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Students Taught To Appreciate Hunting

There was a time not so long ago when most wildlife management students were hunters, and their early involvement with and appreciation for the outdoors drove them to careers working with nature.

Even the celebrated father of modern wildlife ecology and management, Aldo Leopold, was a devoted hunter who approached conservation with a hunting perspective. He used



Dr. Gary San Julian (left) points out the details of the action on this firearm.

to say that any experience that reminded us of our “dependency on the soil-plant-animal-man food chain” was a valuable one.

How things have changed! Today, many wildlife-management and natural-resources students – indeed most Americans – have lost all sense of connection to the land. Just five percent of the U.S. population hunts, and young wildlife-management professionals have trouble relating to the hunters on whom they heavily rely to control populations of large mammals such as deer and bears.

It’s a development that Leopold – dead almost six decades now – would deplore, and it troubles Gary San Julian, professor of wildlife resources. Working with Duane Diefenbach, adjunct associate professor of wildlife, colleagues in wildlife management at other educational institutions, and the Pennsylvania Game Commission, he decided to do something about it.

In consultation with faculty at the University of Wisconsin at Madison – coincidentally the institution where Leopold was a professor for many years – San Julian established a program to expose students learning to be wildlife managers to hunting,

similar to one offered by the University of Wisconsin for more than a decade. “Awhile back, I realized that few of my students had any direct connection to the land,” he said. “It is not that we are trying to turn them into hunters, but since hunting is the most important wildlife management tool, they need to have an understanding of its role.”

This fall, after offering the program in Pennsylvania for two years, San Julian took eighteen students from the School of Forest Resources – more than half of them women – to the Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation in Dundee, Illinois, thirty miles from Chicago. There they, along with twenty wildlife management students from the University of Wisconsin at Madison and the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point, experienced four days of intensive training.

At McGraw, which provided generous financial support for the program, students attended sessions on the ethics, morality, role and responsibility of hunters, along with gun and hunter safety, skeet shooting, and even pheasant hunting. Lessons taught in the course include, “Who Hunts and Why,” “The Biological Basis for Hunting,” “The Role of Hunting in Wildlife Management and Conservation,” “The Ethics and Morality of Hunting,” “The Responsibilities of a Hunter,” “The Role of Hunting in Society,” and “Reflections on the Hunt.”

“It’s not that all students are anti-hunting – although some of them are,” says San Julian, who incidentally is an avid hunter. “Most of them just don’t have an appreciation of the role of hunting – they don’t hunt because they never had the



Students wait to advance to their next station on the skeet range.

A newsletter for our alumni and friends

opportunity. It's part of the social fabric of our culture, and in the line of work they will be going into, it's vital that they realize that. We wanted to establish a program that would help students understand the role hunting plays in wildlife management."

After earning their hunter-safety certificates, when it came time to try their hand at pheasant hunting, not every student participated. "Nobody was pressured or forced to go hunting, but most of us did," says Amy Carrozzino of Milroy, Pennsylvania, a senior majoring in wildlife and fisheries science. The 21-year-old former president of the Penn State Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society did not kill a bird, but she enjoyed the experience.

"I grew up in a suburban area and I had no exposure to hunting," she says. "I was never really against it, but I was uninformed. I realize now that I was at a disadvantage not knowing what hunting was all about. I plan to work in wildlife management, so I think this will help me in my career. The course taught me a lot and it was a great experience."

Leslie Jones, a senior majoring in environmental resource management, was strongly opposed to hunting before taking the

course. The 22-year-old vegetarian from Erie, Pennsylvania, witnessed her entire concept of hunters and hunting change through her experience at the McGraw facility.

"I took the course because I wanted to be more well rounded, because in my field, I will be dealing with hunters. To manage properly, I felt I had to understand them," she says. "I went from being an anti-hunter to really appreciating hunting – I came to understand that the hunters I have known are the kind we don't want. I felt that they didn't adequately value the life of the animals they killed. But I realize now that ethical hunters respect the life they are taking and use the animals, and that hunting is necessary."

Surprisingly, Jones, who had never held a shotgun before, turned out to be a pretty good shot and may even consider hunting in the future. "I didn't eat the pheasants, but the other students did, and they said they were delicious," she says. "I am actually more interested in target shooting than hunting. Since I don't eat meat, I won't hunt because I would never waste an animal, but if I ever start eating meat, I may well start hunting.

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

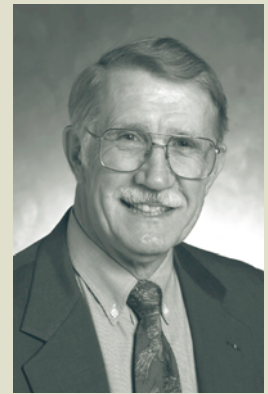
Today's Reward and Tomorrow's Needs

The New Year provides a sense of anticipation as the Forest Resources Building approaches completion and we plan our move to these new quarters. Allied with this expansion, we welcome the addition of two new faculty members to our ranks: Dr. Eric Zenner and Ms. Jamie Murphy. To be sure, the new building has captured much of our collective attention over these past few years. It is a major capital gain and should provide a catalyst toward future growth in teaching, research, and outreach. Although of key importance, it is still but a building. Architecturally handsome, academically functional, this \$30 million structure provides the latest in technology for our endeavors. Nonetheless, it is but a shell within which we function.

The primary strength of our School is largely measured in terms of faculty, staff, and students. And through time, we create an alumni group from this student base. The recruitment of new faculty and students represents a fundamental dynamic that surpasses the importance of buildings and other fixed assets within our academic system.

Accordingly, we are quite pleased to announce the addition of Dr. Eric Zenner as associate professor of silviculture and Ms. Jamie Murphy as instructor and coordinator of undergraduate programs. Eric comes to us from the University of Minnesota where he is serving as assistant professor of silviculture. Jamie recently completed requirements for her master's degree in Wood Products Marketing and will oversee undergraduate advising, recruitment, and allied services. Their arrivals are heralded elsewhere in *Resources*.

You will also notice another transition as one of senior faculty members, Dr. Jim Lynch, professor of forest hydrology, moves toward retirement. And thus begins the required cycle of petitioning our college for release of a faculty position for rehire, formalizing our search efforts, and otherwise seeking the next hydrologist. We've been fortunate over the past five years to hire seven new faculty members. In every case, our College has recognized the School's needs and provided the essential support for these recruitment efforts. Keep in mind that during the same period our college has had to decrease in size as the result of declining revenues and rising costs. Basically, the merits of our requests have been recognized and we have gained new ground, both in terms of faculty and facilities. These new faculty members represent the future of this School, our continuing increment of teachers and scholars. These fine people are a key measure of the real strength within the new building.



Cheers,
Chuck Strauss

100th Anniversary History Book

A book on the 100-year history of the School of Forest Resources will be published by the Penn State University Press later this year. Author Dr. Henry Gerhold reports that the text is nearing completion. The tentative title is "A Century of Forest Resources Education at Penn State: Serving Our Forests, Waters, Wildlife, and Wood Industries."

The book will contain brief biographies of nine pioneers in forestry education, fifteen directors and interim directors of the School, and more than fifty alumni and professors. Historical descriptions of faculty and staff, facilities, academic curricula, student organizations, research, extension and outreach, and alumni relations include some little-known facts. For example, the nation's first African-American forester graduated in the first class of the Mont Alto Academy; a captive bear once prowled the halls of the Old Green Shack and sniffed at a visiting professor from Yale as he lectured; students in summer camp sometimes walked fifteen miles to revel in exciting weekends in State College; one of the early graduates became the governor of Alaska; a former instructor founded the Penn State ski club, helped to design and develop the Arapahoe Basin and Keystone ski resorts in Colorado, and he and his wife still

ski into their 90s. The accomplishments of our alumni and professors, as indicated by just a sampling of their biographies, are impressive indeed.

Watch for announcements this summer on how to order your copy of the book. 🐾

Building Update

Typical to most construction, the exterior of the new Forest Resources Building received most of the initial attention. September and October saw the completion of brickwork and entries, final window units, walkways, and most of the landscaping surrounding the building. Then attention shifted to the inside.

By December, all of the laboratories on the second, third, and fourth floors were completed, including the installation of oak-veneered casework with epoxy bench tops. This matches the impressive array of oak doors found throughout the building. During the holiday break, our contractors made additional progress in terms of completing all epoxy-stone terrazzo floors on the first floor and bridge areas overlooking the Atrium.

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A safe and successful hunter.

Elizabeth Huber, a wildlife and fisheries science major from Pittsburgh, had never held a gun before either, but she enjoyed the training and found it valuable. Her father and grandfather hunted when she was very young. “But I was too little to understand,” she says. “I have friends who

are deer hunters, and I could never understand why they hunted. But now I understand the thrill and the satisfaction. I shot two pheasants and skinned, cleaned, and ate pheasant that night. It was delicious.

“I found the course very helpful,” she adds. “Now I know that a lot of people who hunt have a deep respect for wildlife and fisheries. I had a wonderful time and learned so much about the environment. It was great to be able to go out there and experience it.”

San Julian does not claim to have invented the concept of teaching wildlife management students to understand and appreciate hunting, but he would like to play a role in expanding it. “When we decided to collaborate with the University of Wisconsin at Madison, we had an opportunity to work with the Wildlife Management Institute in Washington, D.C. We also have had generous help from the National Wild Turkey Federation and local gun clubs and shops.”

The Wildlife Management Institute, according to San Julian, provided logistical and organizational support for taking these state programs to a national level at the Max McGraw Institute. The “Conservation Leaders for Tomorrow: Wildlife Student Hunting Awareness Program,” working with wildlife-management agencies and universities, is now focusing on training professors at other institutions to replicate the program regionally.

“I think this is so important,” San Julian says. “We are cementing a foundation for a national program. Our future wildlife-management professionals will need to work with hunters and use hunting to manage wildlife populations. Without this, their education is not complete.” 🐾

The most striking aspect to the interior is the gift received from the Pennsylvania Forest Products Association (PFPA). Throughout the first-floor hallways, the four-story Atrium, various public areas, and certain offices, is a grand display of cherry, oak, and ash paneling, largely held to a wainscot height, and factory-finished in the best of natural tones. We also have laminated red maple beams overhead in the Atrium, another gift from PFPA. And, outside our first-floor classroom, we have solid cherry seating areas, complete with skylights for natural lighting throughout the day. Even the interior columns along the first-floor hallway are clad in a solid cherry millwork design. This is, indeed, a handsome structure. We anticipated its potential, but the reality is beyond our expectations!

Over these next six weeks we will see the delivery and installation of office and public space furniture. By mid-March we expect to initiate our physical move into these new quarters. Due to the number of our faculty and staff and the complexity of their ongoing activities during spring semester, we are planning to move over a 10-week period. Our first classes in the new building are scheduled for the fall 2006 semester.

By mid-April we should have the semblance of a working environment within the new building. Accordingly, we are planning for a “new twist” to our Alumni and Friends Banquet. This year, we will hold this event in the new building as a catered dinner on April 21, with Friday afternoon and evening organized toward tours of the building, dinner in the Atrium, with our final program comments to be presented by Dean Robert Steele in the Steimer Auditorium. We can easily accommodate 160 guests. If want to sneak a peak of the new building, enjoy the company of friends and classmates, and hear about our college’s future, get your reservations in quickly. 🐾



Students who toured the new building in December 2005 gathered on the Atrium staircase.



During a December 2005 tour, Dr. Strauss showed students the entry to the Edwards Student Activity Center.



Columns along the first-floor hallway are clad in a solid cherry millwork design (above) and solid cherry seating areas grace the hallway outside the first-floor classrooms (below).



Forest Resources Building, Park Avenue view, December 2005.



Steimer Auditorium under construction, January 2006.



Faculty and Staff Resources

Jay R. Stauffer, Jr. Appointed Distinguished Professor

Dr. Jay R. Stauffer, Jr. has been appointed Distinguished Professor of Ichthyology. This special academic title recognizes a limited number of outstanding professors for their high standards of academic excellence and exceptional contributions to teaching, research, and outreach.



Stauffer joined the School of Forest Resources in July 1984 as associate professor of fishery science and was promoted to professor of ichthyology in July 1988. He also serves as an adjunct faculty member at the University of Maryland's Appalachian Environmental Laboratory and the University of Malawi's Chancellor College.

Stauffer's academic interests include endangered fishes,

freshwater fish behavior, impact of introduced fishes, systematics, and zoogeography of freshwater fishes. His teaching responsibilities are comprised of one undergraduate course, The Vertebrates, two upper-level undergraduate courses, Ichthyology and Ecology of Fishes, and two graduate courses, Systematics and Evolution of Fishes and Systematics. He also serves as chair of the University's Committee of Systematic Collections.

Stauffer has received two Fulbright Research Scholar awards for his work in Malawi, Africa. He has studied the biology of fish in Central Africa's huge Lake Malawi since 1983 and he has been awarded nearly \$2 million in grants from the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health. Between 1000 and 1500 species of freshwater fishes exist in the lake, and less than 500 have been described. The freshwater resources of Lake Malawi provide some 70 percent of the animal protein consumed by Malawians. There is no doubt that this important resource is being overexploited; however, it is virtually impossible to implement effective management strategies to protect this resource when the majority of species cannot be identified. Stauffer and his colleagues are searching for congruence among morphological, genetic, and behavioral data to effectively delimit and describe these species.

Another ongoing research project looks at the effects of introduced species on the distribution, ecology, and biology of indigenous fishes. The incidence of introduced fish species is increasing throughout the Appalachian Mountains. Stauffer and his colleagues are investigating the impact of an introduced darter species on the native darter fauna of the Susquehanna River. Habitat partitioning of darters in diverse communities (the Allegheny River, for example) and depauperate communities (the Susquehanna and Potomac rivers, for

example) is being compared. Both in situ and laboratory studies are being used to evaluate reproductive success, food preference, and habitat selection in these different communities.

Stauffer's professional affiliations are numerous, including the American Fisheries Society, the Pennsylvania Academy of Sciences, and the Ecological Society of America. He has served as referee for *American Midland Naturalist*, *Bio Science*, and the *National Science Foundation*, among others.

Stauffer earned a B.S. at Cornell University in 1972 and a Ph.D. in 1975 at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He can be reached at (814) 865-3725 or vc5@psu.edu. 🐾

Jamie Murphy Hired as Coordinator of Undergraduate Programs



Jamie A. Murphy has been hired as the School's Coordinator of Undergraduate Programs, effective January 1, 2006. The position was last held by Ms. Betty Harper who left in fall 2004 to pursue a doctoral degree in higher education administration.

In her new position, Murphy will provide coordination and advising in support of the School's three undergraduate programs (Forest Science, Wildlife and Fisheries Science, and Wood Products) under the

direction of the Associate Director for Academic Programs (currently Dr. Paul Blankenhorn). Specific duties include coordinating and conducting student recruitment and orientation; coordinating student advising among the faculty; assisting in the maintenance and audit of student records; scheduling courses; providing staff support for course and curriculum changes; assisting students with summer and permanent job placement; and preparing publications, handbooks, and special reports about undergraduate academic programs as needed. Beginning fall 2006, Murphy will also co-teach FOR/W P 200W, Professional Careers in Forest Resources.

Murphy is already quite familiar with the School's academic programs, having earned a B.S. in Forest Science, Forest Management option at Penn State in spring 2004, and completing the requirements for the M.S. in Forest Resources at Penn State, with an emphasis on wood procurement and utilization, in December 2005. Her thesis adviser was Dr. Paul Smith, professor of forest products marketing.

Murphy was active in extracurricular activities, both as an undergraduate and as a graduate student, having held offices in

the Penn State Student Chapter of the Society of American Foresters (SAF), the Student Organization of Society and Natural Resources, and the School of Forest Resources Graduate Student Organization. In addition, she is a member of Xi Sigma Pi, the forestry honor society; the Forest Products Society; the Pennsylvania Forestry Association; and the School of Forest Resources Centennial Planning Committee. She has received numerous scholarships and awards, and was a member of our School's team that received first place in SAF's 2005 National Quiz Bowl.

Murphy's work experiences include an internship at the Butterfly House/Garden at Hershey Garden's, a forest inventory internship at Gettysburg National Military Park, a forestry internship at Appleton Inc., and employment as a forest technician on the Waste Water Irrigation Project at Penn State, as a research assistant in wood products marketing at Penn State, and as an educator and youth leadership facilitator at Penn State's Conservation Leadership School.

Originally from Cleona, Pennsylvania (Lebanon County), Murphy looks forward to her new role in the School of Forest Resources. "As we get closer to our move into the new building, and to our centennial celebration, I am excited about recruiting undergraduates into our forest resources programs and helping the School continue to produce successful forest resource professionals," she says.

Murphy is housed in 213 Ferguson Building and can be reached at 814-865-4237 or jam563@psu.edu. ☘

Eric Zenner to Join Us as Silviculture Professor



Dr. Eric K. Zenner has accepted the position of associate professor of silviculture in the School of Forest Resources. Zenner will join us in early June 2006 from the College of Natural Resources, University of Minnesota (UMN), St. Paul, where he has served as assistant professor of silviculture since 2001.

Zenner earned a Ph.D.

in quantitative forest ecology at Oregon State University (OSU) in 1998 and completed master's degrees in forest science and statistics there as well. He was a Fulbright Scholar at OSU in 1992-93. He has diplomas from Albert-Ludwigs-Universität in Freiburg, Germany, and Fachhochschule für Forstwirtschaft in Rottenberg, Germany. Prior to joining the faculty at the University of Minnesota he was a biometrician in the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Zenner's research interests include quantifying forest structure and forest stand development pathways, and understanding the effects of silvicultural treatments and partial harvest practices on regeneration dynamics. The ultimate objective of his research is to develop management strategies that more closely link a science-based understanding of ecological processes with forest management activities. Zenner's ongoing research projects in the Silviculture Lab at the University of Minnesota include testing the effects of riparian silviculture on soil nutrient absorbance and retention; evaluating factors affecting the regeneration success of northern white cedar; and examining the response of mixed species regeneration, composition, and productivity to partial timber cutting.

At the University of Minnesota, Zenner has taught a silviculture lecture course and a silviculture lab, and a lecture course in ecological vegetation management. He was honored with the Professor of the Semester Collegiate Teaching Award in Spring 2004. His teaching responsibilities at Penn State will include silviculture, advanced silviculture, and an additional graduate-level course aligned with his research and professional interests. His connection with Albert-Ludwigs-Universität will certainly complement and strengthen the exchange program that the School has had with that institution since 1998, which includes short-term visits by groups of students and faculty as well as the opportunity for individual students to study abroad for longer periods.

Zenner is a member of the Ecological Society of America and the Society of American Foresters (SAF). He currently serves as chair-elect of SAF's national silviculture working group and as SAF faculty representative to the UMN SAF student chapter. He is also chair of UMN's College of Natural Resources Curriculum Committee.

Zenner is looking forward to his move to Penn State: "The management of hardwoods to sustain biological diversity, produce timber of the highest quality, and maintain their beauty for people to enjoy poses tremendous challenges for the forestry profession. I am very excited to join the faculty of the School of Forest Resources to take on these challenges and look forward to working with members of the forestry community on regeneration, restoration, and management of Pennsylvania's forests." ☘

James Lynch Retires

Dr. James A. Lynch, professor of forest hydrology, retired in September 2005 after an affiliation with the School of Forest Resources that spans more than 40 years.

Lynch earned a B.S. in Forestry in 1966, a M.S. and a Ph.D. in Forest Hydrology in 1969 and 1976, respectively, all at



Penn State. From 1968 to 1976 he served as a research assistant on the Experimental Watershed Project. He was appointed assistant professor of forest hydrology in 1977 and rose through the ranks to professor in 1990. He was responsible for the development of a graduate research program in forest hydrology. His research interests include forest hydrology, water quality, watershed management, and atmospheric deposition.

Lynch served as project coordinator of the University's Experimental Watershed Research Program and Pennsylvania's Atmospheric Deposition Monitoring Program, which he initiated in 1981. He was chair, in 1996 and again in 2000, of the National Atmospheric Deposition Program (NADP), and a member of the NADP Executive Committee and Data Management and Analysis and Budget Steering subcommittees. His involvement with the NADP will continue. He is a member of the Science and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) to the Chesapeake Bay Program; his current appointment ends this June, but will be renewed for two more years.

Lynch has taught graduate-level courses in forest hydrology and frequently served as a guest lecturer in undergraduate

courses in forestry and environmental resource management. Since 1996, he has been co-teaching our introductory forestry/wood products course with Dr. Paul Blankenhorn.

Though officially retired, Lynch's affiliation with the School will not end any time soon. He will continue to run the Atmospheric Deposition Monitoring Program until a replacement is found, but no longer than three years. He will occasionally be back in the classroom as a guest lecturer. And he plans to summarize nearly 50 years of research results on the Leading Ridge Experimental Watersheds.

"I really did retire, but not from my research interests," explains Lynch. "I decided that the historical data is too valuable to lose. I've been involved with all of the research on the experimental watersheds since the mid-1960s, and my ultimate objective is to create a Web site that includes all available data sets. The water quality database is one of the best found anywhere in the United States, with the exception of the long-term research watersheds run by the USDA Forest Service."

Lynch will maintain an office in the School. He can be reached at jal@psu.edu or (814) 865-8830. 🐾

Student Resources

Second Annual Cardboard Canoe Race

On September 24, 2005, members of the School of Forest Resources gathered at Stone Valley Recreation Area for the second annual Cardboard Canoe Race sponsored by Penn State's Forest Products Society.



Participants line up and display their cardboard canoe creations before the race.

Teams were given two hours to construct a canoe out of cardboard and a limited amount of duct tape. Paddles and life jackets were also provided.

Nicole Brown, assistant professor of wood chemistry, inspected each canoe before the race to confirm that it met the regulations on length and on duct tape use. Ten canoes, each carrying two persons, raced two at a time from the dock, out to and around a buoy about 40 yards offshore, and back to the dock. Some of the canoes sank immediately while others, surprising spectators and builders alike, successfully completed the race.

Prizes were awarded for various categories, including speed and aesthetics. "Best Sink" was awarded to Drs. Strauss and Wiant who

went down gracefully after circling the buoy in a vessel aptly named *Titanic*. Graduate student Jamie Murphy and her roommate, in a canoe representing the SAF student chapter, received the award for “Best Speed” and also remained relatively dry. The School and the Forest Products Society provided grilled hamburgers and hotdogs to all participants after the race.

A special thanks goes to the Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation for donating cardboard, and to the staff of the Stone Valley Recreation Area for logistical support.

Drs. Strauss and Wiant already have plans underway for a “new and improved” canoe design in 2006. We hope to see an even larger crowd and more participants on hand for next fall’s event. Don’t miss it! 🐾



“Best Speed” was awarded to graduate student Jamie Murphy (rear) and her roommate.



Drs. Wiant (front) and Strauss successfully rounded the buoy but then exhibited the “Best Sink” in a vessel aptly named *Titanic*.

SAF Quiz Bowl Victory

The Penn State Student Chapter of the Society of American Foresters (SAF) traveled to national SAF Convention in Fort Worth, Texas, in October 2005. Students attended concurrent sessions that presented up-to-date information on national and international issues concerning forest resources and society, the forest products industry, and technological advancements in forestry; and participated in the annual student quiz bowl.



The Penn State University Park team posed proudly with the SAF National Quiz bowl trophy in Fort Worth, Texas.

The SAF National Quiz Bowl is a friendly but challenging competition. Each university may enter a quiz bowl team, which is comprised of a maximum of four students, including one graduate student. Penn State University Park has been participating in the national quiz bowl event since 1998, and preparing for the competition has become a fall semester tradition. The 2005 team consisted of undergraduate students Chad Atwood, Charles (Chuck) Coup, and Kim Linette; and was led by graduate student Jamie Murphy. A team from Penn State Mont Alto also participated. A total of 30 schools were represented and the host school was Stephen F. Austin State University.

The Penn State University Park team dominated the first rounds of the competition, defeating University of Tennessee, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, and Colorado State University. The competition heightened against Mississippi State University, but Penn State was fast on the buzzer and won. In the final round, Penn State University Park beat Virginia Tech by a close margin.

The Penn State University Park team posed proudly for the victory photo, holding the SAF National Quiz Bowl Trophy, which was brought back to University Park for the first time in SAF Quiz Bowl history. 🐾

Penn State Woodsmen Team

After competing in Maine in 2003, the Penn State Woodsmen Team was idle for a year due to lack of equipment. Sales of firewood and allocations from UPAC (University Park Allocations Committee) provided the opportunity to establish a new team with competitive equipment.

In fall 2004, the team traveled to Lindsay, Ontario, as one of only a few American teams to be invited. Comprised of three experienced members and three first-time competitors, the team finished 16th out of 20 men's teams. In spring 2005, the now more experienced team finished 12th out of 20 teams in Canandaigua, New York. The pack-board team running event was the team's greatest success that day with a 2nd-place finish. Fall 2005 found the team in West Point, Virginia, facing off against Virginia Tech, and West Virginia University. The whole team did very well, finishing 1st overall, and 1st in four out of five events.

Learning from last year's meet that to be competitive in Lindsay, Ontario, you must be dedicated and willing to work hard for it, Penn State Woodsmen Team practiced five days a week for a month before returning to Lindsay in fall 2005. The team consisted of a Jack & Jill team (3 men and 3 women) and a men's team (6 men). The Jack & Jill team finished in 2nd place out of 10 teams, and the men's team finished 9th out of 22 teams. The hard work paid off!

The Penn State Woodsmen Team plans on attending a few competitions in spring 2006. West Virginia and Nova Scotia have both extended invitations for meets in April. Nova Scotia is 19 hours away by car and will be the farthest the team has ever traveled for a meet. UPAC funding is not available for out-of-country trips, so the team continues to raise money with firewood sales and T-shirt sales. The team does not want to miss the opportunity to compete against the Canadians and other U.S. teams, and welcomes any and all financial support.

For more information, contact team adviser Mike Powell at mjp175@psu.edu or 814-863-1113. 🐾



Penn State Woodsmen's Team in action (above) and resting after a victory (below).



Summer and Fall 2005 Commencement

Summer 2005

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Wildlife and Fisheries Science

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Hutchinson, Lucas Kemp, Patrick Kline, Rebecca Miller,
Robert Ormond, Joshua Ruffo, Melissa Spong, David Taylor,
Jennifer Valese, John Yerger, Kyle Ziegler

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Eric Long, Ph.D.

2005-2006 College of Agricultural Sciences Scholarships and Awards

The College of Agricultural Sciences awarded more than \$1.6 million in scholarships and awards to 671 students for the 2005-06 academic year. This total includes nearly \$131,000 that the School of Forest Resources distributed among 78 students, including six incoming freshmen. Recipients and donors were honored at a banquet on October 11, 2005, at the Penn State Conference Center Hotel in State College.

The **Royal P. Fisher, Sr. and Virginia Breneman Fisher Scholarship in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences** was awarded for the first time this academic year and recognized as a "new scholarship" at the banquet. The Fisher Scholarship provides recognition and financial assistance to outstanding undergraduate students majoring in Wildlife and Fisheries Science who have a minimum 3.0 GPA and a demonstrated need for funds.

Two of our unit's scholarships were among those recognized at the banquet for reaching a milestone of continuous support: The **Roger M. Latham Memorial Graduate Award** has been awarded for ten years; the **Keith A. Davies Scholarship** has been awarded for fifteen years.

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. 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 name of the donor representative is listed in italics after each award.

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

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

AGCHOICE FARM CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP IN THE SCHOOL OF FOREST
RESOURCES \$1,000

Mr. Scott Owens

Robert Fromuth, W P, Yardley, PA

Thomas Ruffing, W P, Jefferson Hills, PA

BARTLETT TREE FOUNDATION, INC. GRANT-IN-AID \$2,000
Mr. John Signorini
Justin Kaskan, FORSC, Indiana, PA
and one other student in the College of Agricultural Sciences

ROBERT T. BILLIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP \$12,968
School of Forest Resources
Amy Carrozzino, W F S, Milroy, PA
Christopher Dyer, 2WLT, Thompson, PA
Jeremy Flinn, W F S, Manor, PA
Daniel Heggenstaller, FORSC, Indiana, PA
Matthew Miller, W F S, Tower City, PA
Robert Ormund, W F S, State College, PA

ROBERT BLISS SCHOLARSHIP \$4,998
Mrs. Dorothy Bliss
Scott Chiavacci, W F S, Scranton, PA
Joseph Cocco, W F S, Bellefonte, PA
Jade Russell, W F S, Bensalem, PA
Sharon Thornton, 2FORT, Shippensburg, PA

JAMES CLINTON BURNS SCHOLARSHIP FUND \$2,180
School of Forest Resources
Benjamin Sands, FORSC, Rogersville, PA

MARK PETTY BUSH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES SCIENCE \$2,092
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest R. Bush
Nyssa Lewis, W F S, Gouldsboro, PA

DANZER GROUP SCHOLARSHIP IN WOOD PRODUCTS \$2,000
Dr. Vijay S. Reddy
Thomas Ruffing, W P, Jefferson Hills, PA

KEITH A. DAVIES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP \$3,185
John C. and Esther M. Davies
Robert Fromuth, W P, Yardley, PA
Clark McColly, W P, Ligonier, PA

FERGUSON-COPE FORESTRY AWARD \$11,742
School of Forest Resources
Chad Atwood, FORSC, Warren, PA
Adam Behney, W F S, Mount Joy, PA
Cory Deniker, FORSC, Sandy Lake, PA
Jessica DeNuccio, W F S, Philadelphia, PA
Sara Eisenhauer, W F S, Morrisdale, PA
Thomas Gieder, W F S, Martinsburg, PA
Mark Hockley, FORSC, Carlisle, PA
Damian Houseknecht, FORSC, Muncy Valley, PA
Andy Little, W F S, Aspers, PA
Layne Miller, FORSC, McVeytown, PA
Travis Smith, FORSC, Shippensburg, PA
Mike Travers, FORSC, Annapolis, MD
Chad Vorhees, FORSC, Milesburg, PA

BUD FILLER ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP IN THE SCHOOL OF FOREST RESOURCES \$3,000
Mr. Merle C. Filler, Jr.
Justin Kaskan, FORSC, Indiana, PA
Andrew Laux, FORSC, Sarver, PA

ROYAL P. FISHER, SR. AND VIRGINIA BRENEMAN FISHER SCHOLARSHIP IN WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES SCIENCE \$5,000
Mr. and Mrs. Royal P. Fisher
Amy Carrozzino, W F S, Milroy, PA
Nyssa Lewis, W F S, Gouldsboro, PA

O. BEN GIPPLE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN THE SCHOOL OF FOREST RESOURCES \$1,000
Dr. Marian Romberger Peifer
Benjamin Gamble, FORSC, Williamsport, PA

ARTHUR W. AND CAROLINE O. HARTMAN TRUSTEE SCHOLARSHIP \$125,000
(of which \$15,000 was available to the SFR for awards)
Ms. Judith C. Kiely
Benjamin Dutko, W F S, Cooperstown, PA
Richard Hartlieb, 2FORT, Wernersville, PA
Zachary Kane, FORSC, Emporium, PA
Ira Lehman, FORSC, Jersey Shore, PA
Kimberly Linette, FORSC, Temple, PA
Alan Naylor, FORSC, McAlisterville, PA
James Seitz, W F S, Red Lion, PA
Mary Ann Stahli, 2WLT, Saint Marys, PA
and 44 other students in the College of Agricultural Sciences

JELD-WEN FOUNDATION \$2,000
Nana G. Bellerud
Scott Lyon, W P, Warren, PA

KEYSTONE KILN DRYING ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000
Mr. Sam Richardson
Michael Campbell, W P, New Cumberland, PA

THE ROGER M. LATHAM MEMORIAL GRADUATE AWARD FUND \$1,335
Mr. C. Dana Chalfant
Laurie Goodrich, ECLGY, Orwigsburg, PA

GRANT M. MILLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000
Isabelle T. Miller
Amanda Horning, W F S, Reading, PA

THE CARL I. PETERSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND \$3,234
School of Forest Resources
Joseph Cocco, W F S, Bellefonte, PA
Jessica Dirlle, W F S, McKeesport, PA
Amanda Horning, W F S, Reading, PA
Toni Weidman, W F S, Bethel, PA

ORPHA KELLY RAPP AND JESSE ROSSITER RAPP '15 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND \$3,355
Mrs. Elizabeth A. Valeika
Christopher Moscatiello, W F S, Bordentown, NJ
Elissa Olimpi, W F S, Sewickley, PA
Toni Weidman, W F S, Bethel, PA

IRVIN C. REIGNER ENDOWMENT \$16,396
School of Forest Resources
Bradley Burford, W F S, Clarion, PA
Brett Diehl, W F S, Lehighton, PA
Anthony Gianetti, FORSC, Horsham, PA
Bradley Hoffman, W F S, Newmanstown, PA
Syrena Johnson, W F S, Burtonsville, MD
Jennifer Lewis, FORSC, Trout Run, PA

Daniel Long, FORSC, Hillsgrove, PA
Keith D. Lutz, W F S, Robeson, PA
Phillip Manning, W F S, Carlisle, PA
Joshua Mulhollem, W F S, Altoona, PA
Derrick Nahill, FORSC, Philadelphia, PA
Ann Tomaszewicz, W F S, Manorville, PA
John Wakefield, 2FORT, Hummelstown, PA

WILLIAM ALLISON RITCHEY SCHOLARSHIP IN FOREST RESOURCES \$1,300
Mrs. Diane Peterson Ritchey
Steven Horhut, FORSC, Pittsburgh, PA

RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP IN FOREST RESOURCES
\$1,000
Mr. Mark Banker
Jonathan Felix, W F S, Mount Joy, PA

SCHOOL OF FOREST RESOURCES SCHOLARSHIP \$3,554
School of Forest Resources
Joshua Mulhollem, W F S, Altoona, PA

FRANK AND LENORE H. SPEAREY SCHOLARSHIP IN FOREST RESOURCES
\$8,500
Mr. Jeff Spearey
Charles Coup, FORSC, Milton, PA
Elizabeth Huber, W F S, Pittsburgh, PA
Alan Naylor, FORSC, McAlistersville, PA

JOAN AND MALCOLM STEHMAN SCHOLARSHIP IN WOOD PRODUCTS \$3,050
Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Stehman
Robert Fromuth, W P, Yardley, PA

JOHN AND NANCY STEIMER SCHOLARSHIP \$15,000
Mr. and Mrs. John T. Steimer
Chad Atwood, FORSC, Warren, PA
Jeremy Flinn, W F S, Manor, PA
Russell Gibbs, FORSC, Lemont Furnace, PA
Jamie Howe, W F S, Spring Creek, PA
Nyssa Lewis, W F S, Gouldsboro, PA
Nathan Markline, W F S, Glen Rock, PA
Christopher McGarvey, 2FORT, Chester, PA
Gregory Sarnoski, FORSC, Mechanicsburg, PA
Matthew Trick, W F S, Montoursville, PA
Luke Ulsamer, FORSC, Montoursville, PA
Tracie Webb, 2FORT, Grand Valley, PA
Robbie Withington, FORSC, Youngsville, PA

WILBER W. WARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND \$4,700
School of Forest Resources
Rachel Cleaver, W F S, Howard, PA
Robin Heagy, W F S, Newtown, PA
Kyle Sidle, W F S, Irwin, PA
Alyson Trombulak, W F S, Beaver Falls, PA

School Notes

Dr. Duane Diefenbach, adjunct assistant professor of wildlife, has been asked to serve on a panel of nationally recognized experts that has been charged with reviewing the modeling procedures used to estimate the size of Wisconsin's white-tailed deer population. A group of citizen stakeholders had its first meeting with the panel in September 2005 in Madison, Wisconsin, to discuss concerns over the validity of the model that state wildlife officials use. The panel is expected to report its findings in January 2007.

Chris Dahl (M.S. student in Forest Resources) and **Brent Harding** (Penn State Forest Land Management Office forester and part-time M.S. student in Forest Resources) presented a paper, "Technological Advancements May Increase Efficiency and Precision in Sawtimber Volume Estimations," during the Forest Resources Measurements session at the 2005 Society of American Foresters National Convention in Fort Worth, Texas, in October 2005. The presentation focused on aspects of the nontraditional sawtimber volume estimation research that Dahl and Harding have been conducting under the guidance of **Dr. Harry Wiant** and **Dr. Jim Finley** in cooperation with the Penn State Forestland Management Office since the summer of 2004. Dahl and Harding reported and compared the findings of four sawtimber inventory methods by evaluating the volume estimations, time differences, cost changes, and statistical significances associated with each method.

The Pennsylvania Master Well Owners Network (MWON) was selected by the National Ground Water Association to receive its Outstanding Ground Water Project Award in Ground Water Protection. The award presentation took place December 15, 2005, in Atlanta, Georgia. Stephanie Clemens, MWON Coordinator, accepted the award on behalf of **Dr. Bill Sharpe** and **Mr. Bryan Swistock**, co-principal investigators on this USDA-CSREES-funded project. Thank you to those who have contributed time and resources to the program—most especially the Pennsylvania Ground Water Association, the Pennsylvania Water Resources Research Center, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, the regional MWON coordinators, the hundreds of MWON volunteers around the Commonwealth, and to The Penn State Institutes of the Environment for hosting the MWON program.

In addition to the **Penn State SAF Student Chapter's** victory in the quiz bowl at the SAF National Convention (see article on page 9), the chapter also won second place in the SAF Student Chapter Website competition.

In December 2005, the following individuals in the School of Forest Resources with 20 or more years of service were recognized by the College of Ag Sciences: **Dr. Paul Blankenhorn** (30 years), **Dr. Jim Finley** (30 years), **Kay Christine** (25 years), **Sandra Stauffer** (25 years), **Lee Stover** (25 years), **Kathleen Kasubick** (20 years).

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President's Message



Tom Yorke '64 and '67g

Happy New Year! We started 2006 with excitement as our Nittany Lions capped their outstanding season of football with a hard-fought victory over Florida State in the Orange Bowl. It also will be an exciting year for the School of Forest Resources. The new building is almost finished, with the School planning to initiate the move in mid-March and continuing through the spring period. We plan to

hold the annual Alumni and Friends Banquet in the building's atrium on Friday evening, April 21, the day before the Blue-White Game. It also will be a big year for the alumni as we move forward with plans for the Centennial Celebration of the School of Forest Resources in 2007.

I will be serving as the president of your board of directors until the Centennial Celebration, and I would like to set some goals for the next twenty months. We will continue to publish *Resources*. It is an excellent newsletter about the School of Forest Resources and its alumni; however, news about alumni is a small part of each issue. *Alumni Notes* has averaged 34 responses per issue or 68 responses per year. This is less than a two percent response rate. We can do better. My goal is to double the response rate over the next two years. I'm asking the board of directors to help by having each of them contact five classmates and solicit information for the *Alumni Notes* section of each newsletter. Don't wait to be contacted; send us a note about yourself and family today.

My second goal concerns the Centennial Celebration. The Centennial Planning Committee anticipates at least 300, but I would like to expand attendance to 350. I am asking the board of directors to help again by identifying individuals in their respective classes and one class before and after their classes to serve as class contacts for the Centennial Celebration. We have the '50s and '60s covered, but we'll need help with the earlier and later classes. Please contact me at tjyorke@mindspring.com if you can serve as a class contact. All we need is a short handwritten note, an e-mail or a telephone call encouraging your classmates to attend the Centennial Celebration. Over the next twelve months, I hope many notes will say, "I'm coming to the

Centennial Celebration. I hope to see you and many of our classmates there."

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Candidates for School of Forest Resources 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 2006 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 31, 2006. You can also vote online at <http://www.sfr.cas.psu.edu/Alumni/Newsletters/winter2006/Response.html>.

David J. Babyak* ('71 FORSC)

"I am a 1971 graduate in Forest Science. I furthered my education with a year in Kane, Pennsylvania, at K&H University, a.k.a. Kocjancic and Horn Consulting Foresters, where I learned 'forestry under fire.' I was employed by Rochester and Pittsburgh Coal Company for 19 years, where I managed 40,000 acres of land, supervised their surface mine reclamation, and developed and managed an ornamental and Christmas tree nursery.

I presently operate my consulting practice in Indiana, Pennsylvania, which I have called home for 26 years with my wife Jane who has blessed my life for 28 years. Forestry has been part of my life for 35 years and I value my education at Penn State."

Candidates continued on next page

Ballot enclosed

School of Forest Resources Alumni Group Board of Directors

Elected at-large members (terms expire Spring 2006):

David J. Babyak ('71 FORSC)
Nelson S. Loftus ('58 and '62g FOR)
E.L. "Dick" Shafer ('56 and '57g FOR)
Mark R. Webb ('73 FORSC), *vice president*

Elected at-large members (terms expire Spring 2007):

David B. Lezzer ('00 FORSC)
Aura L. Stauffer ('89 W L S, '95g W F S)
Benjamin G. Tresselt, Jr. ('63 FOR)
Thomas H. Yorke ('64 FOR, '67g FOR), *president*

Elected at-large members (terms expire Spring 2008):

Joseph E. Barnard ('60 FOR, '63g FOR)
J. Theodore Jensen ('50 FOR)
Gregory M. Schrum ('67 FOR T, '69g FOR R)
Denise Mitcheltree ('94 and '96 W F S,)

Immediate Past President:

Lowell T. Underhill ('56 FOR)

Director, School of Forest Resources (SFR):

Charles H. Strauss ('58 FOR)

Assistant Director for Outreach, School of Forest Resources (SFR):

Richard H. Yahner

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

George R. Kemp '53 FOR

SFR Faculty Member:

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

Undergraduate Student, School of Forest Resources (SFR):

Benjamin M. Gamble

Graduate Student, School of Forest Resources (SFR)

Steven D. Mills

Executive Director:

Ellen A. Manno ('86g FOR R)

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

Franklin "Frank" S. Judd ('67 FOR, '73g FOR)

"My forestry education began at Mont Alto in the fall of 1963; receiving Penn State degrees in the wood technology option: B.S. in 1967 and M.S. in 1973. Between these studies, I fought forest fires in northern California; worked as foreman in a wood treatment plant/railroad tie yard; and spent two years in the Army as a military intelligence officer (Army ROTC) with a year service in Vietnam. In grad school, I did research in utilization of bark from Pennsylvania hardwoods.

Since 1973, I have lived in Lancaster County, working continuously in the wood products field. After 17 years with a local Lititz, Pennsylvania, woodworking firm, I was regional sales manager for Seemac, Inc., (five years), and national sales and marketing manager for Panel Processing, Inc. (ten years) – both wood products manufacturers/distributors.

Two years ago, I decided to become more involved in Pennsylvania forestry. I joined Smart Wood/Rainforest Alliance as marketing manager for the Allegheny Region. In this capacity, I formed the Pennsylvania Certified Forest Products Initiative to support the market development of timber products coming from Pennsylvania's state forests. I have been appointed to serve on the Pennsylvania Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force for Hardwoods, where I am the energy subcommittee chairman. I now travel extensively statewide, meeting foresters, landowners, sawmill-owners, and others involved in our state's forest-based industries. I am a life member of the Penn State Alumni Association; member of the Society of American Foresters, the Forest Products Society, and the Pennsylvania Forest Products Association. Also, I am a member of Xi Sigma Pi honorary forestry fraternity and Tau Phi Delta forestry fraternity, where I am chairman of the endowment fund and past national president.

I reside in Lititz with my wife Mary. Both my children have attended Penn State, my daughter graduating in 2000. Locally, I am a member and past president of the Lititz Rotary Club. I enjoy deer hunting in Tioga County every year, and I am also an avid snow skier."

Ralph T. Peace ('58 FOR)

"I was born and raised in a small town in Clearfield County and graduated from Sykesville-Henderson High School in 1954. I decided to follow my brother into the forestry profession and enrolled at Mont Alto in the same year. While there, I enjoyed playing on the baseball team as a pitcher and shortstop. During the summer of 1955, I worked for the USDA Forest Service on the Willamette National Forest at Oak Ridge, Oregon, where I received valuable hands-on training in fire prevention, logging road layout, timber cruising, trail maintenance, and recreational management.

The spring of 1956 was a thrilling time for me because I became a member of the traveling squad of the Penn State varsity baseball team. The highlight of this experience was pitching in the Eastern Regional playoffs. During the summer of the same year, I worked for The Elwin G. Smith Construction Co. of Pittsburgh. Early 1957, and while working, I fell off a roof and broke my ankle which put an end

to my baseball playing days and later altered my planned forestry career. Working with counselors and attending summer classes, I was able to graduate in the spring of 1958 with a B.S. degree in forestry.

After some rehabilitation, I accepted a position in Cumberland, Maryland, as district park supervisor with the Department of Forest and Parks. This position was responsible for the administration and operation of all state parks in the four western counties of Maryland.

In 1972, I was transferred to Annapolis, Maryland, and served as a member of the staff of the Superintendent of State Parks until my retirement in July 1992. My responsibilities included programs such as budget preparations for the state park system; food concession and marine operations; legislation, rules and regulations, risk management; and also the coordination of the asbestos removal program for all facilities of the Department of Natural Resources.

Preparing for a possible career change after retirement, I enrolled at the Anne Arundel Community College and received an A.A. degree in Electrical Engineering Technology. After retirement, I worked part-time for Huffey Service First, assembling items for retail sales in the state of Maryland. I was also employed at a 3000-member health club near Annapolis as supervisor of maintenance for buildings, facilities, and equipment.

Looking for a slower pace after retirement, my wife and I moved to Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, in September of 2002. We enjoy working in the garden, and doing improvements to the building and grounds of our eight acres of real estate. I enjoy hunting and attending Penn State athletic and cultural events.”

E. L. “Dick” Shafer* ('56 FOR and '57g FOR)

“I completed my bachelor’s degree in forestry in 1956, and a master’s in forest management in 1957, both at Penn State; Henry Chisman was my adviser. In 1957, I started a 27-year research career with the U.S. Forest Service. The Northeastern Forest Experiment Station hired me as a research forester, and assigned me to a forest management research project in the Adirondacks at Paul Smiths, New York. In 1959, I was transferred to Kingston, Pennsylvania, and conducted forest recreation and wildlife habitat research in the Poconos. Then in 1961, I was transferred to Warren, Pennsylvania, and focused my research efforts on forest recreation management problems.

In 1962, the U.S. Forest Service sent me back to school for my Ph.D. at the State University of New York at Syracuse. While I was working on my Ph.D., I also served as a research project leader of a four-person research project on forest recreation research. From 1969 to 1974, I was the director of the Forest Service Pinchot Institute for Environmental Forestry Research. From 1974 to 1979, I was the principal research scientist in urban forestry, forest recreation, and wilderness research for the Forest Service in Washington, DC. From 1979 to 1984, I remained in Washington, DC, for my last assignment with the Forest Service as staff assistant to the deputy chief for research.

I returned to Penn State in 1984 as a professor in the Recreation and Parks Department. In 1986, I moved into the

position of professor of environmental management and Fulbright research scholar in the College of Health and Human Development at Penn State. I taught courses in advanced statistical methods, research methods, and strategic planning.

Throughout my professional life, I have authored 80 technical articles in refereed journals and 40 articles in books on timber, wildlife, forest recreation, forest landscape management, nature-based tourism planning and development, decision theory, futures forecasting, systems analysis, and research methods. I retired in 2005 as professor emeritus of tourism and environmental management.”

Mark R. Webb* ('73 FORSC)

“After completing a B.S. in Forest Science in 1973, I worked for a year as a sales trainee for Blanchard Lumber Company in Wayne, New Jersey, and Albany, New York. Then I was a senior forester and land manager for Fisher and Young Lumber Company in Titusville, Pennsylvania, for six years. After that I worked for a year as general manager for the Endeavor Lumber Company in Ashville, New York, and in 1980 became a consulting forester and partner in Nagy and Webb in Titusville, Pennsylvania. In 1993 I started my own consulting business in Union City, Pennsylvania, and have been the owner of Mark R. Webb & Co. since then.

We offer forest management services for both private and industrial clients. Our services include complete timber sale management, appraisals and inventories, erosion and sedimentation control plans, forest stewardship plans, and American Tree Farm inspections. Our work has been featured in *Forbes Magazine* and the *Case Study for Sustainable Forestry* by the MacArthur Foundation.

I was elected Fellow in the Society of American Foresters (SAF) in 2000 and have been a Certified Forester since 1996. I have served SAF in various leadership positions in the Plateau Chapter, the Pennsylvania Division, the Allegheny Society, and the House of Society Delegates. I am a member of the Association of Consulting Foresters and have been a regional director and chapter chair in that organization as well. I am a charter member of the Pennsylvania Council of Professional Foresters and also served as chairman of that group for two years. My other state-level activities include the Pennsylvania State Committee – Sustainable Forestry Initiative, the Pennsylvania Rural Development Council Committee on Forest Taxation, the Penn State Forest Issues Working Group, and the Best Management Practices for Silviculture Working Group.

I served Penn State’s College of Agricultural Sciences Alumni Association for two terms as director/financial secretary and am a student mentor for the College. I am also a member of the School of Forest Resources Advisory Committee. I am currently vice president of the School of Forest Resources Alumni Group. I have been actively involved in fund-raising activities for the new forestry building.

My wife Blare and I are members of the First United Methodist Church of Union City. We sing in the adult choir and I ring in the hand bell choir. We serve on various committees within the church. I am a member and past King Lion of our local Lions Club and have served as a trustee of our

local hospital for fourteen years, including seven years as chair. Currently I am chairman of the Union City Community Foundation and a trustee of the St. Vincent Health System in Erie, Pennsylvania, and serve as trustee of the Corry Memorial Hospital in Corry, Pennsylvania. I also serve on the Strategic Community Vision Task Force.”

Penn State Launches New Electronic Transcript Service

Penn State’s new Certified Transcript Service enables students and alumni to have their official academic transcript electronically delivered as a secure PDF document attached to an e-mail. No more waiting for snail mail. Official transcripts will be available right from any home or office computer. (This service is not available to students enrolled prior to 1986; those students must still order transcripts by mail or fax.)

Penn State is one of the first major universities to launch a system that ensures the integrity of electronic transcripts.

“Employers, graduate schools and professional certifying agencies require a high level of certainty that the academic credential was issued by Penn State, not a ‘diploma mill,’ and that the document has not been altered,” says J. James Wager, assistant vice president for undergraduate education and university registrar. “Certified Transcript Service helps us provide that level of confidence to our customers, more rapidly serve our students and alumni, and enables our staff to spend more time servicing customers.”

Certified Transcript Service allows college registrars, admissions offices, and departments to create certified Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) transcripts. When a recipient opens a CTS transcript, it certifies that the academic institution’s identity has been verified by a trusted organization and that the transcript has not been altered. Anyone using freely available Adobe Reader software can open the transcript without the use of special software.

For more information, visit the Penn State registrar’s Web site at http://www.registrar.psu.edu/web_transcript_static/web_transcript.html.

Centennial Celebration

April 27 - 29, 2007

100
YEARS *and*
growing



The year 2006 is well underway, as are our plans for the School of Forest Resources Centennial Celebration to be held at University Park, April 27 - 29, 2007. Many of the activities listed below will take place in and around our new Forest Resources Building. The Saturday banquet will be at the Nittany Lion Inn. A more detailed program and registration information will be included in our Summer 2006 newsletter.

In the meantime, we could use your help. Do you have items to donate to the silent auction? (Silent auction proceeds will be divided among the student groups affiliated with the School.) Will you be a class contact and encourage your classmates to attend?

To volunteer, or to request more information, please contact Ellen Manno, 814-863-5831; exr2@psu.edu.

Friday, April 27

Introductory Program
Silent Auction
Memorabilia Display
Centennial Tree Planting
Reception

Saturday, April 28

Building Tours
Campus Tours
Stone Valley Forest Tours
Silent Auction
Memorabilia Display
Live Music
Activities for Children
Woodsmen Demonstration
Quiz Bowl
Class Photos
Reception and Banquet

Sunday, April 29

Worship Services
Brunch
Farewell Address

Alumni Notes

1940s

Mervin H. Reines, 1942 - died October 21, 2005, in Little Rock, Arkansas. The following information is taken from Mr. Reines' obituary, sent to us by **Wade Nutter '60, '64g**: "Mervin Reines received his bachelor's, master's and Ph.D. at Penn State. [The latter two degrees were in botany.] During World War II, he served as a Marine Corps Captain in the South Pacific. From 1954 to 1981 he was professor at the University of Georgia School of Forest Resources, retiring as professor emeritus. Reines was one of the Founders of Sandy Creek Nature Center in Athens, Georgia and served on the board of the University of Georgia Botanical Gardens. He was an accomplished sculptor, visual artist, and passionate patron of the arts."

Bob Kintigh, 1943 - 38865 E, Cedar Flat Road, Springfield, OR 97478-8634. "I am still managing our 250 acres of Douglas-fir timber land from which we cut around 50 long log loads a year. The nursery and Christmas tree parts of our business were turned over to two of our sons some years ago. I have cut back on some activities but still serve on the Board of Directors of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute, Friends of Paul Bunyan Foundation Board of Directors, and the Council of Elders at my church. Recently my wife (Margaret Kilgore '42 Botany) and I were named 2005 Oregon Tree Farmers of the Year. We plan to try for the national title. In the meantime we will continue to offer educational forestry tours."

1950s

Paul "Sunshine" Shogren, 1951 - 1638 Memorial Drive, Oakland, MD, 21550; Shogren@gcnetmail.net. "I once did historical research on the World War I 10th Forestry Regiment that landed in France in 1917. H. Norton Cope was a corporal then and Walt Simonds a private first class. I discovered this because I somehow obtained a list of one of the

battalions of the 10th Regiment and found their names thereupon! Think about that; those two were still teaching when our class ('51) arrived on main campus in 1948! Talk about longevity at one place. Anyhow, 2007 will not only be the School's centennial, it will also be the 90th anniversary of the 10th Regiment's arrival in France, which began the huge operation of supplying wood products to the trenches for firewood; wood was used in great quantities at the time for that type of warfare. Somewhere I have a list of wood products used then. All of which is to say I think it would be most fitting to include the Forestry Regiment history in the centennial history of the School of Forest Resources. During our class' tenure on main campus, I remember there was an Army Reserve Unit of Forest Engineers that some of our veteran classmates belonged to.

As to activities, the Shogrens traveled to Egypt in November, being that wife Donna Lee had been a short-term Presbyterian missionary in Egypt 1955-59 as a work camper and teacher at a Presbyterian Mission College for Girls (first in Egypt). A 50th reunion was planned and we attended. She was reunited with former work campers and students, now all successful women. Then we toured pyramids, temples, and obelisks from Giza to Aswan. Awesome stonework over 4,000 years old.

I am still active in Scouting--67 years service now. Also on a committee making Braddock Road French and Indian War Living History presentations to all county 4th graders on an annual basis since 2002. Life stays interesting when retired and volunteering for such activities."

Oscar C. Tissue, 1951 - 1203 Manchester St., Clinton, MS 39056-3532.

Robert Phillips, 1953 - 368 Loblolly Trail, Hampstead, NC 28443.

Glenn A. Bergey, 1954 - 195 Monroe Road, Winterport, ME 04496.

Edward F. Kocjancic, 1954 - 117 Dawson St., Kane, PA 16735-1305. Kocjancic was among 23 Penn State alumni honored on October 19, 2005, at the Nittany Lion Inn for their outstanding professional accomplishment and given the lifelong title of Alumni Fellow, the highest award given by the Penn State Alumni Association.

Kocjancic is president, Edward F. Kocjancic, Inc., a forestry consulting firm. While on campus in October, he presented the first "lecture" in the



Ed Kocjancic '54 (right) and son met with students in the Kocjancic Forestry Teaching Lab in the new Forest Resources Building in October 2005.

Kocjancic Forestry Teaching Lab, then still under construction, in the new Forest Resources Building.

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

Robert E. Lease, 1957 - 5472 SE Sierra Vista Drive, Milwaukie, OR 97267-1757;

Rlease1@msn.com. “The following Penn Staters and wives gathered for snacks and refreshments at the 2005 reunion celebrating 100 years of Forest Service history in Portland, Oregon, Sept. 4 - 9, 2005: **Rolf Anderson** '58, **Glenn Bergey** '54, **Jim Bull** '61, Pat Clow, **Bob Devlin** '58, **Forrest Fenstermaker** '56, **Bill Hess** '57, Stan Kunzman, **Bob Lease** '57, **David Note** '58, **‘Woody’ Robertshaw** '56, **Dave Seesholtz** '57, **Bob Snoich** '55, **Don Wermlinger** '58, **Skeeter Werner** '58, and **Ted Yarosh** '52.”

Rolf Anderson, 1958 - 90545 Alvadore Road, Junction City, OR 97448; rolf23@msn.com. “The Forest Service Retiree Reunion in Portland, Oregon, in early September 2005 was great fun and a good place to visit with a number of Penn Staters.

I've spent much of the past 2.5 years working with the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association (PNWFSA) to edit a book of personal stories written by Forest Service employees, wives, and children about their experiences in the Pacific Northwest Region (Oregon and Washington) from 1905 to 2005. We published in June – 100 years of stories, 300+ stories, 160+ authors, 70 photos, 570 pages in a soft cover 6 x 9 format. The book can be ordered from the PNWFSA Website: www.oldsmokeys.org.”

Ralph Heilig, 1958 - 532 Briar Lane, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

1960s

Ronald J. Dinus, 1961 - 2490 Goshen Road, Bellingham, WA 98226-9556; dinus@telcomplus.net. From a National Association of Agricultural Educators, Inc. (NAAE) news release: “Dr. Ron Dinus is among six recipients of the NAAE Outstanding Cooperation Award presented on December 9, 2005, at the NAAE annual conference in Kansas City, Missouri.

Dinus, a retired professor, has been a valuable resource for the Mt. Baker agricultural education department and FFA chapter. As a volunteer educator, he

maintains the students' attention by presenting basic genetic principles in real-world scenarios. Using tissue-culture labs, gel electrophoresis, and grafting of Douglas-fir trees.

Dr. Dinus teaches students about cutting-edge forestry and advanced natural resources practices. Outside of the classroom, Dr. Dinus continues to assist the program by serving on the Mt. Baker FFA Advisory Committee, coaching Career Development Event teams, and is a vocal advocate for all agricultural programs. Dr. Dinus also volunteers with the Master Gardeners, Farm Friends, Black Mountain Forestry Center, and the Everson Library, where he willingly shares the value of agricultural education.”

Arthur J. Oplinger, 1962 - 5009 Chestnut Grove Road, Spring Grove, PA 17362; tonioplinger@juno.com. “Still retired and still reading.”

Greg Schrum, 1967 and 1969g - 5776 Stillwell Court, Harrisburg, PA 17112-1600. The following is taken from a news release from The Pennsylvania Forestry Association: “Gregory M. Schrum received The Pennsylvania Forestry Association's Rothrock Conservationist of the Year Award at the association's 119th Annual Meeting in Clarion on September 13th, 2005. Dr. Joseph Trimble Rothrock, often referred to as the ‘Father of Forestry in Pennsylvania,’ was the first president of The Pennsylvania Forestry Association, the nation's oldest state organization devoted to forest conservation.

Schrum is chief, Division of Resource Management and Planning, in the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of State Parks. He is responsible for directing the management of the natural resources and facility development in the

Commonwealth's 116 state parks. He has worked for the Bureau of State Parks for the past 33 years.

The Rothrock Award specifically recognizes Schrum's efforts on behalf of the state parks. The award citation reads: ‘Greg Schrum, through perseverance, patience, and negotiating ability, created the Conservation Area concept within the State Parks System of Pennsylvania. Under his continued leadership, significant parcels of forest land continue to be donated to the Commonwealth for use and enjoyment by all citizens.’

Schrum and his wife Judy are the parents of two sons, Peter and Mark, and have one granddaughter. Schrum enjoys gardening, hiking, and a good book. He



Greg Schrum '67 (right) received congratulations from Dr. Rothrock's great grandson, Joseph T. Rothrock III, after the award presentation.

is active in the Lower Paxton Lions Club, Knights of Columbus, and his church.”

Jack Buckler, 1969 - 1573 Scandia Road, Warren, PA 16365.

1970s

David Legerton, 1976 - 1851 Windsor Drive, Winter Park, FL 32789. “Currently teaching fifth grade in Orlando, Florida. Daughter graduated as a DVM from University of Florida and have two sons serving in the U.S. Navy.”

Paul Slish, 1976 – 244 Hawthorne Ave., Kenmore, NY 14223. “The academic education I received in the School of Forest Resources was excellent. Although I have not worked directly in the forestry field, I have been professionally employed for close to thirty years. Over twenty of them have been with National Fuel Gas in Buffalo, New York. National Fuel is a natural gas distribution company that covers western New York and northwestern Pennsylvania. Their territory comes as far east as DuBois. They also have gas transmission lines, an oil and exploration and production division, and a timber division.

I work in the Information Services Department and am currently a Senior Database Administrator and the Team Leader for the database group. National Fuel’s timberlands are primarily in northwestern Pennsylvania and a little in southwestern New York. There were two foresters who had everything locked up when I joined the company in 1981. They really expanded in the 1990s and owned over 100,000 acres with a wealth of black cherry. They expanded to several foresters. I was thinking of putting in for a transfer for the next opening, and then National Fuel sold half the holdings to pay for a new pipeline acquisition! Some people may have even been laid off. I think I’ll stay right where I am until I retire! A lot of forestry is computer-related now anyway. If you can persevere through dendrology with Professor Melton, you can persevere to learn enough about computers to make a living at it. The Forest Science curriculum was rigorous, but it toughened you up for the real world. It took work to make it through, but for me it was well worth it.”

Meg Estep, 1979 – 9409 Barnes Ave., Conifer, CO 80433-9127; meg_estep@fws.gov. “Was saddened to learn of the death of **Greg Chulick ’79g**. I had him as a teaching assistant when I had dendrology, and also ran with Greg and Frank Cibulka. Greg was a great teacher and a wonderful person.

I am still employed with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a hydrologist. Doing some stream restoration along with the usual duties.

Loved the comment on the bathrooms. There were three women in my classes—Vicki Burns, **Abbie Eperthener** ‘80, and myself. Still keep in touch with Abbie.”

Stephen Schoenholtz, 1979 – Dept. of Forest Engineering, 267 Peavey Hall, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR; Stephen.schoenholtz@oregonstate.edu. Dr. Schoenholtz and his wife Gloria visited State College in July 2005 with sons, ages 17 and 21, and stopped in to see Dr. Kim Steiner, professor of forest genetics. Schoenholtz is now professor of forest hydrology and soils at Oregon State University. His wife worked with Dr. John George when she was a biology student at Penn State.

1980s

John Zelenski, 1986 – 185 Crystal Street, Johnstown, PA 15906-3201; czelenski@yahoo.com. “Good to see **John Magruder**’s name again! Wife Carol and the kids (Dylan, 11 yrs. and MacKenzie, 5 yrs.) are doing well. Working for MetLife for over ten years now—insurance consultant. Forest educator/volunteer at local park, so I do get to use some of my forestry knowledge. Can’t wait to see the new forestry building.”

Audrey Brown, 1987g – RSPB, Bryn Awel, Llanwddyn, Oswestry SY10 0LZ, United Kingdom; Audrey.Brown@rspb.org.uk. “On October 31, 2005, I started working for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) as area manager for North Wales. I am in charge of a 10,000-hectare nature reserve consisting of heather moorland (blanket bog/dry heath mix), acid grassland, sessile oak woodlands, conifer plantations, open water, grazed pasture, streams and hedgerows, and a farm of 4,000 sheep and 130 cattle that graze the moorland for the benefit of the hen harriers, peregrine, black, and red grouse found there.

The reserve also includes the stunning Lake Vyrnwy reservoir that is surrounded by trails, the Lake Vyrnwy

In Memoriam

William S. Davis, 1930
died December 10, 2004

William E. Tawzer, 1937
died March 1, 2005

John L. Hartranft, Jr., 1940
died July 9, 2005

Ralph H. Sinay, 1940
died April 14, 2005

Robert C. Beam, 1941
died in January 2006

Robert D. Graham, 1941
died April 26, 2004

Jack E. Paulhamus, 1942
died February 17, 2004

Mervin H. Reines, 1942
died October 21, 2005

Alexander E. Craig, 1948
died September 10, 2005

Joseph W. Hess, 1952
died December 20, 2004

Roy C. Kindig, 1951
died in October 2005

Bernard J. Altenbach, 1959
died December 12, 2004

James M. Eisenhard, 1966
died in December 2005

P. Joseph Gabig, 1975 and 1981g
died October 18, 2005

Hotel, a visitor center, and the RSPB shop. I have around 15 staff, including wardens, shepherds, retail staff, and a number of short- and long-term volunteers. It is all very new and challenging!

On a personal note, on 10th March, 2006, I will be marrying Peter Watson here in beautiful North Wales where we live.”

Tina J. Terrell, 1987 – USDA Forest Service, Cleveland National Forest, 10845 Rancho Bernardo Road, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92197. Terrell is supervisor of the 434,000-acre Cleveland National Forest, much of which lies within San Diego County.

Brian Wisner, 1987 – 196 Fish Hatchery Road, Mountain Rest, SC 29664; wisnerb@dnr.sc.gov. “After spending six years managing salmon hatcheries in Alaska, I took the position of hatchery manager at the Walhalla State Fish Hatchery in 2001. I’m rearing brown, brook, and rainbow trout for the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. My wife Janice and I have three kids now. Matthew (born while I was at Penn State) is now at Clemson. Rebecca is twelve and Rachel is three. We live at a beautiful hatchery site in the middle of the Sumter National Forest in the mountains of South Carolina.”

1990s

James J. Schulz, 1992 – 22 Coleman Ave., Apt. #2, Asheville, NC 28801. “Go Penn State!”

2000s

Jennifer Ottenberg Miller, 2000 – 9027 Balin Court, Baltimore, MD 21208; jomiller@rrkengineers.com.

Samuel Pelesky, 2003 – 6114 White Church Rd., Shippensburg, PA 17257; spelesky@hotmail.com. “For the past three summers I worked as an intern with the Pennsylvania DCNR on a timber rattlesnake project in Lycoming. I got involved with the project through Gian Rocco of Penn State’s Cooperative Wetlands Center. In August 2005, I graduated from Shippensburg University with a master’s in Biology. My thesis project involved studying the influence of prey availability on dispersal and

movement patterns of timber rattlesnakes in northcentral Pennsylvania. In October 2005 I began a two-year training position as a physical scientist intern at the Letterkenny Army Depot.”

Brock Sanner, 2003 – RR 1 Box 26, Pittsfield, PA 16340; bsanner@foreconinc.com.

Come to our Annual Meeting!

The annual meeting and banquet of the School of Forest Resources Alumni Group will be held Friday, April 21, 2006 at Penn State University Park. Come join us for a catered dinner in our new building!

In addition to celebrating the completion of our new building, we will honor four School of Forest Resources 2006 Outstanding Alumni:

Keith D. Atherholt '79

Alex W. Kirnak '37

Robert C. McColly '72

Darrel L. Williams '73, '74g

The deadline for banquet reservations is **April 14, 2006**. Banquet is limited to the first 160 registrants.

Schedule of Events

Friday, April 21

2:30 - 4:30 p.m. SFR Alumni Group Board of Directors Meeting

4 - 5:30 p.m. Building Tours (small group tours)

5:00 p.m. Director's Reception

6:00 p.m. SFR Alumni and Friends Banquet, and School of Forest Resources 99th Anniversary Celebration

Guest speaker: **Dr. Robert Steele**, dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences

Outstanding Alumni Awards

Saturday, April 22

TBA Blue-White football game. Free admission. (<http://www.gopsusports.com/home/index.cfm>)

Lodging

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Penn Stater. Our group's personal Reservation Identification Number is SCH0421_003. Please refer to this number if you want to make reservations at the Penn Stater for April 21; the Reservations Department's number is 800-233-7505. Cost per room per night is \$105 for single occupancy and \$115 for double occupancy. Rooms in the block must be reserved by **March 20, 2006**.

Questions? Contact Ellen Manno, 814-863-5831; exr2@psu.edu.



Forest Resources Building, September 2005

SFR Alumni Group Annual Meeting Registration

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Class year: _____

Address: _____

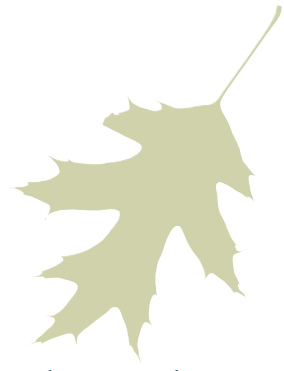
E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Total amount enclosed for banquet dinner (\$35 per person; special rate for full-time Penn State students is \$18 per student): \$ _____
(There is a vegetarian option, please indicate here the number of vegetarian meals requested: _____)

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

Banquet reservation deadline is April 14, 2006. Room reservation deadline at the Penn Stater is March 20, 2006.



RESPONSE FORM

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

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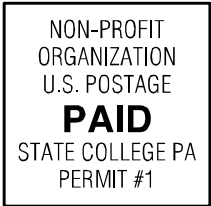
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- I would like the following news to be included in an upcoming newsletter. The next issue will be published in summer 2006. To submit news online, go to <http://www.sfr.cas.psu.edu/Alumni/AlumniNews.htm>.

_____ date

Mail this form to: Ellen Manno, Penn State, 201 Ferguson Building, University Park, PA 16802



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*Ballot Enclosed!
 Annual Meeting in
 New Building, April 21!*

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Calendar of Events

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| March 1 | Forestry Taxation and Financial Planning, Ramada Inn, State College, PA Contact: Michael Powell, 814-863-1113 or mjp175@psu.edu . |
| March 6-9 | Hardwood Lumber Grading, Snider Ag Arena, University Park, PA Contact: Michael Powell, 814-863-1113 or mjp175@psu.edu . |
| April 10-11 | Hardwood Log Grading, Snider Ag Arena, University Park, PA Contact: Michael Powell, 814-863-1113 or mjp175@psu.edu . |
| April 21 | School of Forest Resources Alumni and Friends Banquet, New Forest Resources Building, University Park, PA Contact: Ellen Manno, 814-863-5831 or exr2@psu.edu . |
| May 1-4 | Basic Kiln Drying of Lumber, Bryce Jordan Center, University Park, PA Contact: Michael Powell, 814-863-1113 or mjp175@psu.edu . |
| June 25 - July 1 | Conservation Leadership School, Stone Valley Recreation Area Contact: Michael Powell, 814-863-1113 or mjp175@psu.edu . |
| July 9-16 | Conservation Leadership School, Stone Valley Recreation Area Contact: Michael Powell, 814-863-1113 or mjp175@psu.edu . |
| August 29-31 | Wood Structure and Identification, Forest Research Lab, University Park, PA Contact: Michael Powell, 814-863-1113 or mjp175@psu.edu . |
| September 8 | Dedication of New Forest Resources Building, University Park, PA. 10 a.m. Contact: Ellen Manno, 814-863-5831 or exr2@psu.edu . |