstanding School of Forest Resources alumni and to foster closer relationships between the award recipient and students, faculty, staff, and other alumni.

*Eligibility:* All alumni of the School of Forest Resources are eligible. This includes graduates of all associate, baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral programs. Awards may be made posthumously.

*Frequency of Award:* Between zero and four awards will be made at the annual meeting of the School of Forest Resources Alumni Group.

*Nomination Process:* Any School of Forest Resources faculty, staff or alumni may make a nomination (including self-nominations). Nominations will be accepted yearly from 1 October to 30 September of the following year, with the selection of recipients completed by 30 November. The president of the School of Forest Resources Alumni Group will appoint a selection committee annually. This committee will be composed of at least three members of the School of Forest Resources Alumni Group Board of Directors and the Director of the School of Forest Resources, *ex officio*. Nominations should include the name, address and year of graduation of the nominee. Additionally, the nomination should include a thorough description of the professional contributions, awards, leadership and impact of the nominee, especially as they relate to the selection criteria. The nomination may also include a list of persons who may act as references. As an alternate, one may submit a nomination using a standard form, which is published each year in the summer issue of the School of Forest Resources Alumni Newsletter, and is also available at the School of Forest Resources Web site.

*Selection Criteria:* The selection committee shall consider a variety of criteria. These include:

- Professional achievement, excellence, impact, and recognition
- Service to the profession (all professions represented within the School of Forest Resources are appropriate), to the School of Forest Resources, and to the community
- Demonstration of high personal and professional standards

Nominations should be submitted to:  
School of Forest Resources Alumni Group Awards Committee  
Ferguson Building  
Penn State University  
University Park, PA 16802

A nomination form is available on the School of Forest Resources' Web site. Go to (<http://www.sfr.cas.psu.edu>) and click on "Alumni and Friends" and then on "Outstanding Alumni Award," or call Ellen Manno at (814) 863-5831.

## Alumni Directory Online

The Penn State Alumni Association has announced a new free service for its members: an online alumni directory. Dues-paying members of the Penn State Alumni Association can locate information about other Penn Staters with the ease of a mouse click. The Web site (<https://psudirectory.com>) allows members to search for friends by last name, class year, geographic location, or some other customized search. The information in the Penn State Alumni Directory is password-protected, and is only accessible to other dues-paying members of the alumni association. All Penn Staters, however, can visit the site, update their information, or limit the amount of information that is viewable. To log on to the site, members will need to set up a new user account by using their last name and the unique identifier number that is printed above their name on *The Penn Stater* magazine or *The Football Letter*. For more information, go to the alumni association's Web site at <http://www.alumni.psu.edu>.

## In Memoriam

Thomas D. Evans, 1931  
died December 18, 1999

Arthur F. Heitmann, 1933  
died November 3, 2000

Harvey R. "Cap" Price, 1937  
"died about three years ago"

Ellwood J. Turner, 1940  
died May 8, 2000

Melvin E. Loveridge, 1942  
died September 26, 2000

Robert D. Cheesman, 1943  
died November 14, 2000

Robert J. McCarthy, 1952  
died March 17, 2000

John F. "Jack" Kohler, 1954  
died May 21, 1997

John L. Whitebread, 1965  
died February 4, 2000

Robert A. Wion, 1972  
died August 9, 1997

# Alumni Notes

## 1930s

**Arthur F. Heitmann**, 1933 – Mr. Heitmann died November 3, 2000. Peter Heitmann, his son, and **Jim Wilkinson** '39 sent us obituaries from which the following information is taken: "Arthur Frank Heitmann of Montpelier, Vermont, and South Venice, Florida, died November 3 at his winter home in South Venice, Florida. He would have been 95 in February 2001. Mr. Heitmann graduated from the Penn State College Ranger School in 1933. His forestry career began with the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), working in Vermont where he met State Forester Perry H. Merrill, beginning a long-term, close-working association. He was assigned as a crew supervisor at a number of CCC camps in Vermont, first at building telephone lines to fire towers in Essex County, then clearing ski trails at Mt. Mansfield State Forest, and at camp projects at Plymouth, Waterbury, and elsewhere. During World War II he served as a naval officer in the Aleutians of Alaska. Returning to Vermont, he was named Vermont's first county forester by Merrill, working out of Montpelier for a short period, then moving to Addison County where over the years he developed many close ties with farmers and other forest landowners. In 1954 he was promoted to district forester at Rutland, and later to higher-level positions at the Montpelier office. In 1970 he was appointed deputy commissioner, then commissioner of the Department of Forests and Parks. Later he was named executive assistant to the secretary of the Agency of Environmental Conservation. Retiring in 1976, he had completed over 40 years of service to the State of Vermont. Art had been a member of the Society of American Foresters since 1954. A strong supporter of the Nature Conservancy and other conservation organizations, he owned and managed a certified tree farm of several hundred acres in Rochester, Vermont. Memorial contributions can be made to The Nature Conservancy at 27 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05602."

**William G. Grieve**, 1937 – P.O. Box 308, 190 W. Norris Road, Norris, TN 37828. Mr. Grieve and his brother-in-law Gilmore Smith ('50 Business) visited the School of Forest Resources in August 2000.

**Frank R. Srebro**, 1937 – 897 Scott Road, Dickson City, PA 18519.

**Wilferd E. Whitney**, 1938 – RD 1, Box 489, Mansfield, PA 16933-9777.

**Blaine Kemmerer**, 1939 – 3617 Belmont Rd., Coeur D'Alene, ID 83814; "After graduation from Penn State in 1939, and having attended Mont Alto in 1934-35, I began as a forester in the National Park Service in Luray, Virginia, and then went to Kutztown, Pennsylvania, as a forester in the Soil Conservation Service under Kurt Zie Barth with wages too low. I then began work with Brewster Aero. Corp. as an aircraft mechanic, having soloed at age 15. I am now employed part-time by Idaho Forest Industries as an electronic technician. I am 85 years old."

**Herbert O. Mengel, Jr.**, 1939 – 17971 SE River Road, #216, Milwaukie, OR 97267.

**Jesse G. Ralston**, 1939 – 1721 North Jefferson, El Dorado, AR 71730-3865. Mr. Ralston sent us an address for "missing" alumnus **Milton Tribley** '40.

**Jim E. Wilkinson**, 1939 – 125 Tremont St., Barre, VT 05641-3507.

## 1940s

**Milton A. Tribley**, 1940 – 821 Nichols Road, Salem, VA 24153.

**Bratislav Zak**, 1941 – P.O. Box 876, Kailau-Kona, HI 96745.

**Ralph Peter**, 1942 – 9915 SW 31st Avenue, Portland, OR 97219-6268. Mr. Peter sent us an address for "missing" alumnus **Bratislav Zak** '41.

**Mervin Reines**, 1942 – P.O. Box 6721, Athens, GA 30604-6721.

**William V. McConnell**, 1943 – 1023 San Luis Road, Tallahassee, FL 32304; e-mail millmac@supernet.net. "Retired from a 30-year career with the U.S. Forest Service. Since retirement: two advanced degrees (urban and regional planning and sociology at Florida State University); Peace Corps in Chile; consulting, specializing in energy-biomass management. Last few years: activist in the cause of returning U.S. Forest Service to multiple use principles (including timber harvesting)."

**Harry E. Murphy**, 1943 – 3128 Woodhaven Drive, Birmingham, AL 35243.

**Donald L. Croft**, 1944 – P.O. Box 1386, Flagstaff, AZ 86002.

**W. McKay Carson**, 1947 – 5472 Capbern Ct., Apt. 909, Ft. Myers, FL 33919-2708. "My wife (Betty Maynard '47) and I are still retired and living in Ft. Myers, Florida. We moved to our present home at Capbern Court on February 2, 2000. We are still active in the Ft. Myers Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association. This chapter, formerly known as Southwest Florida, is over 25 years of age. We have monthly meetings, November through May. If you are in this area and want to join our chapter or attend one of our meetings or events, please call 941-415-7898. December 2000 marks 17 years of Florida retirement. It's a great place to stay active. Many retirees here play outdoor tennis three days a week, 7 - 9 a.m., year-round! We may be rained out four or five days per year! Best regards to all Penn State foresters from Ft. Myers, Florida."

**Edwin A. Friend, Jr.**, 1948 – 820 Riverview Drive, Suffolk, VA 23434.

**Joe Gray**, 1948 – 221 Gates Road, Jefferson, ME 04348. "Elderhostel, the program for seniors where college-level learning without exams is enjoyable and at a reasonable cost, continues to occupy most of my time, some 35 weeks each year. As coordinator for the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tanglewood 4-H Camp and Learning Center Elderhostel program here on Maine's beautiful forest transition zone rocky coast, I plan, develop, and see that 12 to 14 weeks of programs come to fruition each year—not only at the camp in Lincolnville and at our Rockland site but also at Augusta and the Audubon Ecology Camp on Hog Island in Muscongus Bay. Of course, most program weeks focus on natural history with a bit of ragtime, Gershwin, art, or local history. In the winter I teach an Elderhostel course, 'The Fascinating Mammals of Maine,' at a ski lodge in Maine's western mountains while getting in some snow shoeing. I also serve on the Pine Tree State Arboretum and Tanglewood 4-H Camp and Learning Center boards, and provide significant pro bono consultant work for land trusts and other groups. Retirement, these 22 years, should be as one would like: doing what is pleasurable." Mr. Gray also gave us information about "missing" alumnus **Harry Murphy** '43.

**Charles S. Merroth**, 1949 – 200 Buchanan St., Warren, PA 16365-2620.

**Bob Ross**, 1949 – 880 Twin Oaks Drive, Hummelstown, PA 17036-9740. Mr. Ross sent us an address for "missing" alumnus **Braden Souders** '49.

**Braden M. Souders**, 1949 – Tok, Alaska 99780.

## 1950s

**Henry E. Colwell**, 1950 – 6011 Mill Spring Court, Midlothian, VA 23112-2348.

**J. Ted Jensen**, 1950 – P.O. Box 332, 323 Summit Avenue, Jenkintown, PA 19046; e-mail JTJPOB33219046@aol.com.

**T. Bennett Dickerson**, 1951 – 341 Monument Ave., Malvern, PA 19355.

**Robert A. Huber**, 1951– 40546 Woodside Place, Leesburg, VA 20175.

**Paul “Sunshine” Shogren**, 1951 – 1638 Memorial Drive, Oakland, MD 21550-4337; e-mail Shogren@Gcnet.net. “Am studying Latin of all things. ‘Excelsior,’ said Dr. Carl Schenk; foresters need to know who he is. Scouting, church, community service keep me busy. Completed the Mile Swim at Scout camp. Everyone come to the 2001 Super Reunion at Mont Alto. Also 2003–Mont Alto Centennial–be there!”

**Stanley Stampsell**, 1951 – 713 Picnic Lane, Selingsgrove, PA 17870-9352. Mr. Stampsell sent us an address for “missing” alumnus **Robert Huber** '51.

**Oscar C. Tissue, Jr.**, 1951 – 1203 Manchester Drive, Clinton, MS 39056-3532.

**Gerald R. Robinson**, 1953 – 200 Cooper Road, Hummelstown, PA 17036-7813.

**Mark R. Zimmer**, 1953 – 1702 West Street, Honesdale, PA 18431; e-mail Domazi@exaccess.net. “This is a note to let graduates of the Class of '53 know that the oldest member of the class is still probably the oldest member and still going strong. I have had many difficulties over the years; however, I have recovered from them all. I am still riding my 1941 Harley Davidson and I just recently remarried. I am a very happy and proud graduate of Penn State.” On September 20, 2000, the Wayne-Pike Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association honored Mr. Zimmer of Wayne County and Fred Schoenagel, Jr. ('53 Engr) of Pike County as Alumni of the Year.

**John F. Kohler**, 1954 – Mr. Kohler's wife Pat sent us the following note in July 2000: “I am writing to let you know that ‘Jack’ (as he was known by his classmates who graduated in 1953 and January 1954) passed away on May 21, 1997. He had been on oxygen for

about a year, but while mowing his brother-in-law's yard, he suffered a massive heart attack. He used to speak so much about his friends at Mont Alto, '49-'50. He retired from PA DER in Sept. '85.”

**Clark Sell**, 1954 – 4755 Darlene Way, Tucker, GA 30084. Mr. Sell sent us addresses for “missing alumni” **William McConnell** '43 and **Harry Murphy** '43.

**Tom Breslin**, 1957 – 45 Stone Church Road, Berwick, PA 18603; e-mail Tomb@pcpower.net. Mr. Breslin sent us an address for “missing” alumnus **Harold King** '57.

**Harold King**, 1957 – 2924 Poplar Hill Rd., Lima, NY 14485.

**Rolf Anderson**, 1958 – 90545 Alvadore Road, Junction City, OR 97448-9582; e-mail rolfa@uswest.net. “While at the National Forest Service Reunion in Missoula in September 2000, I was pleased to see and visit with half a dozen or so former classmates and other near classmates including **Ed Browning** '58, **Forrest Fenstermaker** '56, **Bob Lease** '57, **Nelson Loftus** '58, **Jim Durdan** '58, and **Dave Note** '58. It was great fun!”

**Dale O. Fisher**, 1959 – RD, Wellsboro, PA 16901.

**William R. Marriott**, 1959 – 12801 Nike Park Road, Carrollton, VA 23314-4407; e-mail wrmttt@my-freenet.com. “Retired from the USAF in December 1984 as Lt. Col. Retired from city of Newport News, Virginia, in June 1994 as director of communications and emergency services. Enjoying full-time retirement with many good memories from Mont Alto and State College. Happy New Year to all my fellow foresters.”

**William C. Miller**, 1959 – 443 Mill Road, Allenwood, PA 17810-9601. Mr. Miller sent us information about “missing” alumni **Henry Colwell** '50 and **Dale Fisher** '59.

## 1960s

**Harry L. Bowlin**, 1960 – 25824 Seaver Street, Hayward, CA 94545-2552. Mr. Bowlin sent us an address for “missing” alumnus **Roger Williams** '60.

**Maynard E. Nuss**, 1960 – 521 High View Drive, Anchorage, AK 99515-3716.

**Roger M. Williams**, 1960 – 16518 Rt. 286

Hwy. E., Commodore, PA 15729.

**David Downing**, 1961 – 38730 Eudora Lane, Hamilton, VA 20158. Mr. Downing sent us an address for “missing” alumnus **Michael Osterhoudt** '61.

**Ed Frayer**, 1961– P.O. Box 732, Houghton, MI 49931-0732; e-mail edf@mtu.psu. “I have retired after serving as dean of forestry at Michigan Tech for 16 years and 17 years at Colorado State (including 8 years as department head of forestry). Will spend this winter in Arizona. Have been active in fundraising (raised 2.5 million to match a state grant of 7.5 million) to add to forestry facilities at Michigan Tech. Am looking forward to helping some other institution fund their needs.”

**Michael B. Osterhoudt**, 1961 – 2339 Old Trail Drive, Reston, VA 20191.

**David L. Harrington**, 1967 – 3716 Twelve Mile Creek Road, Matthews, NC 28104-9231; e-mail harridave@usererror.com. “After 21 years as an Air Force fighter pilot, I am starting my 13th year with TWA and second year as a captain on the MD-80 aircraft. I am considering starting a consulting business specializing in game food plot construction and management. My plan is to cater to the small woodlot owner and to hunting clubs that lease timber lands. I would enjoy hearing from fellow alums who have experience in this area. Happy New Year to all from my wife and I and our five children.”

**John D. Mood**, 1967 – 59-515 Akanoho Place, Haleiwa, HI, 96712-9502; e-mail moodj001@hawaii.rr.com.

## 1970s

**James Powell**, 1972 – 302 Greenhill Road, Willow Grove, PA 19090-2813.

**Robert A. Wion**, 1972 – Mr. Wion's wife, Susan, sent us a note to report that Bob died August 9, 1997, from esophageal cancer.

**W. Donald Bartoe**, 1974 and 1976g – 818 Chester Drive, Annapolis, MD 21403-3230; e-mail dbartoe@bartechus.com.

**Robert A. “Bob” Daniels**, 1974 – 1430 Whispering Pines Circle, Starkville, MS 39759-8069; e-mail bobd@ext.msstate.edu. “I am an extension forestry specialist at Mississippi State University, and active in Mississippi SAF and the Mississippi Forestry Association. I send my best to everyone at

Penn State and invite anyone who comes South to visit Mississippi State.”

**Dick Masse**, 1974g – 13495 Duley Station Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772-7801; e-mail dickmasse@sprintmail.com. “I will be retiring after 17 years with the National Guard Bureau as the natural resources program manager. I will remain in Maryland but plan to travel on my boat throughout the United States and Canada and the islands. In addition to travel I will be enjoying my grandchildren—four of them—and my two daughters.”

**Robert Glennon**, 1976g – 352 Spivey Road, Hobbsville, NC 27946; e-mail bob\_glennon@fws.gov. “I just transferred to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Edenton, North Carolina, as a natural resource planner. I am writing comprehensive conservation plans for 11 national wildlife refuges in eastern North Carolina and southeastern Virginia. I had a good 20 years with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, but three reorganizations and the transfers they forced had taken their toll. I’m glad to have had an opportunity to return to the East Coast.”

**Susan Gallagher**, 1978 – 9527 S. Hurty, Conifer, CO 80433-9123; e-mail docpremd@purplemtn.com. “I am starting my second year in Chinese medical school. The natural science studies from long ago may help with the study of Chinese herbs.”

**Virginia (Burne) Glasscock**, 1979 – 208 David St. Picabo, Bellevue, ID 83313; e-mail info@anglingservices.com. “Please note change of mailing address, although husband Dave and I have not actually moved. We are still living in our little log cabin near Silver Creek, where we own and operate Idaho Angling Services (www.anglingservices.com), a fly-fishing guiding business. We continue to visit New Zealand during the winters and pursue our fishing photography.”

**Mike Messina**, 1979 – 5809 Canterbury Drive, Bryan, TX 77802-5905; e-mail m-messina@tamu.edu. “Still an associate professor at Texas A&M University where I teach Silviculture and Advanced Silviculture. I was honored last fall by the Texas Society of American Foresters as the first recipient of the ‘Laurence C. Walker Distinguished Service to Forestry Award.’  
**Larry Walker** ’48 was a giant in Texas forestry and a proud Penn Stater. The award will be given annually by the Texas SAF, and I suppose it was a real coincidence to have a

Penn Stater chosen to receive an award named in honor of another Penn Stater.

**Harry Vanderveer** ’79 has just accepted a position with the Texas Forest Service as the manager of their Indian Mound Nursery in Alto, Texas. It will be good having more Penn State grads working in Texas forestry.”

**Harry Lee Vanderveer**, 1979 – Rt. 2, Box 2404, Alto, TX 75925; e-mail hjnv21@inu.net. “Moved from Georgia to the East Texas “Piney Woods” to work with the Texas Forest Service (a unit of Texas A&M University). I succeeded another Penn Stater, **John Kushla** ’77, as director of nursery operations at Indian Mound Nursery near Alto, TX. Our family is starting to ‘scatter out.’ Our older daughter still lives in Georgia. Sarah’s married and will give us our first ‘grand’ in February 2001. Greta is in college at Georgia Southwestern University, Americus, Georgia, studying in their pre-pharmacy program and will marry in March 2001. Our youngest, Natalie, is still home schooling with mom (Jan) and is still our baby (although she’s a very mature 12-year-old). We have stayed in touch with **Mike Messina**, a fellow ’79 grad in Forest Science, who is silviculture professor at Texas A&M University in College Station. Mike and I both went from Penn State with our bachelor’s degrees in forestry to NC State in Raleigh for graduate studies in forestry. Our forestry careers have moved us around the country and around the world (Mike did a post-doc in New Zealand), but now we’re both in Texas working for Texas A&M and Governor George W. Bush. The new arboretum sounds great. Can’t wait to get back to Happy Valley to see it. Choosing **Kim Steiner** as its first director is exciting. He was one of my favorite profs for dendrology and forest genetics.”

## 1980s

**Paul Labovitz**, 1981 – NPS/RCTA Midwest, c/o Cuyahoga Valley National Park, 2179 Everett Rd., Peninsula, OH 44264; e-mail paul\_labovitz@nps.gov. “I spent almost eight years in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, working for Rockwell as a land manager and finished an MBA while there from Frostburg State University in western Maryland. I moved to the National Park Service in 1988, first in Philadelphia, now in Ohio as part of the Midwest Region. I am the program manager for the regional River and Trails Program, a technical assistance program for greenway, trail, and river conservation in the 13 states between Ohio and the Dakotas south to Arkansas (almost the Mississippi watershed). Check out

www.ncrc.gov/rtca for the details and I think even a picture of me hidden somewhere. My wife, Sue, and I have three kids—two daughters, 19 and 17, and a 14-year-old son. Our oldest just started college at Bowling Green State University in western Ohio—a big change (for us). We miss State College; have not been back since a pass-through in 1994 to visit **Wally Tzilkowski** at his ranch. Since Pennsylvania is another region, it seems distant from a work perspective. I have had a great time so far here with NPS and have worked in about 25 states and a few countries in central Europe.”

**Scott A. Wilson**, 1982 – RR 2, Box 174, Paxinos, PA 17860-9710. Mr. Wilson sent us an address for “missing” alumnus **Christopher Kilbride** ’92.

**Richard McCullough**, 1983 – 320 Tasha Lane, East Fallowfield, PA 19320; e-mail richardamcc@aol.com.

**Sarah (Nothstine) Celik**, 1985 – 3708 Indian Point Drive, Austin, TX 78739-4414; e-mail sarahjn@flashnet.com. “We’ve enjoyed living in the Texas Hill Country since 1998. I got my master’s in landscape architecture from North Carolina State and am now working for a small firm, Larson/Burns, here in Austin. Keep up the wonderful newsletter!”

**Michael G. Jones**, 1986 – 1 Mourning Dove Way, Duncannon, PA 17020; e-mail mjones@susq.k12.pa.us. “After working as a seasonal employee for the Pennsylvania Fish Commission, I decided to enter the field of education. I went back to school for a year and ended up teaching biology, field biology, and botany (Professor **Rex Melton** style) for 12 years. Currently I am a high school assistant principal at Susquenita High School. I still try to do my part for forest resources every chance I get.”

**Perry E. Rutkowski**, 1986 – 4506 Chartley Circle, Roswell, GA 30075-6131; e-mail perutkow@gapac.com. “How time passes—these 14 1/2 years have flown by! For the past twelve years I have worked for The Georgia-Pacific Corporation. Currently the position I hold is area manager, South Florida Offshore. I have two wonderful children ages 10 and 7. My family and I currently live outside of Atlanta, GA. Between a career and the children, time spent in the outdoors is very desirable. As with many of you, memories of the first two years at Mont Alto and the subsequent years in Happy Valley continue to be thought of. Earl, Snake, Guy, Dave, and the rest, send

me an e-mail at perutkow@gapac.com.”

**Tim Copeland**, 1987 and 1996g – 2054 Mt. Tabor Rd., Blacksburg, VA 24060-8908. In Summer 2000 we learned that Tim Copeland was diagnosed with leukemia. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at Virginia Tech. The high cost of a bone marrow transplant creates a huge financial burden; therefore, his friends, colleagues, and family are spearheading an effort to raise money to help with Tim’s medical expenses. Donations can be sent to the National Foundation for Transplants, c/o Tim Copeland, P.O. Box 10594, Blacksburg, VA 24062-0594. The Fisheries and Wildlife graduate students at Virginia Tech maintain a Web page to advertise fundraising events and to update Tim’s friends and family about Tim’s condition (<http://filebox.vt.edu/org/fwgsa/webpage/start.htm>). The latest news is that Tim’s brother is a perfect match for the bone marrow transplant and he has volunteered to be the donor. The operation is scheduled for January 2001 at the National Institutes of Health facility in Bethesda, Maryland. Because of Tim’s good health, he has an excellent chance of beating this disease.

## 1990s

**Robert Witmer**, 1991a, 1993, and 1996g – 1001 Cascade Drive, Pembroke, VA 24136. “I have finished my work for a Ph.D. in the Department of Horticulture at Virginia Tech. Though I have no firm plans yet, I am looking for a position practicing or teaching urban forestry.”

**Charles “Joe” Engel**, 1992 – HC 64, Box 103B, Trout Run, PA 17771.

**Christopher P. Kilbride**, 1992 – Apt. 209 Chalkboard Apts., Third and Chester Sts., Perkasi, PA 18944; e-mail Kilbride1@earthlink.net.

**Thad Yorks**, 1992 – RR 1, Box 5-B, Munnsville, NY 13409-9502; e-mail teyorks@syr.edu. “My wife Elaine (92 Parks and Rec) gave birth to our second child, Delaney Marie, on July 18, 2000. Hopefully, by the time you see this in the newsletter, I’ll be done with a Ph.D at SUNY-ESF, Syracuse, NY.” Mr. Yorks also sent us an address for “missing” alumnus **Charles “Joe” Engel** ’92.

**Amy (Rushatz) Iasiello**, 1994 – 29 Wedgefield Village Rd. #2, Georgetown, SC 29440; e-mail iasielloa@hor.tec.sc.us. “I have just made a major career change. I left

International Paper in Savannah, Georgia, and moved back to South Carolina to try my hand at teaching. I am one of two instructors in the Forestry Department at a technical college. Their two-year Forest Technology program is very reputable with area industries. I am about to finish my first semester—and what an experience! It has been both frustrating and rewarding, and 180 degrees from the corporate world. Would love to hear from the Class of ’94. E-mail me at [iasiello@hor.tec.sc.us](mailto:iasiello@hor.tec.sc.us).”

**David Srebro**, 1995 – 829 R. Dundaff St., Dickson City, PA 18519-1185; e-mail Forester71@aol.com. Mr. Srebro gave us an address for “missing” alumnus **Frank Srebro** ’37 (his uncle).

**Doug Still**, 1996g – 179 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. #2-L, Brooklyn, NY 11215-2667. In August 2000, Doug Still was promoted to assistant deputy director of street tree planting in New York City.

**Jason Applegate**, 1998 – 3639 Timber Ridge Dr., Fredericksburg, VA 22408. Both Jason Applegate and Kris Brown (’96 College of Liberal Arts; she took several courses in the School of Forest Resources) work as foresters at Fort A.P. Hill in Caroline County, Virginia.

**Daniel A. Lowenstein**, 1998 – 185 Center St., Apt. A, Troy, PA 16947; e-mail danlowy@sosbbs.com. “After graduation I accepted my first forester position with a private logging operation around Allentown, Pennsylvania. I worked with that company for several months and am currently working as a forester for L.L. Baumunk and Son, Inc. in Sullivan County, Pennsylvania. Been pretty busy buying timber, looking after company land and supervising our logging crews, among other things.”

**Jennifer Rebecca “Bekky” Hargrave**, 1999 – 1528 Grantham St., St. Paul, MN 55108.

## Super Forestry Reunion

A super forestry reunion will be held at Penn State Mont Alto, May 31 - June 3, 2001. Forestry alumni who spent any time at Mont Alto have already received a mailing about this. But all School of Forest Resources alumni and friends are invited to this celebration at the birthplace of Pennsylvania forestry. Spouses are also encouraged to attend.

Activities for the weekend begin with registration and a barbecue on Thursday evening, May 31. Friday, June 1, features a forum on the “State of the School of Forest Resources” with speakers Larry Nielsen, director of the School of Forest Resources; Craig Houghton, instructor in forestry at Penn State Mont Alto; David Goldenberg, CEO, Penn State Mont Alto; and Margaret Taylor, director of institutional advancement at Penn State Mont Alto. A woodsmen’s competition and exhibition takes place Friday afternoon. Saturday, June 2, includes an exhibit of skills and hobbies of alumni, and a banquet dinner. Activities conclude on Sunday, June 3, with a chapel service and brunch. Class of 1951 alumni who also want to attend the Pioneer Reunion at University Park can plan on leaving Mont Alto on Friday afternoon.

For more information or a registration form, contact Chris Rotz, Penn State Mont Alto, (717) 749-6105, [car6@psu.edu](mailto:car6@psu.edu). Registrations are due no later than April 15, 2001.

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# School of Forest Resources Issues Conference and Alumni Group Meeting

## March 20-21, 2001

### The Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, University Park, PA

The 2001 Penn State School of Forest Resources Issues Conference "Conserving Future Forest Productivity" will explore the condition of our natural resources today, visions of where we want to go, and the tools for achieving this vision.

At the turn of the last century, heavy cutting and clearing changed the forest landscape. Today, the forests of the Northeast are maturing. Learning from the past and our current resource conditions, how do we meet today's needs while conserving future forest productivity? What tools can we utilize to improve and maintain our forest resources? How can we manage for diverse interests and uses?

The aim of this conference is to provide a high-quality opportunity for professional growth and development. Members of natural resource agencies, private consultants, industry specialists, public stakeholders, and others are invited to attend.

The Society of American Foresters has approved the conference for 11.5 CFE credits, Category 1.

#### Alumni Events

4 - 5:30 p.m. SFR Alumni Group Board of Directors Meeting

5:30 p.m. Director's Reception

6:30 p.m. SFR Alumni and Friends Banquet featuring a presentation on "Pennsylvania's Forest History" by retired state forester **Jim Nelson** '52.

*Banquet is limited to the first 300 registrants. Dinner will feature chicken.*

*If you prefer a vegetarian meal instead, please indicate that on the registration form below.*

#### Hotel Accommodations

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel at a rate of \$93.00 for a single room or \$103.00 for a double room. To reserve a room in the block, call (800) 233-7505 and identify yourself as a registrant for the Forest Issues Conference. To receive the special group rate, reservations should be made by February 17, 2001. Rooms will be reserved on a space-available basis.

#### For More Information

. . . about the conference program, contact Laurie Schoonhoven at (814) 865-7932.

. . . about registration, contact the Short Course Office at (814) 865-8301; fax (814) 865-7050.

. . . about School of Forest Resources alumni affairs, contact Ellen Manno, 814-863-5831.

### 2001 SFR Issues Conference Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class year: \_\_\_\_\_

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**\$175 Issues Conference Registration Fee**

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| <b>March 5-6</b>        | Workshop: Improving Wood Products Industry Profitability with Computers. Contact: Danielle Kocovsky, 814-863-1113 or <a href="mailto:dxy8@psu.edu">dxy8@psu.edu</a> .                                |
| <b>March 5-9</b>        | Short Course: Hardwood Log and Lumber Grading. Contact: Danielle Kocovsky, 814-863-1113 or <a href="mailto:dxy8@psu.edu">dxy8@psu.edu</a> .  |
| <b>March 14</b>         | Forest Health Conference. Contact: Tim Pierson, 814-887-5613   |
| <b>March 20-21</b>      | Forest Resources Issues Conference: Conserving Future Forest Productivity. Contact: Laurie Schoonhoven, 814-865-7932 or <a href="mailto:lms28@psu.edu">lms28@psu.edu</a> .                           |
| <b>March 20</b>         | Alumni Group Banquet. Contact: Ellen Manno, 814-863-5831 or <a href="mailto:exr2@psu.edu">exr2@psu.edu</a> .   |
| <b>March 30-April 1</b> | The Pennsylvania chapters of The Wildlife Society and American Fisheries Society joint annual meeting. Contact: Duane Diefenbach, 814-865-4511 or <a href="mailto:drd11@psu.edu">drd11@psu.edu</a> . |
| <b>April 10</b>         | Workshop: Eastern Hardwoods Regeneration Institute: Oak Regeneration. Contact: Danielle Kocovsky, 814-863-1113 or <a href="mailto:dxy8@psu.edu">dxy8@psu.edu</a> .                                   |
| <b>April 18</b>         | Workshop: The Business of Silviculture: Productive Private Forests. Contact: Danielle Kocovsky, 814-863-1113 or <a href="mailto:dxy8@psu.edu">dxy8@psu.edu</a> .                                     |
| <b>May 31-June 3</b>    | Mont Alto Super Forestry Reunion. Contact: Chris Rotz, 717-749-6105 or <a href="mailto:car6@psu.edu">car6@psu.edu</a> .  |