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The Future Site of the School of Forest Resources: From the Field to Ag Hill to the Ag Subcampus

By 2007, when the School of Forest Resources celebrates its 100th anniversary, we will have been located on three different sites on campus. Some of our pioneers may still remember the first site, where Hemlock Hall stood, but most of our alumni and friends have only known our location on Ag Hill near the Pavilion and—much to our delight—in close proximity to the Creamery. Our next move, slated for 2005, will take us to the Ag Subcampus, which is part of the University's Master Plan for physical plant improvement. The new site will position us at the gateway to the academic campus, increasing our visibility and putting us in a physical setting that will embody environmental stewardship.

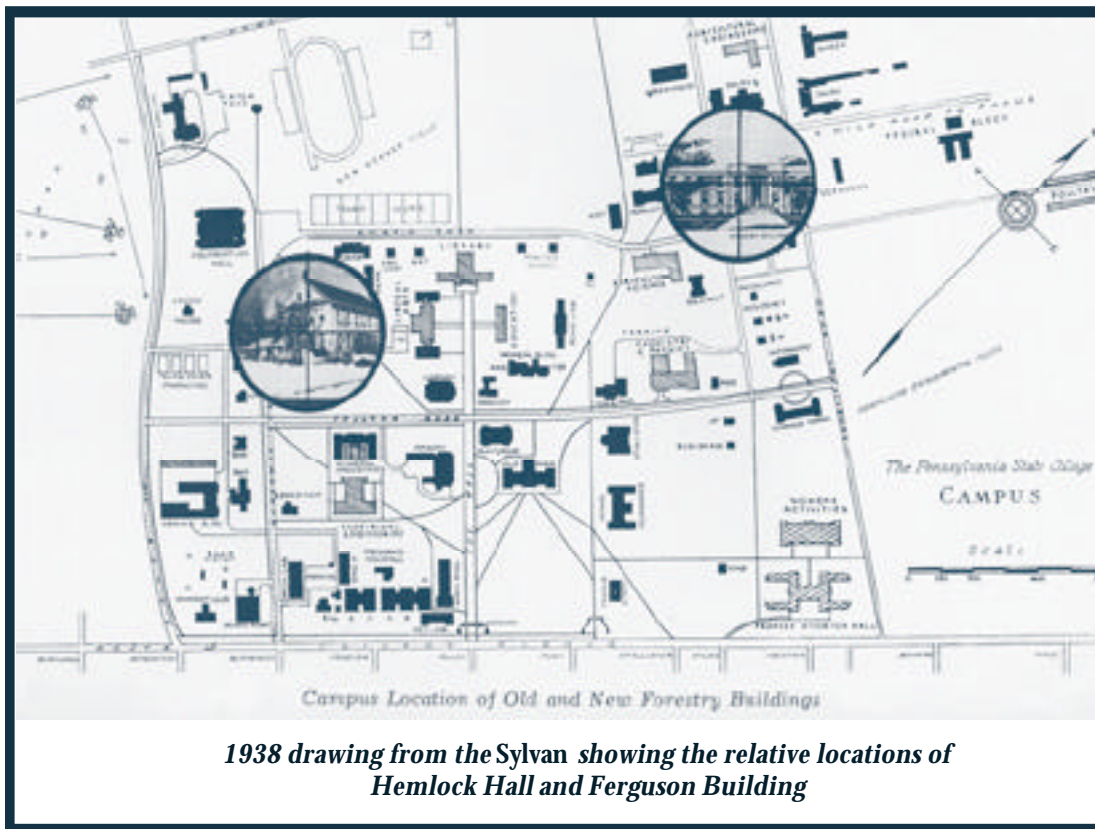
The University's Master Plan will strive to create, over a twenty-five year period, a model physical environment that exemplifies the University's vision of excellence and enhances Penn State as a distinguished learning community. The plan, which was approved in March of 1999, includes five key elements: a commitment to the Land Grant mission and a celebration of Penn State's

rural heritage; a focus on the student by enriching the learning experience through a memorable physical environment; a commitment to the historical heritage of the campus and academic neighborhoods; a commitment to the surrounding community by establishing welcoming physical relationships between campus and the surrounding area; and a commitment to the physical requirements and visions of the colleges and support units with the overall vision for the

University Park campus.

In order for the University's vision to succeed—and of interest to the School of Forest Resources' family—a number of key principles are being emphasized, such as rural heritage, environmental stewardship, "green" building design, and the balance of buildings and open space across

campus. Penn State hopes to build upon its unique physical setting and the fact that it is one of the most prominent agricultural schools in the country.



1938 drawing from the Sylvan showing the relative locations of Hemlock Hall and Ferguson Building

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A newsletter for our alumni and friends

Get the Facts – They’re All Online

Did you know?

- Penn State has the largest Alumni Association in the country.
- Penn State ranks second in the country in industry-sponsored research.
- Total enrollment has increased four-fold since 1960 – from 20,816 in 1960 to 81,704 in 2001.
- Minority enrollment has increased each year in the last decade, to a total of 10.8 percent of the student body.
- The University awarded 16,313 degrees in 2000-01.
- A total of 602 new faculty positions have been added since 1996-97 – 328 at University Park and 274 at other campus locations.
- The University’s total budget is just under \$2.3 billion for 2001-02.
- Penn State is requesting an appropriation increase of \$25.9 million from the state for 2002-03.

This is just some of the wealth of information available online in the newly updated Penn State Fact Book at <http://www.budget.psu.edu/factbook/>. New information includes fall 2001 enrollment statistics, fall 2001 faculty and staff counts, and details on the 2001-02 operating budget. “Our goal is to make timely information about Penn State available to students, faculty, staff, and the citizens of the commonwealth and to do so in an easy-to-use format,” said Richard Althouse, University budget officer. To read a complete article on the Penn State Fact Book, visit http://www.psu.edu/ur/archives/intercom_2001/Nov15/factbook.html.

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings Alumni and Friends,

We continue to make good progress during our 2001-02 academic year. Not only are we covering our traditional bases in good order (teaching, research, and extension) but we are gaining on the recruitment and placement of new personnel to our faculty. And within this process the emphasis is on "we."

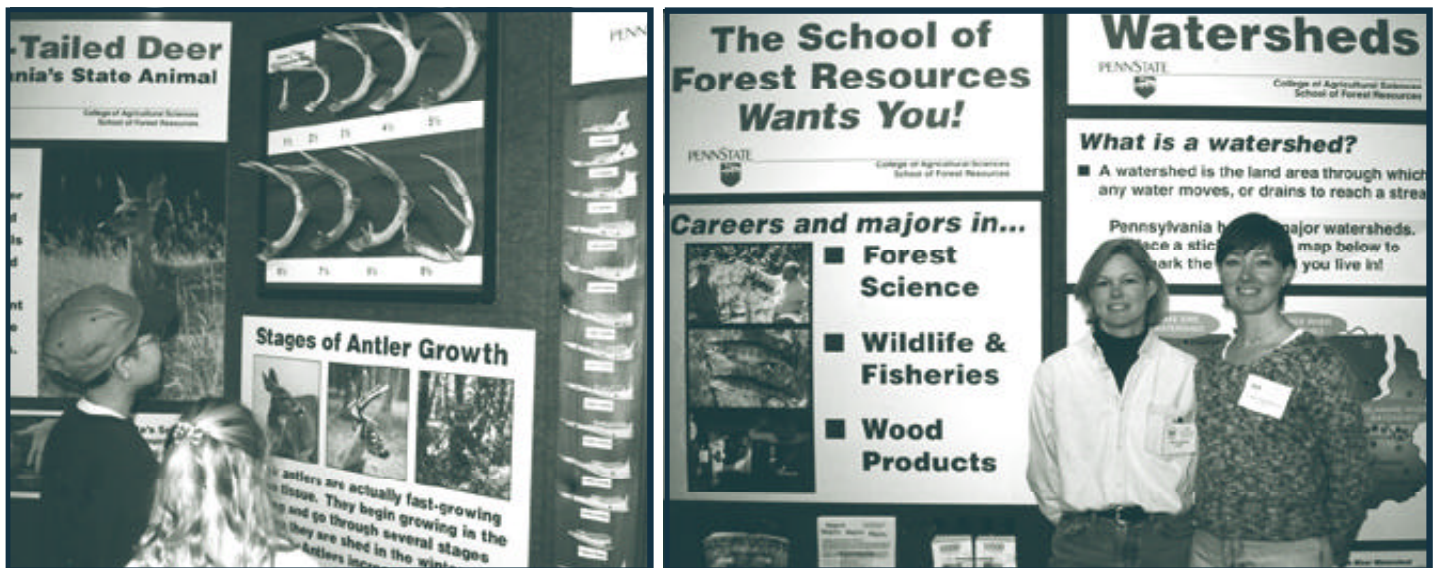
Our School has a major task in terms of recruiting new faculty. During this academic year we anticipate securing five new faculty: an assistant professor of Aquatic Ecology (shared with the Environmental Resource Management program), an assistant professor of Wood Products Extension, an assistant or associate professor of Wood Chemistry, the Joseph E. Ibberson chair in Forest Resources Management, and the director of the School. To date we have been successful in filling the Aquatic Ecology post, with Dr. Hunter Carrick joining our faculty on November 1 (see the Fall 2001 issue of RESOURCES). We have completed our interviews of candidates for the Wood Products Extension position and anticipate making a hiring announcement by February 1. And we have scheduled the various interviews of candidates for the remaining three positions. Furthermore, we are extremely pleased with the caliber of the interview candidates gathered for these positions. Again, the emphasis is on "we."

The critical "we" in this process is our faculty and staff. Herein are the people who have literally searched various facets of the professional world and gathered the pools of candidates for each of these posts. This workforce then moves to establishing our on-campus interview agendas for each candidate. As you might expect, this involves a complex series of meetings and seminars for each candidate, with our faculty serving as goodwill ambassadors to our guests. After each set of candidates is interviewed, we then deliberate their relative merits and channel our selection for the particular post forward to our School and College leadership.

It is an exciting process from the standpoint of selecting key people for the future School and allied professional worlds. It is also a time-consuming process, particularly in terms of those who serve as search committee chairs and as staff coordinators.

Throughout the process, it has been my pleasure to watch this system work and to add a touch or two as interim director. My personal thanks to the faculty and staff who carry the School forward.

Cheers, Chuck Strauss



Faculty and staff from the School of Forest Resources helped staff our booth at the 2002 Pennsylvania Farm Show, January 5-10. Our visitors went away with a sense of who we are and what we do. In addition, visitors learned about wildlife, watersheds, and community trees. The display on aging deer by examining antlers and jawbones was particularly popular with hunters and children. Betty Harper, coordinator of undergraduate programs, and Laurie Schoonhoven, research technologist and the School's Webmaster, are pictured in front of our display in the photo on the right.

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In addition, Penn State will demonstrate environmental stewardship by respecting sensitive natural areas, such as the remnant forests of Hort Woods, and promoting environmentally responsible practices in physical construction and landscaping.

In the near future, the majority of Penn State's visitors will approach campus from the new I-99 and 322 Expressway exits. As they drive along a tree-lined Park Avenue, toward campus, they will pass the Centre County/Penn State Visitor Center, Beaver Stadium, and student residences. At Bigler Road, visitors will view the Arboretum, a conservation and environmental showcase, on the right. On the left, they will see their first academic building on campus—the home of the School of Forest Resources.

From the Field to Ag Hill

When The Pennsylvania State University, known then as the Farmers' High School to distinguish itself from classical colleges, was incorporated in 1854, its location was by no means certain. Several sites in central and western Pennsylvania were considered. In 1855, the trustees voted to build the new Farmers' High School on a 200-acre tract in Centre County. Interestingly, the site was selected, in part, due to its distance from urban areas that might distract students from their studies. In addition, open areas were necessary for agricultural instruction and research.

In 1907 the forestry program at Penn State was recognized as an official department of the School of Agriculture and a two-story frame building, Hemlock Hall, was built to house the department. The building, which 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, was located some distance from the Agricultural Building. The shack was situated in a field behind the Liberal Arts Building, between Curtin and Pollock roads, near the walk

to Recreation Hall. Early photographs show the forestry building surrounded by oat fields and an apple orchard; there are numerous accounts of the apple orchard nourishing young foresters.

As enrollment in the Forestry Department grew, and with the merger of the forestry program of the Pennsylvania State Forest Academy at Mont Alto in 1929, the faculty and students in the shack "practically walked in each other's shoes," according to Professor Ferguson's memoirs, because of the close quarters. In the late 1930s the School of Agriculture was rapidly expanding its

physical facilities and a new home for the Forestry Department was planned, as well as eight other campus structures. The foresters moved into the three-story brick building with limestone trim on August 27, 1940. The 1938 *Sylvan* stated that "with such facilities available, it is agreed the Department of Forestry of The Pennsylvania State College will not only maintain its present high standards, but will represent a distinctive modern trend in forest education." When Hemlock Hall was torn down in 1940, residence halls were built in its place.

So in 1940, the program moved into Ferguson Building on Ag Hill, to the south of the old stock judging pavilion, and was finally near the other Agriculture facilities. As Clepper stated in *Forestry Education in Pennsylvania*, "the Forestry Building is close to the heart of activities on Ag Hill." The popular naming of the College of Agricultural Sciences' center as "Ag Hill" started as early as 1907 when the new main building of the College, Armsby, was built near the existing Creamery and Dairy Building. By 1940, Ag Hill had expanded considerably and represented an impressive cluster of facilities on the campus. The corner of Shortlidge and Curtin Roads became the home of the forestry program, which was officially renamed the School of Forest Resources in 1954.

The School's administrative offices and many faculty and staff offices have remained in Ferguson Building these past sixty-two years, but by the 1960s the building could not accommodate all of the faculty, students, and laboratories. In 1966, the Forest Resources Laboratory, located near the intersection of Univer-



Aerial photograph of the future Ag Subcampus, as it appears today. The large field at the top of the photograph is the future site of The Arboretum at Penn State.

city Drive and Hastings Road, was completed for the Wood Products program. In 1991, the Pennsylvania Fish and Wildlife Cooperative Unit moved out of Ferguson Building to occupy Merkle Laboratory on Orchard Road. And by the late 1990s, faculty and students associated with the School were also located in Wartik Laboratory, southeast of Ferguson, and the Heinz-Hamer Center on Calder Way in downtown State College.

From Ag Hill to the Ag Subcampus

The focus of future growth for the College of Agricultural Sciences' physical plant will be on the block enclosed by Park Avenue and Bigler, Curtin, and Shortlidge Roads (see aerial photograph on page 4). The School of Forest Resources will be located on the corner of Park Avenue and Bigler Road. That architectural footprint is significant for a number of reasons: the School will be in close proximity to other College of Agricultural Sciences buildings; the School will be located across from the Arboretum, which will include agricultural and forestry research areas as well as several ecologically significant natural features; and the School will be highly visible to those visiting campus. And, much to everyone's delight, our new building will be only a short distance from the Creamery's new location, near the corner of Bigler and Curtin Roads.

"The site for the new School of Forest Resources building makes sense functionally," says Dave Zehngut, university architect and campus planner. "Park Avenue will eventually be widened and lined with green space in order to emphasize the rural heritage of our campus. The School of Forest Resources' location will figure prominently at the academic entrance of campus."

The Ag Subcampus will also incorporate many of the Master Plan's principles, such as the balance of buildings and open space on campus. As the architectural rendering on this page shows, a meadow will figure prominently in front of the School and off of Park Avenue. Tree-lined walkways will connect the buildings and a parking deck will eliminate the expanse of concrete that currently serves as the College's primary parking lot. The block will have more structures, but will gain a substantial amount of green space, decreasing impervious surfaces and facilitating aesthetically pleasing walkways.

The theme of conservation will be carried throughout our new location. Not only will the interior of the building be outfitted with a natural-resources look, but the exterior will be landscaped with native trees, bushes, and shrubs. "The University plans to approach landscaping in a sustainable way across campus," explains Zehngut. "The School's new site should serve as a model for the University." Zehngut is quick

to point out that future landscaping plans will incorporate historical trees and wooded areas on campus.

Many positive changes are planned for the University Park physical campus and the School of Forest Resources. Our future location at the gateway to Penn State's academic campus will serve us well as we continue our mission of providing "educational opportunities and science-based information to protect, manage, and use natural resources for sustained benefits." Our own environment, as well as the University environment, will better reflect our mission as we celebrate our own heritage and look to our future.

If you wish to contribute to the building project, contact John Krumrine, director of development, at (814) 863-1373. An architect for the building project will be selected by summer of 2002 and construction will begin in January of 2004. To learn more about the University's Master Plan and the Ag Subcampus, visit the Office of Physical Plant's Web site at <http://www.opp.psu.edu>.

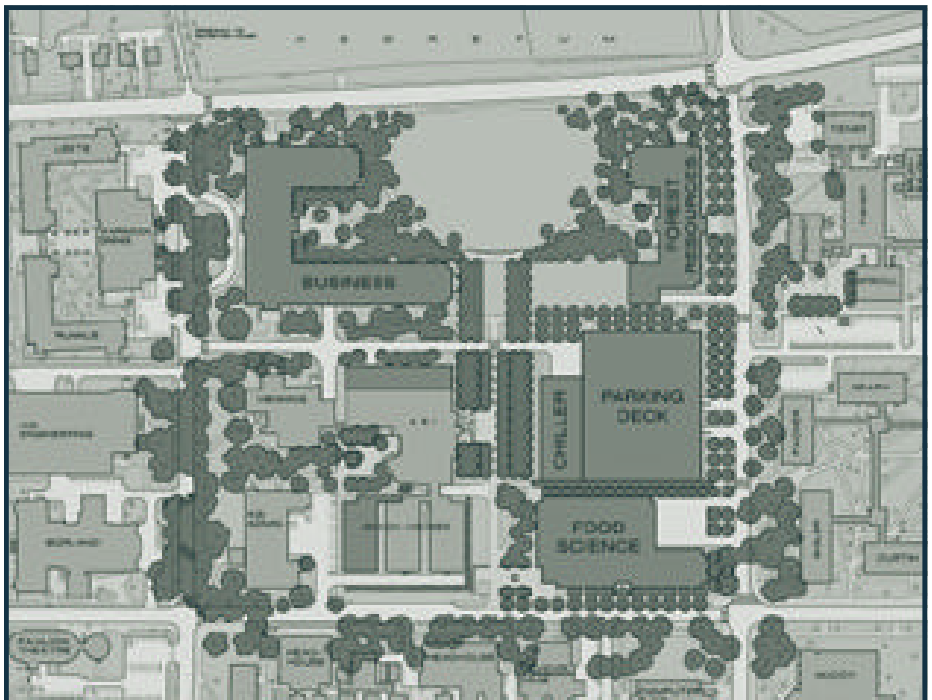
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**Architectural drawing of the Ag Subcampus plans.
Note the location of the future School of Forest Resources building
in the upper, right-hand corner.**

Faculty and Staff Resources

Dave DeWalle Appointed Associate Director of the Environmental Consortium



Dave DeWalle, professor of forest hydrology, has been appointed associate director of the Environmental Consortium at Penn State and director of the Pennsylvania Water Resources Research Center. DeWalle will work with the director of the consortium, William Easterling, professor of geography and agronomy, in many areas including the administration of the Environmental Resources Research Institute (ERRI) at Penn State. As director of the Pennsylvania Water Resources Research

Center, which has been part of ERRI for over thirty years, DeWalle will manage the center while continuing his own research.

The Environmental Consortium (EC) was established on January 1, 2000, to optimize environmental research, education, and outreach at The Pennsylvania State University. The mission of the EC is to expand Penn State's capacity to pursue national and international environmental research topics by encouraging cooperation across disciplines and the participation of local, state, federal, and international stakeholders. The EC coordinates numerous interdisciplinary initiatives across Penn State, including ERRI and other environmentally focused institutes in the Colleges of Earth and Mineral Sciences and Engineering.

In addition to responding to the newest environmental issues, key themes will be emphasized by the EC through interdisciplinary research committees. The first six themes to be promoted are air quality, biodiversity and ecosystems, global change, health and the environment, industrial ecology and green engineering, and water resources. The EC is committed to the hiring of twenty-five new faculty members by 2005 and the creation of a University-wide Environmental Inquiry minor for undergraduates. The EC's commitment to education and outreach will be augmented with a campus-wide conference and seminar series and an environmental forum designed to attract world-class speakers to Penn State. "The Environmental Consortium will enhance learning opportunities for undergraduate students interested in the environment," says DeWalle, "and may, eventually, facilitate additional multidisciplinary degree programs for graduate students."

Since its inception, the EC's administration has been provided by ERRI, which will eventually become a major part of the EC. In 1986, the Institute for Research on Land and Water Resources, which was established in 1963, merged with the Center for Air Environment Studies to become ERRI. ERRI's mission is the discovery and management of environmental resources. The institute is dedicated to research, information

dissemination and public education, and the training of graduate students. To accommodate program goals and to provide specific foci within the organizational structure, the institute operates nine research centers, including the federally funded Pennsylvania Center for Water Resources Research.

The Pennsylvania Center for Water Resources Research is the oldest research center in ERRI, having focused on water problems pertinent to Pennsylvania and the mid-Atlantic region since 1963. The center currently operates under the authority of the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 and in cooperation with the U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Department of the Interior, and has become one of the preeminent water research centers in the nation.

DeWalle began his career at Penn State with the Water Resources Research Center in 1969, immediately following his graduation from Colorado State University with a doctorate in watershed management. His academic interests include forest hydrology, forest microclimatology, snow hydrology, and impacts of ecosystem disturbances, such as acid rain, urbanization, and climate change. He teaches undergraduate and graduate courses on forest microclimatology, snow hydrology, and watershed management. In addition, he also co-teaches continuing education courses on watershed management for watershed professionals. DeWalle plans to maintain his research and teaching load throughout his administrative term. "Working with graduate students is the most enjoyable part of my job," says DeWalle, "and I hope to continue to advise graduate students even with my added responsibilities."

DeWalle received administrative training in team building, conflict resolution, strategic planning, and other management topics as a participant of the State Agricultural Experiment Station's Leadership Development Program in 1991-92. He has also served as officer and president of the Pennsylvania State Section of the American Water Resources Association, 1990-92, and as chair of the Forest Science program at Penn State for three years in the 1980s. He recently completed a term on the executive board of the American Water Resources Association.

For over thirty years, DeWalle has been instrumental in environmental research and instruction at Penn State and has witnessed the expansion of environmental programming and interdisciplinary cooperation from the early days of ERRI to the initiation of the Environmental Consortium. "The Environmental Consortium will add significantly to faculty expertise at Penn State," says DeWalle, "and provide a broad environmental focus at a time when the interdisciplinary nature of environmental research is becoming increasingly recognized."

To learn more about the Environmental Consortium, visit the Web site at <http://www.environment.psu.edu>. To learn more about the Environmental Resources Research Institute (ERRI), visit <http://www.environment.eri.psu.edu>.

Dr. DeWalle can be reached by phone at (814) 863-0291 or by e-mail at drdewalle@psu.edu. 🐾

A Tribute to Dr. Robert Shipman



On October 19, 2001, the School of Forest Resources lost a dear friend and colleague, Dr. Robert Dean Shipman. Dr. Shipman was professor emeritus of Forest Ecology in the School of Forest Resources. He retired in 1990 after twenty-eight years of service.

Dr. Shipman was born May 12, 1921, in Moundsville, West Virginia. As a boy, he spent many hours hiking and camping in magnificent, untouched hardwood stands. He also watched loggers fell five- and six-foot

diameter trees and Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) workers plant thousands of trees and shrubs, control erosion with rocks and boulders along stream banks, construct ponds to attract waterfowl, and improve forest stands. It was in those early days that his interest in forestry was kindled.

During World War II, he served four years with the U.S. Army Air Corps as an aviation engineer in the China-Burma-India theater of operations. He participated in the China offensive, central Burma and India-Burma campaigns, and was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Theater medal with three Bronze Stars, the American Theater Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Honorary Reserve.

Dr. Shipman received his B.S.F. and M.F. degrees in Forestry from the University of Michigan in 1948 and a Ph.D. in Forest Ecology from Michigan State University in 1952. He was a research forester at the USDA Southeastern Forest Experiment Station in South Carolina for seven years and was a faculty member at Clemson University, South Carolina, for five years before coming to Penn State. Dr. Shipman taught a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate forestry, wildlife, and environmentally related courses. He was a strong advocate of quality undergraduate instruction and hands-on learning.

Dr. Shipman often said that his greatest challenge and satisfaction during his academic career came from teaching. In 1979, he initiated the Southern Field Trip Program—an intensive, one-week exposure to forestry and wildlife programs as practiced in southern states. He served as adviser to the Penn State Forestry Society and to Xi Sigma Pi, and was the faculty representative for the student chapter of the Society of American Foresters.

Dr. Shipman was the recipient of numerous professional and academic awards. He was named Forester-of-the-Year in 1975 by the Allegheny Society of American Foresters. In 1982, he received the Award of Merit from the Northeastern Weed Science Society for his contribution in applying environmentally safe herbicides into forest and wildlife habitats. In 1989, he was nominated for the George W. Atherton Award for Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching by the College of Agricultural Sciences at Penn State. He received the Outstanding Service to Forestry Award in 1989 and in 1991 was elected a Fellow in the Society of

American Foresters.

In 1990, the Pennsylvania Forestry Association honored him with Pennsylvania's most prestigious forestry honor, the Joseph T. Rothrock Conservation Award. This award, named after Rothrock, the Father of Forestry in Pennsylvania, is given annually to an individual who has contributed significantly to public recognition of the state's forests and wildlife resources through practical conservation programs. In 1988, a 260-acre area on the state-owned Rothrock Forest in Pennsylvania was named in Shipman's honor. Through his efforts, this forest is currently used by landowners to demonstrate and apply proper forest management practices and as an outdoor laboratory for student instruction.

Dr. Shipman served his community in numerous civic activities. Locally, he was a member of the Centre County Historical Society and the College Township Environmental Council. He served on the Board of Directors of the Clearwater Conservancy where his colleagues honored him with a Life Membership for his many contributions. Dr. Shipman was an active and enthusiastic participant in many of the Arbor Day programs sponsored by the borough of State College. While serving on the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Department, he initiated the Remembrance Tree Program, a tree-planting program that allows

area residents to donate to local parks to celebrate special occasions or to remember a loved one. In 1995, he was cited as Volunteer-of-the-Year for service to the community.

Dr. Shipman's beloved wife, Louella, passed away on March 24, 2001. He is survived by a daughter, Nancy Shipman of Catawissa, PA, and a son, Karl Shipman, of State College, PA.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Clearwater Conservancy of Centre County, 2555 N. Atherton Street, State College, PA 16803. 🌲

The Bond

I found a solace in the silence
Of rocks
Where the eons of time have left
Their destiny

I sense a quiet in the splendor
Of living trees
Whose forms have now become
A part of me

I found a reverence in the cathedral
Of God's great plan
Where each of us must take our place
In certain death

I see the symmetry of His design
In wooded vales
Where ivy twines
With loving force

And though I cannot impart my soul
In rocks and trees
Nor feel the tress of limb and stone
Upon my breast

I can ne'er deny I've found
The Bond
That links my heart
In Eternity

— Robert D. Shipman, 1944

"The Bond" was written by Robert Shipman on December 20, 1944, while bivouacked in a bamboo thicket on the Burma Road during World War II.

Student Resources

Zerbe Named Student Marshal for Fall Commencement

Amy Zerbe, daughter of Debra Spittler of Tremont, PA, was named student marshal for the College of Agricultural Sciences, Fall Semester, 2001. Amy graduated with high distinction in the Wildlife and Fisheries Science program. Her faculty advisor, Dr. Gary San Julian, professor of wildlife resources, accompanied her. Amy received numerous scholarships while at Penn State. She is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society, Xi Sigma Pi honorary fraternity, and Gamma Sigma Delta, an agricultural honor society. Amy participated in Penn State student chapters of The Wildlife Society and the Society of American Foresters. She is a volunteer at Red Creek Wildlife Center in Schuylkill Haven, PA, and Shaver's Creek Environmental Center in Huntingdon County, PA. Amy is now working as an educational coordinator for the Luzerne Conservation District in Shavertown, PA. Her responsibilities include coordinating youth field days with county schools, coordinating the County Environthon, and coordinating farm tours and nature walks, as well as various other environmental education programs. 🌿

2001-2002 College of Agricultural Sciences Scholarships and Awards

The College of Agricultural Sciences awarded \$1,417,851 in scholarships and awards to 582 students for the 2001-2002 academic year. This total includes more than \$118,000 that the School of Forest Resources distributed among ninety-two students, including nine incoming freshmen. Recipients and donors were honored at a banquet on October 23, 2001, at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel in State College.

One of our School's scholarships was newly established in 2000. The **Wood Component Manufacturers Association Scholarship in Forest Resources** will be supported with an annual donation. Consideration for this scholarship shall be given to all graduate and undergraduate students enrolled or planning to enroll in the School of Forest Resources who have achieved superior academic records or who manifest promise of outstanding academic success. Preference shall be given to students who are planning to pursue careers in the wood products industry (preferably secondary wood processing) or who are conducting outstanding research in

Summer and Fall 2001 Commencements

Summer 2001

UNDERGRADUATES

Forest Science

Vincent Distrola, Cy Woodmansee

Wildlife and Fisheries Science

Sara Faust, Bobbi Hoover, Jeannine Kausch, Justin Kosak, Denise Letscher, Stephen Repasky, Patrick Shirey, James Sinclair, Jade Thompson

Wood Products

Dustin Bartron

GRADUATES

Forest Resources

Bruce Lord, Ph.D.

Sanford Smith, Ph.D.

Wildlife and Fisheries Science

Judith Mank, M.S.

Daniel McGarvey, M.S.

Aaron Podey, M.S.

Ecology

Gregory Keller, Ph.D.

Fall 2001

UNDERGRADUATES

Forest Science

Brenden Beaumont, Jonathan Beckley, Julie Brommer, Deric Case, Terra Dillman, Chris Fatzinger, Ryan Gotch, Sarah Guistwite, Timothy Haydt, Neil Itle, Elizabeth Lehman, Wade Renninger, Matthew Scholl, Andrew Sidelinger, Aaron Stottlemeyer, Benjamin Suter, Lindsay Taylor, John Tegley, Samuel Topper, Brian Walls, Scott Whorley

Wildlife and Fisheries Science

Brooke Connell, Randy Hart, Kristopher Kuhn, Lauren Lynch, Jonathan Medsger, La Donna Sifford, Matthew Smith, Gerald Vitale, Curtis Wagner, Willard Wenner, Amy Zerbe

Wood Products

Jeffrey Hirt, Michael Korsak

GRADUATES

Forest Resources

David Despot, M.S.; William Elmendorf, Ph.D.; Angela Happel, M.S.; Zachary Henderson, M.S.

Wildlife and Fisheries Science

Leslie Leckvarcik, M.S.

Ecology

Paul Rodewald, Ph.D.; Caleb Tzilkowski, M.S.

the secondary processing area.

Listed below are the scholarships awarded by the School of Forest Resources and the recipients. The total amount awarded is listed next to the name of the scholarship. The notation immediately following a student's name is an abbreviation for the student's major (FORSC = Forest Science, W F S = Wildlife and Fisheries Science, W P = Wood Products, 2FORT = Forest Technology, 2WLT = Wildlife Technology, ECLGY = Ecology).

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

ROBERT T. BILLIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
\$14,641

Kasey Chaney, FORSC, Venango, PA
Michael Dillman, W P, Lewistown, PA
Matthew Diskin, FORSC, Pittsburgh, PA
Sara Faust, W F S, Conyngham, PA
Joshua Gabert, W P, Newport, PA
Michael Korsak, W P, York, PA
Russ Kotecki, 2WLT, Scottsdale, PA
Jonathan Weaver, FORSC, Denver, PA
Andrew Weber, 2WLT, Pittsburgh, PA
Gregory Zausen, FORSC, Erie, PA
Amy Zerbe, W F S, Tremont, PA

ROBERT BLISS SCHOLARSHIP \$5,554
Christopher Burns, W F S, Nanticoke, PA
Aaron Garver, FORSC, Kirkwood, PA
Evan Rehm, FORSC, Manchester, PA

JAMES CLINTON BURNS SCHOLARSHIP FUND \$1,209
Jessica Gelnett, W F S, Paxtonville, PA

MARK PETTY BUSH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES SCIENCE \$2,360
Benjamin Renner, W F S, Carlisle, PA

CLAIRTON SPORTSMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP IN WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES SCIENCE \$1,000
Scott McConnell, W F S, State College, PA

KEITH A. DAVIES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP \$3,059
Lance Gallagher, W P, Uniontown, PA
Wesley Dunn, W P, Mt. Pleasant, PA

FERGUSON-COPE FORESTRY AWARD \$13,140
Garrick Bryant, W F S, Bernville, PA



"The Reigner Scholarship has helped me to focus my efforts on my classes instead of earning tuition funds during the school year. I am using my scholarship funds to pursue a major in wildlife and fisheries science and minors in agricultural communications and recreational park management. I will use my degree to prepare for a position in conservation journalism, education, or administration."

— Amanda Yeager

Joseph Chavez, W F S, York, PA
Ryan Gotch, FORSC, Hermitage, PA
Jesse Harper, FORSC, Barto, PA
Timothy Haydt, FORSC, Boyertown, PA
Brian Ireland, W F S, Cogan Station, PA
Daniel Kennedy, 2WLT, Uniontown, PA
Lauren Lynch, W F S, Cochran, PA
Daniel McGraw, W P, New Kensington, PA
Matthew Scholl, FORSC, Northampton, PA
Joshua Schrecengost, 2WLT, Dayton, PA
Curtis Wagner, W F S, Chambersburg, PA
Emily Wood, W F S, Damascus, PA

JELD-WEN FOUNDATION \$2,000
Alan Stewart, W P, Kane, PA

KEYSTONE KILN DRYING ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000
Alann Whitmore, W P, North East, PA

KEYSTONE VENEERS SCHOLARSHIP IN WOOD PRODUCTS \$2,000
Kelly Calvert, W P, Trout Run, PA
Jonathan Stank, W P, Winfield, PA

THE ROGER M. LATHAM MEMORIAL GRADUATE
AWARD FUND \$550
Justin Vreeland, W F S, State College, PA

LAUREL HAVEN ENDOWMENT \$500
Nicholas Larson, FORSC, Boyertown, PA

MANN AND PARKER LUMBER COMPANY - ROBERT R. BUSHMAN
SCHOLARSHIP \$500
Brian Beakler, W P, Mt. Wolf, PA

THE CARL I. PETERSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND \$3,652
John Provenzale, W P, Andover, NJ
Casey Townsend, FORSC, Wyalusing, PA
Lisa Zahuranec, W F S, Sharpville, PA

ORPHA KELLY RAPP AND JESSE ROSSITER RAPP '15 MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP FUND \$3,789
Timothy Oldread, W F S, Plainville, MA
Gregory Zausen, FORSC, Erie, PA

ORPHA KELLY RAPP AND JESSE ROSSITER RAPP '15 PRIZE FOR
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE \$3,000
David Boyer, W F S, Stroudsburg, PA

IRVIN C. REIGNER ENDOWMENT \$20,640
Jacob Ault, W F S, Narvon, PA
Lucas Dalenberg, FORSC, Oakland, NJ
Michael Depew, W F S, Norfolk, VA
Carrie Duafala, 2WLT, Beaver Falls, PA

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"I am proud to receive the Keith A. Davies Memorial Scholarship. Receiving one of the many College of Agricultural Sciences scholarships has greatly helped my family. My family is quite large with five children, all of which were in college at the same time at one point. Currently, three of us are at Penn State: Jana at University Park majoring in Food Science, Kara at Fayette Campus majoring in business, and myself at University Park majoring in Wood Products. The three of us are triplets. Scholarships like the Keith A. Davies Memorial Scholarship allow me to work part time and devote more time and energy to my studies as well as other activities within the School of Forest Resources."

— Lance Gallagher

- Jason Erdley**, FORSC, Middleburg, PA
Derald Hay, FORSC, West Chester, PA
Elif Kaynak, W F S, Hummelstown, PA
Elizabeth Kepley, W F S, Lebanon, PA
Robert Lindemuth, FORSC, Mount Carmel, PA
Kevin Lutz, W F S, Robesonia, PA
Jamie Murphy, FORSC, Cleona, PA
Jeremy Murphy, FORSC, Emmitsburg, MD
David Planinsek, FORSC, Latrobe, PA
William Rittenour, FORSC, Langhorne, PA
Ty Ryen, FORSC, Smithmill, PA
Gregory Sanford, 2FORT, Youngsville, PA
Diana Sturrock, W F S, Evans City, PA
Peter Swiatek, W F S, Shickshinny, PA
William Tegyi, W F S, Coopersburg, PA
Stacy Wolbert, W F S, Tionesta, PA
Amanda Yeager, W F S, Wernersville, PA

WILLIAM ALLISON RITCHEY SCHOLARSHIP IN FOREST RESOURCES \$1,817
Ty Ryen, FORSC, Smithmill, PA

SCHOOL OF FOREST RESOURCES SCHOLARSHIP \$3,938

- Casey Townsend**, FORSC, Wyalusing, PA
Travis Deluca, W F S, Saxton, PA
Jeb Miller, 2WLT, Howard, PA
Brock Sanner, FORSC, Spring Mills, PA

FRANK AND LENORE H. SPEAREY SCHOLARSHIP IN FOREST RESOURCES \$10,527

- Wade Brown**, 2FORT, York, PA
Tracey Coulter, FORSC, Mt. Holly Springs, PA
Jason Erdley, FORSC, Middleburg, PA
Levi Gelnett, FORSC, Paxtonville, PA

- Cory Gulvas**, FORSC, DuBois, PA
Joseph Petroski, FORSC, Dauphin, PA
Zachary Wismer, FORSC, Perkasio, PA
William Wood, W P, Elderton, PA

JOHN AND NANCY STEIMER SCHOLARSHIP \$16,937

- Anne Agnew**, FORSC, Conneautville, PA
Joshua Brown, 2WLT, Blairsville, PA
Emily Chapin, W F S, Geneva, PA
Jason Detar, W F S, Falls Creek, PA
William Harlon III, FORSC, Port Royal, PA
Stephen Headley, FORSC, Grove City, PA
Douglas Langford, FORSC, Latrobe, PA
Christy Naugle, FORSC, Manchester, PA

- Michael Spisak, Jr.**, FORSC, Bellefonte, PA
Robin Thompson, W F S, Philadelphia, PA

WILBER W. WARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND \$5,282

- Andrew Fedor**, W F S, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Nathan Herring, FORSC, Schuylkill Haven, PA
Michael Lohr, W F S, Newtown, PA
Alicia McCormick, W F S, Jersey Shore, PA
Virginia Mengel, W F S, Wellsboro, PA
Michael Osmun, W F S, Rockville, MD
Katherine Werner, W F S, Solon, OH

WOOD COMPONENT MANUFACTURER'S ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP IN FOREST RESOURCES \$1,000

- Joshua Gabert**, W P, Newport, PA



"This year I am honored to be the recipient of the John and Nancy Steimer Scholarship. This scholarship is a generous donation for a student in need and I would like to thank those who make the Steimer Scholarship possible. Through scholarships, I have been able to achieve my educational goals and it is nice to know that someone believes in the accomplishments I have made throughout my four years at Penn State. This support encourages me to keep working hard towards graduation in May. With the rising costs of education and books, scholarships have made my college education possible. I'd also like to thank all donors for making scholarships available to students."

— Christy Naugle

School Notes

John Carlson, associate professor of molecular genetics, is a co-investigator on a \$7.4 million grant through the National Science Foundation. The "Floral Genome Project" will investigate the origin, conservation, and diversification of the genetic architecture of the flower, and develop conceptual and real tools for evolutionary functional genomics in plants. The principal investigator for the project is Dr. Claude dePamphilis in the Biology Department at Penn State. Co-investigators from Penn State, the University of Florida, the University of Michigan, the University of Alabama, and Cornell University will work on the project for the next five years. Carlson's high throughput sequencing facilities in the School's Schatz Center for Tree Molecular Genetics will provide the basic information on which the rest of the project is based. The facilities were made possible by a gift from Dr. Louis W. Schatz ('34), part of his \$5.6 million bequest to the School to advance research and training in forest genetics; without the facilities, the project could not have been undertaken at Penn State. One of the key species in the project is the important timber tree *Liriodendron tulipifera*, otherwise known as the tulip- or yellow-poplar. Carlson's personal research interests include this tree, which is not actually a poplar but a member of the evolutionarily important magnolia family.

Kathy Kasubick, staff assistant for academic programs, was recently nominated for the Ella Reagle Staff Assistant

Award. The award was established by the College of Agricultural Sciences to honor and recognize staff assistants who demonstrate outstanding dedication and commitment to the college and their work units.

Gary San Julian, professor of wildlife resources, and **Jim Finley**, associate professor of forest resources, were interviewed on "Take Note," a public affairs interview show (WPSX-TV), on November 21, 2001, to discuss their deer-hunter survey research. Researchers from Penn State and the Pennsylvania Game Commission studied hunters, not deer, in a portion of Sproul State Forest this past hunting season. They used aerial observation, photography, and global positioning units to track deer hunters' movement patterns. The study will provide information to help improve deer management on state forestlands. Penn State and the Game Commission plan to repeat the study during the fall 2002 hunting season.

Two new fliers on Pennsylvania's natural resources have been published for youth: "White-tailed Deer" and "Watersheds." The full-color publications with easy-to-read text can be used in formal and non-formal educational settings. **Gary San Julian**, professor of wildlife ecology, and **Sanford Smith**, natural resources and youth specialist, prepared "White-tailed Deer." **Gino D'Angelo**, a recent alumnus of the School of Forest Resources, provided many of the photographs. **Bryan Swistock**, water resources special-

ist, and Sanford Smith prepared "Watersheds." To preview the publications, go to the College of Agricultural Sciences' publications Web site at <http://pubs.cas.psu.edu/>, click "Search" and enter "From the Woods."

Julianne Schieffer (extension urban forester, Montgomery County) will receive an award from the National Arbor Day Foundation for the highly successful "Growing Your Future" program that she and Mindy Maslin (Pennsylvania Horticultural Society) developed and have conducted for three years. It is an all-day career day program for eighth graders, mostly minorities, in Philadelphia schools. It is a hands-on program by which students meet natural resource professionals and consider career choices.

Al Sullivan, director of the School of Forest Resources from 1988 to 1993, has announced that he will relinquish his current position as dean of the College of Natural Resources at the University of Minnesota at the beginning of the next academic year in September 2002. Having served as dean for almost ten years, he writes, "My decision is driven by a desire for new personal directions, a more flexible schedule allowing additional time with my wife, Dorothy, and our family, and more time in the great outdoors. Beginning next September, I will be on administrative leave pursuing professional study and determining post-administrative directions."

A Tribute to Dr. Robert McDermott



Dr. Robert E. McDermott died Oct. 31, 2001, at home in Harrisburg at age 81. In 1959, he was professor of forestry at the University of Missouri and was appointed professor of forestry and head of the Department of Forest Management in the School of Forestry at Penn State. He taught forest range management and forest recreation, and conducted research on forest ecology and forest physiology. He became assistant director in 1965 when the School was renamed School of Forest Resources. In 1966, Dr. McDermott became associate dean for administration at the Penn State Graduate School. He then served as provost of Penn State Harrisburg from 1972 through 1978, and retired there in June 1983 as professor emeritus of environmental and health systems.

Dr. McDermott was also a former associate director of the Forest Service's Pinchot Institute for Conservation Studies, and a former dean and professor of botany at the University of Arkansas. He was a graduate of Iowa State University (1943 B.S. and 1947 M.S.) and Duke University, where he received a doctorate in botany in 1952. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the Navy in the South Pacific.

Dr. Henry Gerhold, professor of forest genetics, recalls some of Dr. McDermott's favorite sayings: "even a blind hog finds an acorn once in awhile"; "just pretend you're big, fat, dumb, and happy"; and "here's a big, wet kiss for you." Memorial donations may be made to Tressler Lutheran Services, Adoption Services Unit, 836 S. George St., York, PA 17403-3124, or to Holy Name of Jesus School, 6150 Allentown Boulevard, Harrisburg, PA 17112.

Alumni Resources



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President's Message



Stanley R. Rapp '52

Many of us are old enough to remember exactly what we were doing on Pearl Harbor Day, 60 years ago, let alone what we were doing on September 11. Osama bin Laden's acts were a personification of evil; the unthinkable is now thinkable. This person has

misjudged America.

This new uncertainty will not adversely affect our Alumni Group or its resources. Please let me thank the many of you who make up our whole, and those of you who are the cutting edge of our programs. Most of our talent and its use can be traced back to our superb liberal arts and technical education at Penn State. Let's review some of our current projects.

The centennial of the founding of the Mont Alto Forest Academy is still scheduled for 2003, so mark your calendar for a year and a half from now. **Paul Shogren '51** is our representative on the organizing committee, and says that we can expect specific dates to be announced in the summer RESOURCES issue. Give Paul a call (home 301-334-1386) if you have suggestions or questions on this planned, historical happening.

The Awards and Recognition Committee, chaired by **Terry Harrison '77** (I am an *ex officio* member), has announced the selection of three School of Forest Resources Outstanding Alumni for 2002: **David Spencer '37**, **Robert Rumpf '49**, and **Edward Kocjancic '54**. This is the top professional kudo that our Alumni Group confers, and will be publicly presented at our annual awards banquet on Friday, April 19, at the Toftrees Resort and Conference Center in State College. Peter Pinchot of the Pinchot Institute for Conservation will be our keynote speaker. Don't miss this fun evening with alumni and friends. Then, kick up your heels a little, stay the night, and attend the annual Blue-White football game on Saturday, April 20, with Joe P. and the rest of us.

Ben Tresselt '63, chair of our Urban Forestry Committee, reports progress on development of curriculum modification recommendations for the arboriculture career specialty.

My personal favorite, the alumni chat room project, is on course. We are dependent on the university system for contract-

ing and personnel services for the needed software expansion. Our glacial speed will eventually yield a result that will enable us to talk to each other in real time—well worth waiting for.

So, my alumni friends, it's a new year and we must move ahead, and continue to "do our business." **Please take the time to complete and return the enclosed ballot for elections to our board of directors.** The homeland defense emergency reminds me that our group is a good one, and we have good people in it. We human beings need structure, simply to be human, and to serve the greater good. A seamless web seems to exist between ecology, economics, and the politics in the forest resources milieu. As individuals and as a top professional group, we can continue to strive to make sense of this reality and thus a difference in our communities, in our country, and in the world.

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Employment Success of School of Forest Resources Alumni

For more than two 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. The most recent of these surveys is that of the Class of 1999-00.

In August 2001, we mailed an employment survey to the Class of 1999-00; that is, those students who graduated with a B.S. degree from the School of Forest Resources between August 1999 and May 2000. The survey was sent to 39 Forest Science (FORSC) alumni, 71 Wildlife and Fisheries Science (WFS) alumni, and 15 Wood Products (WP) alumni. We attempted to contact all non-respondents by phone or e-mail. The total survey response rate (mail survey plus follow-up) was 87% for FORSC, 85% for WFS, 73% for WP, and 84% overall.

The number of FORSC alumni employed in public forest management a year or so after graduation had been increasing steadily (17% of the Class of 1996-97, 26% of the Class of 1997-98, and 47% of the Class of 1998-99) but

dropped back to 17% for the Class of 1999-00. Of the six FORSC alumni employed in public-sector forestry, three were in Pennsylvania (one of these had a seasonal job) and the others were in Maryland, New York, and Kentucky. The average annual salary for public forest management positions for the Class of 1999-00 was \$27,500, based on four reported salaries.

The number of FORSC alumni employed in the private sector rose again after a period of decline (30% of the Class of 1996-97, 13% of the Class of 1997-98, and 14% for the Class of 1998-99) to 21% for the Class of 1999-00. All private-sector positions reported by the Class of 1999-00 were in Pennsylvania, as they were for the Class of 1997-98 and the Class of 1998-99. The average annual salary for private-sector positions was \$26,250, based on four reported salaries.

FORSC alumni pursuing additional education had increased from 11% for the Class of 1996-97 to 28% for the Class of 1997-98, dropped back to 11% for the Class of 1998-99, and declined further to 6 percent for the Class of 1999-00. Blue-collar employment for FORSC graduates from the Class of 1999-00 was significantly high at 21%. Since 1985-86, when employment data was first calculated by major, blue-collar employment for FORSC alumni has only been in double digits three times: 12.5% for the Class of 1985-86, 20% for the Class of 1992-93, and now 21% for the Class of 1999-00. In total, 79% of the FORSC graduates from the Class of 1999-00 were using their degrees in professional pursuits.

W F S alumni employed in wildlife/fisheries management had declined from 26% for Class of 1996-97, to 16% for the Class of 1997-98, to 13% for the Class of 1998-99, and rose to 18% for the Class of 1999-00. Seven of the eleven wildlife/fisheries jobs reported by Class of 1999-00 W F S alumni were in Pennsylvania, and the others were in Maryland, Colorado, Hawaii, and Alaska. Only two were seasonal or internship positions. The average annual salary for wildlife/fisheries management positions for the Class of 1999-00 was \$25,500, based on five reported salaries.

Blue-collar employment for W F S graduates remained low, dropping from 19% for the Class of 1997-98 to 6% for the Class of 1998-99 and rising only to 10% for the Class of 1999-00. W F S graduates had a lower percentage of alumni in blue-collar employment than FORSC or W P graduates from the Class of 1999-00. The average annual salary for blue-collar employment for all alumni of the Class of 1999-00 was \$20,800, based on three reported salaries.

Nearly a third of the W F S graduates from the Class of 1999-00 were in general resource management positions—the highest ever since employment by major was first calculated in 1985-86. The average annual salary for W F S and FORSC alumni in general resource management positions was \$28,200, based on fifteen reported salaries.

The percentage of W F S alumni pursuing additional education increased from 8% for the Class of 1996-97 to 19% for the Class of 1997-98 to 20% for the Class of 1998-99 and was 16% for the Class of 1999-00. In total, 89% of the W F S graduates from the Class of 1999-00 were using their degrees in

various professional pursuits.

Employment of W P graduates in the Class of 1999-00 was poorer than it has been in recent years. Only 36% of the W P alumni from the Class of 1999-00 were employed in management, engineering, or sales in the wood products industry; one of those jobs was in North Carolina and the rest (three) were in Pennsylvania. The average annual salary for alumni in wood-products positions was \$32,500, based on two reported salaries. Overall, 78% of the Wood Products graduates from 1999-00 were engaged in professional ventures (down from 94 percent for the Class of 1997-98 and 86% for the Class of 1998-99), including 18% who were pursuing additional education. 🐾

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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.

Alumni Notes

1930s

Ernest Karger, 1932 – Mr. Karger died June 5, 2001, at the age of 92 in Lakewood, Colorado. Grand nephew **Ned Karger '79** sent us the following news: "Ernest Karger began his career with the U.S. Forest Service in 1933, serving as a crew foreman at CCC Camp #1 at Duhring, Pennsylvania, and served in various positions on the Allegheny National Forest. He served throughout the late 1930s and 1940s as an assistant ranger, district ranger, and assistant forest supervisor on the Washington and Jefferson national forests in Virginia. Ernie spent most of the 1950s at the USFS Regional Office in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, working with State and Private Forestry, regional fire control, and personnel management. He retired from the USFS in 1970 after spending more than ten years at the Rocky Mountain Regional Office in Denver, Colorado, as head of the Division of Personnel Management.

Ernie married Marion Daggs in 1933 and they had three children. He spent his retirement years in Colorado and traveled throughout the United States. He always spoke fondly of his years at Penn State and his career in forestry. Many were inspired by his knowledge and dedication to forestry.

A memorial service was held in September in Duhring, Pennsylvania, under towering pine and hardwood trees that Ernie had planted and nurtured during the early years of his career. Memorial contributions can be made to the Penn State School of Forest Resources Building Fund."

Jacob L. "Jake" Brown, 1937 – Mr. Brown died October 3, 2001, in Bremerton, Washington. Classmate **Alex Kirnak '37** sent us the following news: "After graduation in 1937, Jake worked in the logging industry in the Northwest for Potlach Forests in Idaho, and Ozette Timber Company and Weyerhaeuser Timber Company in Washington state. During WWII, Jake served in the U.S. Army in the European theater.

A promising career was abruptly ended in 1955 when a deadly encephalitis

virus struck him down. It left him a paraplegic with the loss of intelligible speech and hearing, along with other complications.

During his long travail, he maintained his jolly disposition, his contagious smile, and serene perspective. He never complained."

James E. Wilkinson, Jr., 1939 – 125 Tremont St., Barre, VT 05641; jbwilkinson@pshift.com. "I will miss hearing from and seeing Larry Nielsen at SAF meetings. The SFR Alumni Group, hopefully, will have a role to play in the selection of a new director. Use your influence! I did not plan to attend the SAF convention in 2001 at Denver. Hope the way will be clear to attend the one in North Carolina in 2002, but I'm getting a bit 'elderly' for that activity and travel. My term on the UVM-SNR advisory board ends soon. Not likely to be extended—but I'll wait and see. They are having BIG problems at UVM right now: restructuring, searching for new president, severe budget problems, etc. Salaam, Shalom, Peace!"

1940s

Edwin A. Friend, Jr. 1948 – 820 West Riverview Drive, Suffolk, VA 23434-4930.

Calvin F. Glattfelder, 1949 – Unit 803, 6240 Reserve Center, Naples, FL 34119-4233. "Lib and I visited the campus in September 2001 with our Naples alum chapter members. Had a wonderful weekend (except for the Miami game). We had a nice reunion lunch in Carlisle with two longtime friends and associates, **Bob Rumpf '49** and **Art Oplinger '62** and his wife Toni. I toured Ferguson. It's seen a lot of wear and tear since I first saw it on Nov. 1, 1943. Definitely time for the new building!"

1950s

George M. Ference, 1950 – 141 Osprey Place, Brunswick, GA 31525-4612; gandjfer@darientel.net.

James E. Dewey, 1951 – Mr. Dewey died

in August 2000 and we listed him "In Memoriam" in our Summer 2001 newsletter. **Paul Shogren '51** recently sent us his classmate's obituary, from which the following is taken: "After graduating with his B.S. in Forestry, Jim immediately went to work for the Pennsylvania State Department of Forests and Waters, supervising timber sales. In April 1952, he returned to Missoula, Montana, for his second year as a smokejumper. In March 1953, he received permanent appointment to the U.S. Forest Service, starting at Priest Lake District, Kaniksa National Forest. He served subsequent districts at Clark Fort, Idaho, and Noxon, Montana, and then was sent to the Coram District Flathead National Forest in 1956. In 1959 he was appointed district ranger of the Spotted Bear Ranger District and in 1960 he was transferred to the Elk City Ranger District, Nez Perce National Forest. From 1963 to 1971, he worked as a forester on the Recreation and Lands Staff of the Nez Perce National Forest. In 1971 he was appointed ranger of the Canyon Ranger District of the Clearwater National Forest. From 1974 to 1983, Jim worked on the Palouse Ranger District of the Clearwater Forest as resource assistant, where he retired after thirty-two years of service. Jim then worked as a consulting forester for many years, ten of which he worked for the Hash Tree Company at Princeton, Idaho. Throughout almost fifty years as a forester, Jim always liked his work, especially working with loggers, road builders, miners, and recreationists. His favorite task was public land corner perpetuation and running property lines. Securing native Christmas trees under the Hash Company permit was also a job he loved to do. It was his great reward to see that timber stands recovered naturally. The family suggests memorials be made to the American Diabetes Association, Hospice of the Palouse, or to a charity of the donor's choice."

Paul W. Shogren, 1951 – 1638 Memorial Drive, Oakland, MD 21550-4337; Shogren@gcnet.net. "As **Joe Gray '48** has been in Maine, I have become involved in our Western Maryland 4-H Education

Center development as member of the newly formed board of directors. Joe sent me info, which I have used. I am still Scouting and recently was "Voice of the Eagle" in an Eagle Court of Honor ceremony; wore my 1945 Eagle badge for the occasion. Am part of a group publishing oral histories of WWII and Korean War generations in Garrett County. Our WWII history will be finished in May 2002. All Mont Alto foresters: do not forget the Mont Alto centennial in 2003."

Thomas A. Breslin, 1957 – 45 Stone Church Road, Berwick, PA 18603-6501; tomb@pcspower.net.

Robert J. Devlin, 1958 – 46 NW Bella Vista Ave., Gresham, OR 97030.

1960s

William C. "Bill" Wentzel, 1966 – 105 Country Lane, Waynesburg, PA 15370-9510.

1970s

David Babyak, 1971 – 33 Moretti Road, Indiana, PA 15701-7632.

William C. Bankoske, 1972 – 310 S. Howard Avenue, Dallastown, PA 17313-2013; wbankoske@state.pa.us. "In August 2001, I completed twenty-seven years with the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. Currently work in database management and forecasting section of the Bureau of Logistics in Harrisburg."

Robert "Bob" Chappell, 1975 - 942 Mikell Drive, Charleston, SC 29412; Robert.Chappell@USACE.ARMY.MIL. "I thought the last issue of RESOURCES was rather interesting in that folks are still pondering the existence of the Pennsylvania mountain lion. Some articles I read claim they were extinct by the turn of the century but our family has experienced otherwise. When I was a small boy, my father, brother, and I were hiking in the Poconos (Bruce Lake, I believe) and we stopped to look at the mountain lion tracks in the fresh mud. I

was kind of young at the time but my father was a naturalist so I took his word for that. More recently, a lady in Butler County saw a mountain lion staring at her from her backyard shrubbery. That made all the news in Pittsburgh. That event took place 15-20 years ago while I was still working in Steeler Country.

My brother in Pike County told me that just last summer his wife saw one late at night, crossing the road in the headlights. He said she described the color accurately, with a long, thick tail, and a lot closer to the ground than a deer. He doesn't doubt her. He tells me that numerous times, particularly in the summer when there is more cover, he has sensed something watching him in the woods. If it were a bear, he would find or see it or perhaps smell it (he says bears smell like a wet dog). He's found scat several times that did not resemble bear, but was not any other predator, and it contained deer hair. He says that most locals who spend time in the woods will tell you that there is at least a remnant population.

My closest encounter might have come when hiking at night in Susquehanna County. Heard a sound like a saw being pulled through thin sheet metal and the friend I was with said it was a large cat. Never heard that sound before in my life but sure wish I had seen what made it. Guess I'll never know for sure.

We have plenty of sightings here in South Carolina, but most folks don't believe it. Hard to discount personal eyewitness accounts though on James Island, Johns Island, and Kiawah Island. I guess what we need is some Army Ranger types to go out in to the woods with cameras for weeks on end and wait until one shows up. It has to happen eventually. After all, look how many photos we have of Bigfoot."

Marsha E. Kearney, 1978 – 7144 Shady Grove Way, Tallahassee, FL 32312-8082.

1980s

Stephen D. Bertsch, 1980 – 622 Wallace Drive, Wayne, PA 19087-1912.

Audrey Brown, 1987g - Spinners, Manor Farm, Haunton, Staffordshire, England B79 9HN; abrown@nationalforest.org. "Steve and I moved at the end of May. We now live in a converted barn, which is originally 300 years old but was converted to a house about eleven years ago. It is in a lovely, quiet location, in a very small village about six miles from work and we are looking forward to our first Christmas there. Only drawback is a rather small garden (the last house had a huge garden) but I

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In Memoriam

Robert E. McDermott
died October 31, 2001

Robert D. Shipman
died October 19, 2001

Harold P. Smith, 1926
died April 29, 2001

Ernest M. Karger, 1932
died June 5, 2001

Frank S. Sharp, 1932
died May 30, 2001

Brooke R. Davis, 1933
died August 6, 2001

Russell E. Rea, 1933
died June 23, 2001

Louis W. Schatz, 1934
Corrected date of passing:
September 22, 2001

Jacob L. "Jake" Brown, Jr., 1937
died October 3, 2001

Louis H. Kuhns, 1939
information received July 2001

John F. Ewers, 1949
died February 2000

Arthur E. Promis, 1949
died March 27, 2001

John S. Detwiler, 1950 and 1953g
died December 20, 2000

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console myself by saying I don't have time to look after a large garden. Also, the dog is nearly 13 so she doesn't need so much space to run around in! The farmer's field behind us is handy, though!

Work (at The National Forest Company) is very busy, mainly as I had to cover for staff absences over the summer and am trying to catch up with things that I didn't get around to doing. Not enough hours in the day.

I have taken up competitive Masters swimming and train at least twice a week (would be more if I had time).

Obviously, I couldn't not mention the tragic events of 11th September. It affected us in the UK probably more than many people would realize, perhaps because of the economic links. Having stood at the top of the World Trade Center in New York, I honestly couldn't believe what I was hearing when the news came on the radio. I really was shocked. I think it has made people re-evaluate things and realize how trivial other matters really are."

1990s

Michael Wolf, 1994 – Huntingdon County Cooperative Extension, RR4 Box

167B6, FGD Rd., Huntingdon, PA 16652. I recently accepted a position with Penn State Cooperative Extension in Forest Resources. My wife Tara and I have a two-year-old daughter named Jordan, and we are expecting another child in May. My office phone number is (814) 472-7986."

Douglas Savor, 1996, and (**Michele Grazioli**, 1996) – 1826 Lakeside Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814; eyedahhoe@netzero.net. "After graduation, I went to work for the U.S. Forest Service on the Allegheny National Forest. I spent the summer marking and cruising timber. After that season was over, I moved out West and worked a season on the Wenatchee National Forest in Washington. I worked in timber, and when the summer heated up, I had a chance to fight fire. When that season was over, I was engaged to my longtime friend, **Michele Grazioli '96**. After the two of us had bounced around the country working for a few different national forests, we were lucky enough to be offered positions on the Idaho Panhandle National Forest for the 1999 season. Again, I split my time with timber and fire fighting, and Michele worked for the wildlife and fisheries biologists.

It is now 2002 and we are both still on the same forest and living in beautiful

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. After four years as a temporary, seasonal in timber with the U.S. Forest Service, I was offered a permanent position as a wildland firefighter. I am one of two Initial Attack Module supervisors on the Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District. Supervising a crew of firefighters and chasing fires throughout the forest (and even other states) has made the summers disappear. Even though the hours are long and the work is difficult, the reward of being able to watch nature at its fiercest is incredible.

Michele has also been drawn into the world of wildland fire. After spending a few summers at the local air tanker base as an initial attack dispatcher, she was offered a position as fire prevention technician where she spreads the word of being careful with fires as well as offering a helping hand to Smokey Bear.

Michele and I are very happy with our careers on the Panhandle and look forward to making wedding arrangements for September 2002. Hopefully the fire season will oblige us with a few days off."

Dylan Dillaway, 1999 – 38 Gregory Branch, Hazard, KY 41701.

Adam Downing 1999g - HC7, Box 125, Madison, VA 22727; adowning@vt.edu. "I'm with Virginia Cooperative Extension now." 🌲

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

The School of Forest Resources Alumni Group Board of Directors includes twelve 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 2002; 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 15, 2002.

Joseph "Joe" E. Barnard ('60 FOR, '63g FOR)

I graduated from Penn State with a B.S. in Forestry in 1960 and an M.S. in Forest Ecology in 1963. I retired from the USDA Forest Service in 1996 after thirty-five years in the research division where I specialized in forest inventory and forest health issues. I have authored over sixty research publications and was the national manager of the Forest Health Monitoring Program

when I retired. In 1998, I became the part-time executive director of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association (PFA), serving in that position until October 2000. For the past fifteen years, I have been a member of the External Committee of the Goddard Chair of Forestry at Penn State. I am a life member of the PFA and currently serve on its board of directors.

I have received numerous professional awards including a 1989 excellence award for technology transfer and the Secretary of Agriculture's Superior Service Award in 1983. I am a recipient of the Rothrock Conservationist of the Year Award from the PFA and was named the Forester of the Year in 1982 by the Allegheny Section, Society of American Foresters. I have been listed in Longman's WHO'S WHO IN SCIENCE. Currently, my wife Phyllis and I reside in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. We are active with our family, church, and forestry interests. We are the parents of five married children and grandparents to twelve grandchildren.

Shannon W. Henry ('93 FORSC)

I received my B.S. in Forest Science from Penn State in 1993. While at Penn State, I was an active member of the PSU Forestry Society and the Woodsman Team, as well as Tau Phi Delta fraternity. I have held various positions in the forest industry, in procurement and stewardship planning, and began my state career with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry in 1995 as a forest technician. In 1997, I assumed my current role as Forest Program Manager for the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs/Pennsylvania National Guard, in which I am responsible for forest management planning, forestry practices, and activities on over 17,000 acres at Fort Indiantown Gap and over 100 other Pennsylvania National Guard sites. I also have established a forestry consulting service, Silvix, through which I provide forest management and stewardship services to private landowners. I enjoy hunting and fishing, among other outdoor activities. My wife and I, along with our dog, spend as much time hiking and enjoying Pennsylvania's forests as we can.

J. Theodore "Ted" Jensen ('50 FOR)

I was born, raised, and live in my hometown of Jenkintown, Pennsylvania. I graduated from Germantown Academy and spent WWII with the U.S. Marine Corps in the Pacific theater of operations. After discharge, as a Corporal, I attended Penn State and graduated in February 1950 with a B.S. in Forestry. I returned to work, part-time, after my wife's death and have children and grandchildren living in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and Tucson, Arizona. Most of my working life has been spent in sales of forest products and automotive fire apparatus. Former and present "outside" activities include eight years as an elected municipal borough councilman with two years as president of that board. I was also a four-term, sixteen-year, elected mayor of Jenkintown, Pennsylvania; former vice president of the local branch of the American Red Cross; former member of my church council; and have spent sixty years as a volunteer fireman with twelve years as chief of company. Other activities include chair of the local Shade Tree Commission, and election to and membership on our local government Study Commission and Recreation Board. Other interests include travel, visiting the children and grandchildren, photography, ornithology, light-houses, gardening, and the Internet.

Gregory "Greg" M. Schrum ('67 FOR T, '69g FOR R)

I started my forestry studies at Mont Alto in 1963, received my B.S. in 1967, and received my M.S. in 1969. My graduate studies at Penn State were under the direction of Dr. Henry Gerhold and involved the genetic variations of Christmas tree characteristics in Scotch pine. I am a member of Xi Sigma Pi honorary forestry fraternity and Tau Phi Delta fraternity, where I was treasurer and president. I am also a member of the Society of American Foresters and the Pennsylvania Forestry Association, where I serve on the Communications Committee. As an Army First Lieutenant, I served in Vietnam. I have worked for the Pennsylvania Bureau of State Parks for the past twenty-nine years. My present position is Chief, Division of Resource Management and Planning, and I am responsible for directing the management of the natural resources and facility development in the

116 state parks. In addition to the state parks, I worked to create a totally new program area of Conservation Areas, which will soon total three—the first one being the Joseph E. Ibberson Conservation Area in Dauphin County.

Robert "Bob" B. Uglow ('95 W P)

I graduated from Penn State in 1995 with a degree in Wood Products, Business and Marketing option. My hometown is North East, a town outside of Erie, Pennsylvania. I am a hardwood lumber trader for Baillie Lumber Company, Hamburg, New York. When selling hardwoods, I travel mostly to furniture manufacturers in the western United States (California to Washington), and the prairie provinces of Canada (Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, etc.). Buying lumber takes me mostly to Canadian sawmills in western Ontario. I had the opportunity to work for Baillie during an internship between my junior and senior years at Penn State, and have been working for them since graduation.

Lowell T. Underhill* ('56 FOR)

A native of Pennsylvania, I received a B.S. degree in Forestry from Penn State in 1956. After graduation, I joined The Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company in Fredericksburg, Virginia, before entering the U.S. Army and serving in Korea. After being discharged in 1958, I returned to Glatfelter and was transferred to Seaford, Delaware, where I was responsible for timber management on the Delmarva Peninsula. In 1960, I joined E.I. duPont de Nemours and Company. During my 36-year career with DuPont, I held a variety of supervisory, managerial, and staff positions in manufacturing, process control, and human resources with assignments in Seaford and Wilmington, Delaware, and Martinsville, Virginia. I was Principal Consultant - Compensation when I retired in 1996.

After retirement I obtained certification in professional photography from the New York Institute of Photography. I currently serve on the board of directors of the Delaware Nature Society with responsibilities on board committees dealing with personnel, land management, and fund development.

I am involved in the St. Paul's Methodist Church Habitat for Humanity program and serve as a technician for the church's soundsystem.

My wife Lois, also a Penn Stater, and I have been married for forty-two years and we reside in Wilmington, Delaware. Four of our five children are also Penn State graduates. 🐾

Correction

An error was made in the description of the new School of Forest Resources Outstanding Recent Alumni Award that appeared in the Fall 2001 issue of RESOURCES on page 18. Only one award will be made each year at the annual meeting of the School of Forest Resources Alumni Group (not "between zero and four awards" as incorrectly printed in the last newsletter). All School of Forest Resources alumni who have graduated in the previous ten years are eligible. Nominations are due by November 30, 2002. Up to four alumni may also be recognized annually as School of Forest Resources Outstanding Alumni.

Come to our Annual Meeting!

The annual banquet and meeting of the School of Forest Resources Alumni Group will be held in conjunction with Blue-White weekend, April 19-20, 2002, at Toftrees Resort and Conference Center in State College.

The Director's Reception will begin at 5:30 p.m. on April 19 followed by the banquet at 6:30 p.m. at which we will honor three School of Forest Resources Outstanding Alumni for 2002: **David Spencer '37, Robert Rumpf '49, and Edward Kocjancic '54.** Profiles of these award recipients will be published in our next newsletter. **The deadline for banquet reservations is April 12.**

A block of rooms has been reserved at Toftrees for overnight lodging; the rooms will be held only until March 20, so please make your reservations by that date.

Saturday activities include a campus tour and the Blue-White football game.

Friday, April 19, 2002

Toftrees Resort and Conference Center

4 - 5:30 p.m.	SFR Alumni Group Board of Directors Meeting (in Library 1)
5:30 p.m.	Director's Reception (in Le Papillon)
6:30 p.m.	SFR Alumni and Friends Banquet and School of Forest Resources 95th Anniversary Celebration (in Le Papillon), Outstanding alumni awards. Guest speaker: Peter Pinchot, director of the Milford Experimental Forest in northeastern Pennsylvania. <i>Banquet is limited to first 300 registrants. Dinner is \$25 per person and will feature roasted pork tenderloin. If you prefer a vegetarian meal instead, please indicate that on the registration form.</i>

Saturday, April 20, 2002

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Walking tour of "Ag Hill," the library, and the student union.
Early afternoon	Blue-White football game. Free admission. Time to be announced.

Hotel Accommodations

A block of rooms has been reserved at Toftrees Resort and Conference Center in State College at a special group rate of \$90, single or double occupancy. To reserve a room in the block, contact Toftrees directly and mention our group reservation code, 2-FRA. Rooms in the block must be reserved by March 20. You must guarantee your room by sending one night's deposit or providing an accepted credit card number. It is recommended that all guest rooms be guaranteed for late arrival. Check-in time will begin at 4 p.m. (earlier if rooms are ready) and check-out time is 11 a.m.

Toftrees Resort and Conference Center
One Country Club Lane
(Rt. 322, Mt. Nittany Expressway, Toftrees Exit)
State College, PA 16803-2099
814-234-8000 or toll-free at 800-458-3602

For more information about this School of Forest Resources alumni event, contact Ellen Manno, 814-863-5831; exr2@psu.edu.

Peter Pinchot, director of the Milford Experimental Forest, a joint project of the U.S. Forest Service, the Pinchot Institute for Conservation, and the Pinchot Family, will be our banquet speaker. Located in northeastern Pennsylvania, the 1,400-acre experimental forest has a dual focus of onsite biodiversity restoration and community-based forest conservation in the Upper Delaware watershed. Mr. Pinchot is a founding board member and now board chairman of the Pinchot Institute for Conservation, a policy institute focusing on sustainable forestry, ecosystem management, and collaborative problem-solving, with offices in Washington, D.C., and Milford, Pennsylvania. Peter Pinchot is Gifford Pinchot's grandson.

SFR Alumni Group Annual Meeting Registration Form

Name(s) _____	Class year _____
Address _____	Phone _____
_____	Fax _____ E-mail _____

Do you wish to go on a campus tour Saturday morning, April 20 (9:30 - 10:30 a.m.)? YES NO

Number of vegetarian dinners requested: # _____

Total amount enclosed for banquet dinners (\$25 per person; special rate for full-time Penn State students is \$12 per student): \$ _____

Make check payable to PENN STATE, write "SFR Alumni Banquet" in memo portion of check, and remit to: Ellen Manno, Penn State, School of Forest Resources, 201B Ferguson Building, University Park, PA 16802.

Banquet reservation deadline is April 12. Room reservation deadline at Toftrees is March 20.

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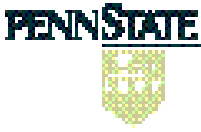
RESPONSE FORM

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. All contributions to the University, including contributions to alumni organizations, must be sent directly to the University office in One Old Main. That office will then forward the contribution to the unit for which it is designated. 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. You will receive a receipt, and your contribution will be tax deductible. Contributions should be sent directly to: The Pennsylvania State University, One Old Main, University Park, PA 16802.

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

- I have sent a contribution for the SFR Alumni Group in the amount of \$ _____ to The Pennsylvania State University, One Old Main, University Park, PA 16802. The contribution is made payable to "Penn State" and designated for the School of Forest Resources Alumni Group.
- I would like the following news to be included in an upcoming newsletter. To submit news online, go to <http://www.sfr.cas.psu.edu>, click on "Alumni and Friends" and then on "Contribute News."

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| March 4–5 | Workshop: Improving Wood Products Profitability Using Specialized Software. Contact: Danielle Young, 814-863-1113 or dxy8@psu.edu . |
| March 4–7 | Short Course: Hardwood Lumber Grading. Contact: Danielle Young, 814-863-1113 or dxy8@psu.edu . |
| April 8–12 | Short Course: Wood Products Industry Executive Development Program. Contact: Danielle Young, 814-863-1113 or dxy8@psu.edu . |
| April 19–20 | Alumni Event: Annual banquet and meeting of the School of Forest Resources Alumni Group and Blue-White weekend. Registration information included on page 18 of this newsletter. Contact: Ellen Manno, 814-863-5831 or exr2@psu.edu . |
| April 20 | Blue-White game at Beaver Stadium. Time to be announced. |
| April 29–30 | Workshop: Hardwood Log Grading. Contact: Danielle Young, 814-863-1113 or dxy8@psu.edu . |
| April 29–30 | Workshop: Conflict Resolution. Contact: Danielle Young, 814-863-1113 or dxy8@psu.edu . |
| May 6–9 | Short Course: Kiln Drying of Lumber. Contact: Danielle Young, 814-863-1113 or dxy8@psu.edu . |
| May 15–16 | Workshop: Watershed Assessment and Monitoring. Contact: Danielle Young, 814-863-1113 or dxy8@psu.edu . |
| May 20–21 | Workshop: Principles of Wetland Design. Contact: Danielle Young, 814-863-1113 or dxy8@psu.edu . |

