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Messina Named Director of Penn State School of Forest Resources

On January 5, 2009, Michael Messina began his work as director of our School of Forest Resources. He came to us from Texas A&M University where he most recently served as professor and associate department head for undergraduate programs in the Department of Ecosystem Science and Management.

Messina replaced Charles Strauss, professor of forest economics, who retired in December 2008 after more than seven years as director and more than 47 years on the Penn State faculty.

"Mike Messina brings to Penn State an impressive record of scholarly accomplishments and a demonstrated commitment to

Messina was born and raised in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, and began his Penn State career at the Schuylkill campus. He earned a bachelor's degree in Forest Science from Penn State in 1979 and his doctorate in Forestry with a minor in Soil Science from North Carolina State University in 1983. Messina spent three years as a postdoctoral research fellow at the New Zealand Forest Service's Forest Research Institute. His research there involved the silviculture of radiata pine and several eucalypt species, with emphasis on site preparation, thinning, nutrition, and nutrient cycling. He joined the Texas A&M faculty as assistant professor in the Department of Forest Science in 1986, was promoted to associate professor in 1992, and achieved the rank of full professor in 2001.

Messina's research career in Texas was diverse, ranging from work designed to increase productivity of upland loblolly pine plantations to studying harvesting impacts on natural regeneration and water quality in mixed bottomland hardwood stands in a major river bottom. Most of his work was supported by the forest products industry, with individual or shared research grants totaling nearly \$2 million. This supported the publication of more than 30 refereed articles and the chairing or co-chairing of 25 graduate student committees. Messina served on 61 graduate student committees while at Texas A&M. He co-edited a book in 1998 titled *Southern Forested Wetlands: Ecology and Management* and currently serves as the associate editor for silviculture for the *Journal of Forestry*. In 2003, Messina was elected Fellow by the Society of American Foresters. He was quite active in the Texas forestry community, elected to several terms on the board of directors of the Texas Forestry Association. He was frequently a guest speaker to landowners' organizations throughout East Texas, and consulted with the Sustainable Forestry Initiative in Texas, Louisiana, and Tennessee.

One of Messina's favorite responsibilities at Texas A&M was teaching. He taught mostly silviculture, but also undergraduate and graduate courses in fire in natural resources management, wood properties and utilization, forest ecology, field forestry techniques, and general forestry. He was selected as outstanding professor several times by the students in his department. As associate department head, he oversaw all advising, curricula design, and general undergraduate issues for five degree programs.

Messina's first few weeks on the job have included a whirlwind of meetings with individuals and groups—and lunches. He jokes, "I've learned that an important part of the director's job is eating lunch—that is, attending luncheon meetings." But the meetings are certainly not restricted to lunch. "I am in that early stage of my position where everyone wants my time, my presence, and



helping students achieve success," says Robert Steele, dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences. "As a Penn State alumnus, he also understands our long history of excellence in forest resources and is dedicated to sustaining and enhancing that tradition."

As director, Messina oversees more than 70 faculty and staff, including two endowed positions: the Maurice K. Goddard Chair in Forestry and Environmental Resource Conservation and the Joseph E. Ibberson Chair in Forest Resources Management. About 350 undergraduate and about 100 graduate students are currently enrolled in our School.

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my ear,” he explains.

Among the many tasks demanding Messina’s immediate attention is development of our School’s next five-year Strategic Plan, 2009 - 2014. Faculty began work on the plan under Dr. Strauss’ leadership, but much was left to be addressed by the new director.

A display of wooden pieces on Messina’s desk are his own handiwork and reflect what he likes to do when he has the luxury of free time. “Woodworking is a perfect hobby for a forester. It differs enough from my day job to allow me to relax, but keeps me in touch with forest products!”

In spite of his hectic schedule, Messina is excited by the opportunity to return to his alma mater and sees his new position as an indication that his career has come full circle. “Although I may leave the office late and looking somewhat frazzled, I have thus far witnessed a level of excellence and dedication by our faculty, staff, and students that leaves me with no doubt that I made the right decision about a career change,” he says.

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Hello Alumni and Friends:

I am deeply honored and very excited to be writing my first column as the School of Forest Resources' new director. I am in my second week in the position as I write this, and thus far life here has been a whirlwind of meeting new people, renewing old acquaintances, and learning the details behind leading the best school of its kind in North America. I am also still awed to be sitting in the director's chair considering that when I last roamed University Park, I was working hard to memorize Latin tree names, finish mensuration assignments, and identify blocks of wood (some of which I swore came from Noah's ark). Being selected as the School's director is without a doubt the pinnacle of my professional career. I also feel a tremendous sense of responsibility as the first director hired in the School's second century of a proud history of providing superior education, research, and outreach. Chuck Strauss predicted that one of the things that I was certain to notice as director is just how good the faculty and staff of this School are. I am learning that he was not exaggerating. We are blessed to have outstanding people working hard to maintain our position as a leader. Another hallmark of the School's strength is the legions of many fine graduates it has produced in the past 100 years. I recall numerous times that I have read about Penn Staters being awarded and honored for their professional accomplishments. This has always been a source of pride for me. I am certain that the alumni reading this newsletter share this sentiment.



Even though our School has remained secure through difficult times, the next year or so will be very challenging to us from a budgetary standpoint. The current economic situation facing our nation has not spared our University. We are bracing for a likely budgetary rescission, the extent of which will not be fully determined by the governor's office until February. We ask you once again to consider an electronic newsletter subscription rather than paper to save us rapidly dwindling funds. But regardless of how difficult things get, our School is too strong, too diverse, and too resilient to not weather this storm. We remain strong due to our ability to adapt to changing times, while maintaining our core strengths in programs that make us great. We cherish our history while we forge our future.

I invite you to read on and share in our excitement. Please stay in touch.

Warmest regards,
Mike Messina



Centennial Tree

Alumni and friends who attended the SFR Centennial Celebration witnessed the April 27, 2007, dedication of our Centennial Tree (Swamp white oak, *Quercus bicolor*) in front of the Forest Resources Building.

In response to an October 2008 query by alumnus Joe Gray '48 about the health of the tree, Dr. Kim Steiner, professor of forest biology, offered this assessment: "The tree looks very healthy, with 12-16 inches of extension growth and green, healthy leaves. I'd say it is successfully established." 🐾



Faculty and Staff Resources

Charles Strauss Retires

School of Forest Resources faculty and staff gathered at the Nittany Lion Inn on December 12, 2008 for the annual holiday celebration. On that occasion, Dr. Charles Strauss offered these comments and words of thanks regarding his tenure as director and upcoming retirement:

These past 7 ½ years have been the most fulfilling of my 47 ½ years as a Penn State faculty member. A great deal was accomplished over this period, and these gains were, very much, a “we” proposition. Little would have gone forward had it not been for the support and talents of our faculty, associates, and staff. And, yes, we should also acknowledge the support of President Spanier, Dean Steele, and our College.

During this period we have lamented the retirement of quite a few people central to the School. Herein was a considerable loss of talent in terms of teaching, research, outreach, and administrative services:

Cathy Arney – administrative assistant to the director
Dee Breon – staff assistant to budgeting
Bob Carline – adjunct prof. of fisheries & Coop. Unit Leader
Pete Labosky – professor of wood chemistry
Larry McCormick – professor of forest resources
Todd Bowersox – professor of silviculture
Jim Lynch – professor of forest hydrology
Bill Sharpe – professor of forest hydrology
Dave DeWalle – professor of forest hydrology
Hank Gerhold – professor of forest genetics
Paul Blankenhorn – professor of wood technology

However, we also hired 11 new faculty members and 2 new adjunct faculty:

Hunter Carrick – associate professor of aquatic ecology
Harry Wiant – Ibberson Chair in Forest Resources Mgmt
Chuck Ray – associate professor of wood products operations
Nicole Brown – assistant professor of wood products
Jamie Murphy – instructor & coord. of undergrad. programs
Margot Kaye – assistant professor of forest ecology
Eric Zenner – associate professor of silviculture
Brian Olsen – senior lecturer in wildlife sciences
Victoria Braithwaite – professor of fisheries and biology
Beth Boyer – associate professor of water resources
Jackie Grant – senior lecturer in wildlife sciences
Matt Marshall – adjunct assistant professor of wildlife,
National Park Service
Tyler Wagner – adjunct assistant professor of fisheries ecology,
Coop. Unit Assistant Leader

And, over this same period, we hired 6 new staff members:

Andrea Lego – staff assistant V, wood products
Carol Leitzell – staff assistant IV, Cooperative Extension
Dave Harry – staff assistant V and administrative receptionist
Angela Clark – administrative assistant III to the director
Heather Besecker – staff assistant VI, budgeting and
FRL receptionist
Paul Lupo – research support assistant/staff instructor

I am pleased to further note that we promoted 10 of our faculty over these past 7 ½ years and established grade level promotions for 6 of our staff and associates. We also gained our first distinguished professor, an honor earned by Dr. Jay Stauffer, distinguished professor of ichthyology.

Accordingly, I wish to again thank our Search Committees, our Promotion and Tenure Committees, and our Staff Review Committees for their considerable involvement in this progress. Growth and transition have certainly been the “name of our game.”

Six years ago we initiated the design of the Forest Resources Building under the direction of Bower, Lewis, and Thrower Architects. The Office of Physical Plant (OPP) coordinated an intricate set of meetings among our faculty and staff that led to the design of our individual laboratories, teaching and outreach spaces, and allied offices. We debated the types of equipment for our labs and selected furniture for our offices. Construction was started in August 2004 and, as promised, we moved into our new building in March 2006. Although various omissions and problems were evident in the new structure, OPP gradually brought most of these matters to rest. However, 2 years later, we’re still awaiting a few key items and certain structural corrections.

We also embarked on renovations to the Forest Resources Laboratory to better house our Center for Watershed Stewardship and the Wildlife Collection, and to provide temporary quarters for certain Eberly College of Science faculty. Note: “temporary.”

We added a “green roof” to the new building in 2007, thanks to funding from OPP, and the contribution of wood plastic decking from Paul Smith’s research program. And we were pleased to learn that our building had earned LEED’s certification at the silver level – rather appropriate for our professional reputations.

On the subject of contributions, we have enjoyed the grand display of paneling, architectural fittings, and laminated beams donated by the Pennsylvania Forest Products Association. Our building is truly “a showcase for Pennsylvania hardwoods.” In addition, we gathered 33 additional naming gifts, which, in total, provided \$4 ½ million toward the cost of the building. I need to recognize Mark Sharer, director of college development, and his very capable staff, in their constant search for donors. Several of these gifts were provided by key professional organizations that have supported us over our many years:



Chuck Strauss is enjoying retirement.

Association of Consulting Foresters
Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Growers Association
Pennsylvania Forest Products Association
Pennsylvania Forestry Association
Penn York Lumbermen's Club
Society of American Foresters
Tau Phi Delta

And along the way, our good friend and alumnus, Joseph E. Ibberson, agreed to support two additional chaired positions, one in Urban Forestry and the other in Silviculture Research, plus the added provision of auxiliary support to all three of our Ibberson Chairs. His total gift will be in excess of \$10 million, placing Joe as the largest contributor to our College of Agricultural Sciences.

We dedicated the new building in 2006 and then moved on with our School's Centennial Celebration in 2007. Hank Gerhold authored a fine book on our School's heritage for this occasion, *A Century of Forest Resources Education at Penn State*, and our Alumni Group, under the guidance of Ellen Manno, presented us with a three-day weekend of festivities. We also held a smaller scale Centennial gathering on the West Coast and a fall football tailgate in the Forest Resources Building. This past October, the Penn State Ag Council recognized our Alumni Group with an award for its Centennial efforts.

On a personal note, over these past 7 ½ years, I lost several alumni-friends, who always supported the School and gave me special encouragement:

Conrad Lickel ('42) – director, Bureau of State Parks, DCNR
Ed Kocjancic ('54) – president, Kocjancic Inc.
Donald "Moose" Craul ('52) – president, PA Christmas Tree Growers Association
Jack Good ('41) – vice president, Bartlett Tree Expert Company

These fine men often wrote, called, or simply stopped by to share their thoughts on the School's direction and to ask where they might do more for their School.

With my notice of a pending retirement, we gathered our forces once more to search for a new director. Dean Steele engaged various members of our campus and stakeholder groups in this intricate process. I'm convinced that Dr. Mike Messina from Texas A&M will lead the School to a stronger future.

In closing, I would like to thank the members of our School's Administrative Team:

Paul Blankenhorn - associate director of academic programs
Wayne Myers - assistant director of graduate studies
Rich Yahner - assistant director of outreach
Paola Ferreri - program chair, Wildlife and Fisheries Science
Marc McDill - program chair, Forest Science
Judd Michael - program chair, Wood Products

This is a fine leadership team and together they led the way in developing our last two strategic plans (2002-05, 2005-08). In addition, Paul Blankenhorn coordinated the formal accreditation reviews of our Forest Science and Wood Products majors during 2003. And now we're ready for our next strategic plan and, as Paul reminds us, our next accreditation review is not that far away.

This adieu would not be complete without special recognition

of Paul Wangsness, emeritus senior associate dean. Paul served as my immediate liaison to the College and his council provided exceptional guidance and support to our School needs.

I need to recognize my wife, Carol, as a central person to my entire Penn State career, and a key supporter of my most recent pursuits. Her love, patience, and advice during these many years are greatly appreciated. And on the 20th of this month, we celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary. Thank you, "Fritzie."

Our School of Forest Resources represents a complex set of faculty, associates, staff, and students. We are directed to various professional endeavors. But we must continue to assemble as a School. And, remember, we are Penn State!

Cheers,
Chuck Strauss

School Notes

Wood Products senior **Brett Diehl** received the 2008 Robert E. Dougherty Educational Foundation Scholarship Award. The foundation provides financial assistance to students in forest products, wood science/technology, chemistry, mechanical engineering, and industrial engineering.

Andy Wilson, Ph.D. candidate in the Ecology intercollege graduate degree program, won the 2008 Outstanding Graduate Student Award from Penn State's Environment and Natural Resources Institute.

Jeanne Wiant, wife of Dr. Harry V. Wiant, Jr., passed away on November 4, 2008.

Duane Diefenbach, adjunct associate professor of wildlife, was recognized as Fellow of The Wildlife Society at the society's annual meeting held in Florida in November 2008.

Wildlife and Fisheries Science senior **Blake Goll** served as the College of Agricultural Sciences' Student Marshal at the Fall 2008 commencement. She graduated with the highest overall grade point average in the College. Her adviser **Walter Tzilkowski**, associate professor of wildlife science, accompanied her at the ceremony as Faculty Marshal.

The **School of Forest Resources Alumni Group** received the Penn State Ag Council's 2008 Leadership in Action Award for its 2007 Centennial Celebration.

Walter W. Johnson, retired associate professor and forest products specialist, passed away on January 1, 2009.

Student Resources

Sarah Pabian Receives 2008 Latham Award



Sarah E. Pabian received the 2008 Roger M. Latham Memorial Graduate Award. The Latham Award is given annually to an outstanding, full-time graduate student advised by Wildlife and Fisheries Science faculty members in Penn State's School of Forest Resources.

Created in 1981, the Latham Award memorializes Dr. Roger M. Latham (1914-1979) who devoted his career to promote conservation and management of renewable natural resources. Latham was well known as an author and the outdoor editor of the Pittsburgh Press, a lecturer, a photographer, a naturalist, a teacher, and a resource conservationist.

Pabian is a Ph.D. candidate in Wildlife and Fisheries Science. Her adviser is Dr. Margaret Brittingham under whose tutelage she completed an M.S. degree in 2006. Pabian earned a B.S. degree in Wildlife Ecology at the University of Madison-Wisconsin in 2003.

Pabian's current research examines the effects of soil calcium levels on breeding forest birds. This research is a continuation of her earlier work on the effects of acidic depositions on forest birds. Dr. Brittingham elaborates, "In the United States, researchers are only now beginning to address these issues; thus Sarah's research is really 'cutting edge.'"

True to the spirit of the Latham Award, Pabian actively communicates her research findings to the scientific community as well as to the public. She has presented posters and talks at regional and national conferences, and has published a paper in a scientific journal. She received the "best graduate student poster" award in Environmental and Natural Resource Sciences at the 2008 Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences, Gamma Sigma Delta Research Expo; and made the "best graduate student presentation" at the 2007 Pennsylvania meeting of The Wildlife Society. She is currently a teaching assistant in Dr. Brittingham's ornithology lecture and lab courses.

Pabian's public education efforts are extensive and ongoing. She has visited classrooms to talk about wildlife resources in backyards; at Laurel Haven Conservation Education Center she teaches middle schoolers about careers in wildlife ecology, deer ecology, and bird conservation; she coordinated the youth portion of the 4-H Wildlife Field Day; she teaches high school students at the Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences; she is a bird guide for the Clear Water Conservancy's International Migratory Bird Day; she has given presentations at the State College Bird Club; and she was featured on a PBS children's television program.

Pabian plans to graduate in spring 2010 and pursue a career in academia, perhaps after completing postdoctoral research. 🐾

James Feaga Receives George Award

James S. Feaga received the 2008 John L. George Student Conservation Award given annually to an undergraduate student in Wildlife and Fisheries at Penn State who embodies the spirit and dedication of Dr. John L. George.

Dr. George was the driving force behind the establishment of the Wildlife and Fisheries Science program in the School of Forest Resources at Penn State. In 1963, he was appointed as the first wildlife faculty member of the School, and worked tirelessly for the expansion of the program into a full academic major, a dream that became reality in 1981.

Feaga, a native of McSherrytown in Adams County, Pennsylvania, is a junior in the Wildlife and Fisheries Science bachelor's degree program. He graduated from Harrisburg Area Community College culinary school in 2007 and decided to change his career path. His career goal is to be an ornithologist, specializing in the conservation of waterfowl and wetlands. Feaga is currently working with representatives from Ducks Unlimited to re-establish either a campus- or community-based chapter of that organization in Centre County, Pennsylvania. He volunteers with McSherrytown Fish and Game, assisting with trout breeding and stocking, stream clean-up and restoration, and he builds and distributes duck boxes.

Feaga is a member of two honor societies—Xi Sigma Pi and Kappa Beta Delta—and the Penn State Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society. He plans to participate in the Shaver's Creek Outdoor School Program in fall 2009. 🐾



5th Annual Cardboard Canoe Race

The 5th annual cardboard canoe race, sponsored by the Forest Products Society (FPS) Student Chapter and the School of Forest Resources, took place Saturday, October 4, at a new venue: Foster Joseph Sayers Reservoir at Bald Eagle State Park. The change in location was necessary since Lake Perez at Stone Valley, the site of the four previous cardboard canoe competitions, was drained.

The cloudy start to the day may have reduced the number of attendees, but it did not diminish the enthusiasm of those who chose to attend either as race participants or spectators. A cadre of German students and staff—members of a group visiting the School as part of our exchange program with the University of Freiburg—added to the excitement.

FPS members Brett Diehl and Tom Ruffing grilled burgers to feed the crowd while canoe crafters got to work on their vessels. Two hours are allotted for canoe construction. The rules specify that a canoe must be made from only uncoated cardboard and duct tape, and the tape can be used only to cover a seam, thus preventing a canoe from being completely coated in tape. The

Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation donated the cardboard for the event.

Eight canoes, each constructed by a team of two, were entered into the race. At race time, however, two of the crafts were paddled by a lone individual since two builders opted not to take the risk of getting wet! Two canoes raced at a time, out to and around a buoy about 75 feet away and back to the dock. Two of the eight canoes sank—one while being boarded and the other, manned by a lone German student paddler, on the way back to the dock.

Winners of the race in terms of speed were Dr. Judd Michael and crewmate. Second- and third-fastest times were posted by Grant Stokke who raced solo, and Ethan Diefenbach and Garrett King, respectively. Additional prizes were awarded for best sink, and best design. 🐾



2008-2009 Scholarships and Awards Banquet

The College of Agricultural Sciences awarded more than \$1.9 million in scholarships and awards to 720 students for the 2008-09 academic year. This total includes more than \$139,000 that the School of Forest Resources distributed among 101 students, including 11 incoming freshmen. Recipients and donors were honored at a banquet on October 27, 2008, at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel in State College.

Three of the College's eight new scholarships for 2008 were made possible by School of Forest Resources Alumni: the **George R. and Ann E. Kemp Trustee Scholarship**, the **Lowell T. and Lois B. Underhill Trustee Scholarship**, and the **Charles H. Strauss Trustee Scholarship** (endowed by the family of Ed Kocjancic).

The **John and Nancy Steimer Scholarship** was among those recognized at the banquet for reaching a milestone of continuous support. The Steimer Scholarship has been awarded for 20 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. or a complete listing of the scholarships awarded by the School of Forest Resources and the 2008-09 recipients, please visit <http://www.sfr.cas.psu.edu/Alumni/newsletters/winter2009/students.html>. 🐾

Summer and Fall 2008 Commencement

Summer 2008 UNDERGRADUATES

Wildlife and Fisheries Science
Sloane Seferyn, Mark Swain

GRADUATES

Forest Resources
Kelly Deitrick, M.S.; Jenna Stites, M.S.

Wildlife and Fisheries Science
Patrick Ciccotto, M.S.

Ecology
Christopher Ross, M.S.

Fall 2008 UNDERGRADUATES

Forest Science
Eric Erdman, Brian Fleming, Clark McColly, Ian McClelland, Joseph Pekol, Nathan Reed, Joni Stanton, Joseph Tate, Luke Ulsamer, Robbie Withington, Jay Work

Wildlife and Fisheries Science
Jessica Dalton, Blake Goll, John Henzler, Bradley Hoffman, Amanda Horning, Keith Lutz, Thomas Mastrini, John Taucher, Bryan Welker, Christopher Wian

Wood Products
Thomas Baust, Stephen Cooney, Clark McColly, John Tsirigotis

GRADUATES

Forest Resources
Steven Bukowski, Ph.D.; Benjamin Sands, M.S.; Jonathan Stank, M.S.

Wildlife and Fisheries Science
Douglas Fischer, M.S.; Brianna Hutchison, M.S.; Jeanette Schnars, Ph.D.

Alumni Resources

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President's Message



Mark R. Webb '73

Greetings Fellow Alumni! This is my last column as your Alumni Group president! My term has really flown by and once again I thank you for this opportunity.

As always, there is a lot going on in our School.

First, a sincere thank you to Dr. Chuck Strauss for his leadership as director of our School. Besides overseeing the construction of our new building and helping to plan and carry out our Centennial Celebration, he has had to face the

always changing face of our teaching staff. Chuck, you did a great job and we say a collective THANK YOU for your leadership.

On January 5 our new Director, Dr. Mike Messina began his tenure at Penn State. To you Mike we say "Welcome Back!" Be sure to read Mike's column in this newsletter. We look forward to working with you and to a long tenure as our director.

I also need to say thank you to our previous SFR Alumni Group President Tom Yorke for submitting our Centennial Celebration to the Penn State Ag Council for its "Leadership in Action Award." We received the award and you can see it on display in the School of Forest Resources Building. For more info, check the link <http://live.psu.edu/story/36627>.

Our School has another "first" this year: the first annual SFR Career Fair on February 27. As we face a dramatic slow-down in the forest economy, these types of offerings are even more critical for our students. Thank you to all who worked hard on this project.

Our Alumni Banquet is scheduled for Friday, April 24. This is the Penn State Blue-White weekend, so we are also planning a pregame tailgate. We look forward to spending time with many of you as we renew old friendships. Additional information is on page 14 of this newsletter.

I would be very remiss if I did not say thank you to Ellen Manno. She is the person who has kept me on track. Without her patience and assistance I would not have been able to perform my duties.

I hope all of you will consider attending our events in April, and I look forward to seeing you there!

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

The School of Forest Resources Alumni Group board of directors includes 12 at-large members who are elected to a three-year term and who may serve a second consecutive term if re-elected. The terms of four at-large members expire in Spring 2009 and therefore an election ballot is included on page 14. Here are brief biosketches, in alphabetical order, of the candidates listed on this ballot. Incumbents are noted with an asterisk (*). Vote for no more than four candidates. Ballots must be postmarked by March 27, 2009. You can also vote online at <http://www.sfr.cas.psu.edu/Alumni/Newsletters/Winter2009/Response.html>.

Tracey L. Coulter (2001a FORT, 2003 FORSC, 2005g FOR R)
"From an early age, I knew I wanted to be a 'naturalist.' But I got sidetracked in that process. Although I grew up in central Michigan, my family was transferred to Switzerland, where I graduated from The American International School of Zurich. After three years of study at Miami University (Ohio), I left college for married life and Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

"Almost three decades later, and after a career in purchasing and materials management, I read about the Forest Technology program at Mont Alto and determined that now was the time to complete my education. Having made the decision, the plan unfolded. In 2001, I completed my A.S. in Forest Technology and moved to State College to pursue a B.S. in Forest Biology. During my college career, both of my daughters were married and my first grandchild was born. In December 2005, I graduated with an M.S. in Forest Resources.

"I completed three internships with the DCNR Bureau of Forestry and was hired as a Forest Program Specialist in 2004. I currently serve as Watershed and Reforestation Coordinator in the Rural and Community Forestry Section. In addition, I am the DCNR representative to the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation and have been a member of that organization since 1993. I am active in the sustainable agriculture community and working to strengthen the relationships among sustainable agriculture, sustainable forestry, and healthy watersheds."

Charles "Chuck" W. Glidden (1959 FOR)

"I am a native of Susquehanna, in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, and entered Penn State at the Mont Alto campus in 1955. After moving to main campus I became affiliated with AGR Fraternity, serving as their social chairman and rush chairman. I was active in the Penn State Forestry Society and was elected treasurer. My Army ROTC training led me to join the Society of American Military Engineers, and I was elected treasurer there also. Graduat-

School of Forest Resources Alumni Group Board of Directors

Elected at-large members (terms expire Spring 2009):

David J. Babyak ('71 FORSC)
Franklin S. Judd ('67 FOR T and '73g FOR R)
E.L. "Dick" Shafer ('56 and '57g FOR)
Mark R. Webb ('73 FORSC), *president*

Elected at-large members (terms expire Spring 2010):

Marc D. Lewis ('78 FORSC), *vice president*
Robert D. Rorabaugh ('72 FORSC)
Cecile M. Stelter ('89 FORSC, '90g FOR R)
Thomas H. Yorke ('64 FOR, '67g FOR)

Elected at-large members (terms expire Spring 2011):

R. Alexander Day ('67 FOR)
Ralph E. Heilig ('58 FOR)
Thaddeus M. Taylor ('97 FORSC)
Denise H. Mitcheltree ('94 and '96g W F S)

Immediate Past President:

Thomas H. Yorke ('64 FOR, '67g FOR)

Director, School of Forest Resources:

Michael G. Messina ('79 FOR)

Assistant Director for Outreach, School of Forest Resources:

Richard H. Yahner

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

Nelson S. Loftus ('58 FOR, '62g FOR)

Faculty Member, School of Forest Resources:

Sanford S. Smith ('01g FOR R)

Undergraduate Student, School of Forest Resources:
to be appointed

Graduate Student, School of Forest Resources:

Benjamin M. Gamble ('06 FORSC)

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 Penn State School of Forest Resources. Degrees received from other Penn State programs or other institutions are not noted.

ing in June 1959 I had the summer to work some odd jobs pending my October 1959 assignment to Basic Officers Course in Fort Bliss, Texas. My like took a perfect turn in September 1959 when I married Linda Stoudnour of Emmaus, PA, also a 1959 graduate with a B.S. in elementary education.

"Upon completion of the officers course, I was assigned to the Army Air Defense Command and sent to serve on the Conner Nike Site at Loring Air Force base in Limestone, Maine. The highlight there was the birth of our son Scott. Upon completion of my military two-year tour, I found a job with Bartlett Tree Experts in Wilmington, Delaware. After a short career of trying to sell tree care, I branched out to a new career as a claims adjuster in New Jersey. I was always on the hunt to return to Pennsylvania and that opportunity came when I was hired as a claims examiner for Berman Truck Leasing in Pennsburg. My insurance career took an unusual twist in early 1965. A large insurance agency in Montrose (Susquehanna Co.) purchased a small agency in my old hometown and they wanted me to run the office. I accepted and that decision turned out to be a sound one, as I presently own shares in the corporation and was elected president. Our agency is affiliated with The Keystone Insurers Group, and can best be described as a general insurance provider with a specialty in serving Emergency Services Organizations.

"Our Susquehanna experience has been very rewarding. Our second son David was born here and both sons live within a few blocks of our home. They have presented us with four very active granddaughters. My wife and I are members of the local Methodist Church and serve on various boards, and I serve as church auditor. I have been a long-time member of the local Lions Club, serving as president and a current long term as recording secretary. I have been involved with the all-volunteer Susquehanna Fire Department for 43 years. I served on a committee to raise funds and build a Veteran's Memorial Board, and also on a board to name a new large river bridge after Susquehanna County Veterans.

"Our Penn State involvement continues as members of the Nittany Lion Club, life members of the Penn State Alumni Association (PSAA), and life members of the Greater Binghamton Chapter of the PSAA where my wife and I are co-treasurers. We were able to assist the club in raising funds to endow small scholarships for Penn State students in northern Susquehanna County and southern Broome County in New York. A highlight for us is spending several years with State College friends, sorting through tens of thousands of game buttons to offer them at the Blue-White game, and a fall game with proceeds going to the scholarship fund for the Nittany Lion mascot."

Franklin S. Judd* (1967 FOR T and 1973g FOR R)

"My forestry education began at Mont Alto in fall 1963, and I earned degrees in the wood technology option: B.S. in 1967 and M.S. in 1973. Between these degrees, I was employed by the California Department of Forestry fighting 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 of service in Vietnam. In grad school, I did research in utilization of sawmill residues from Pennsylvania hardwoods.

"After completing my graduate work, I had resided in Lan-

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Penn State Forest School Patch
in our summer 2009 issue!*

caster County until fall 2006, when my wife and I moved to California. This followed living in Lititz for about 31 years. During that time I had worked for a local woodworking firm in sales and production, managed regional sales for Seemac, Inc., and was national sales and marketing manager for Panel Processing, Inc.

"Five years ago I committed to become more involved in Pennsylvania forestry. For three years I promoted Pennsylvania hardwoods under a Heinz Endowments grant. In this capacity, I formed and was director of the Pennsylvania Certified Forest Products Initiative that supported the market development of timber products coming from Pennsylvania's state forests. I was appointed to serve on the Pennsylvania State Blue Ribbon Task Force for Hardwoods, where I was the energy committee chairman. I also worked with the Pennsylvania Hardwood Development Council in promoting state timber.

"With our move to the East Bay area of California, I have become involved directly in forest certification and carbon credit work. I now audit forest products operations for SCS (Scientific Certification Services)—both FSC and SFI. I am also working with various firms as a consultant in that field—as the principal in Forests First Consultants.

"I hope to continue for another three years on our SFR alumni board, and be the 'Left Coast' eyes and ears for our School. I will continue to be involved in Penn State SFR activities. I have returned (and will continue to) for the spring board meetings and banquet. This fall, my wife and I hosted the Penn State reception at the SAF convention in Reno (and spent time getting to know our incoming director, and Penn State grad, Mike Messina).

"I am a life member of the Penn State Alumni Association; a member of the Society of American Foresters, the Forest Products Society, The Pennsylvania Forest Products Assn., and the Pennsylvania Forestry Association. Also, I am a member of Xi Sigma Pi honorary forestry fraternity and Tau Phi Delta fraternity, where I have served as National President and Endowment Fund Chairman.

"Both my children have attended Penn State, with one graduating—my daughter in 2004 (my son went on to Temple, but I try to keep that quiet). In moving to California, I do miss my annual hunting the elusive PA white tail buck each fall in Tioga County. However, I do plan to bag an elk or two in one of our western states before returning to live in Pennsylvania in three to five years."

Jennifer A. Ottenberg (2000 W F S)

"Growing up near Connellsville, PA (Fayette County), my father and my surroundings instilled in me a love for the outdoors so a career in natural resources was inevitable. During my time at Penn State, I accepted every opportunity to assist with ongoing research and gain valuable skills. I was fortunate to work with Dr. Richard Yahner on nesting studies and Dr. Robert Brooks in many wetland studies. I graduated in 2000 and accepted a term of service with AmeriCorps in upstate New York. After my term was completed, I decided to try a career in environmental consulting.

"I've been an environmental consultant for seven years and have worked at RK&K for 3 years. In 2006, I received certification as a Professional Wetland Scientist and Associate Wildlife Biologist. The focus of my career has been on conducting wetland

delineations and preparing technical reports and permit applications, but I've also had great opportunities to perform surveys for various reptiles, amphibians, mammals, and birds and work closely with the state and federal agencies to protect these species and their habitat. I regularly attend seminars, conferences, and training classes to continue learning and challenging my knowledge and understanding.

"Today my daughter Danica and I reside in Baltimore, Maryland, but travel home Pennsylvania quite often to visit family in friends and soak in some of the beautiful forests of SW Pennsylvania. The best part of loving the outdoors is now having the opportunity to pass that kind of love along to my daughter in hopes she will follow in my footsteps and chose PSU SFR to find a career she loves. Our favorite past times include hiking, birding, visiting nature centers, and cheering on Penn State and Steelers football."

Roxanne C. Shiels (1993g FOR R)

"I graduated from the College of Agricultural Sciences in 1990 with a bachelor of science in Environmental Resource Management, and continued my education in the School of Forest Resources with a master of science studying hydrology and graduating in 1993. In 1992, I began my career as an environmental scientist with Gannett Fleming Engineers and Planners at their headquarters in Camp Hill, PA. In 1993, I returned to Happy Valley to work at GeoDecisions, Inc. focusing on habitat studies, stream surveys, and geographic information systems. I joined ClearWater Conservancy, a Centre County-based, non-profit watershed organization from 1997 to 2002.

"In 2000, I became part of a committee to create an Environmental Resource Management alumni affiliate program group of the College of Agricultural Sciences (CAS) and the Penn State Alumni Association and served for a number of years on the board. In 2002 I joined the professional staff of the Alumni Association and am currently the Associate Director of Alumni Travel and Education. I oversee 30 domestic and international travel programs and numerous educational opportunities, several in partnership with CAS, in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Washington D.C., New York City, Harrisburg, and at University Park."

Richard E. Vrboncic (1980 FORSC)

"I am currently employed as the co-manager of the McDonald Office (West Pittsburgh) for the Bartlett Tree Expert Company. I am an International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist and serve as the chapter president for the Pennsylvania/Delaware Chapter of the ISA.

"I graduated from Penn State with a bachelor's degree in Forest Science in 1980. I owned a small tree care company for 12 years before selling the operation to Bartlett Tree Experts in 1997. My duties include diagnostic field work, managing client accounts, office operations, and employee recruiting.

"I have been serving on the Penn State School of Forest Resources Advisory Board for the last year as an alternate for Mr. Jack Good who recently passed away. I was active in the board's review of three initial candidates for selection as the new director of the School.

"I reside in Bridgeville, Pennsylvania with my wife. We have one son who is currently serving in the Air Force."

Alumni Notes

1930s

Harry M. Miller, 1935 – We recently learned that Mr. Miller had died August 5, 2004. An online Huntingdon, PA, obituary states: “He was employed by the U.S. Forest Service in its Forest and Waters Division. Subsequently he was employed by the Commonwealth and served as the acting district forester for the Rothrock District. Mr. Miller was also a self-employed gunsmith and retired from the Chemcut Corporation of State College. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the 36th Combat Engineers with service in North Africa, Europe, and during the invasion of Italy at Anzio, attaining the rank of captain.”

1940s

John C. “Jack” Good, 1941 – Died October, 28, 2008. Excerpts from his obituary in the *Chambersburg Public Opinion*: “. . . Jack served in the U.S. Army in World War II in France until wounded in the Hürtgen Forest just before the Battle of the Bulge. As a young lieutenant with responsibility for the lives of his men 24/7, Jack found his calling as a leader. Leadership, in its broadest interpretation, was a role he embodied for the rest of his life. . . . Jack would want to be remembered for his long career with the Bartlett Tree Company, where his ability to recognize talent, look for the best in people, and to nurture and support that, gave him both satisfaction and success. Those who’ve known Jack in Chambersburg will remember him as an enthusiastic outdoors person and Scout leader. They will remember him as a tireless civic champion, serving on the hospital board, spearheading fundraising to create soccer fields, garnering support for the Falling Spring Greenway, and, although a lifelong Republican, campaigning hard for Barack Obama. They will remember his dedication and generosity to his church. They will remember his fabulous garden and his excitement as he went for his fishing rod, noticing the brown trout beginning to rise in the stream. But most of all, Jack would want to be remembered for his faith and

the deep, enduring seventy-plus-year love affair he had with his wife Eleanor “Beeb” Nelson, and the love, support, and generous spirit he provided to his four sons, two daughters, and sixteen grandchildren. Jack had his faults. He worked too hard. Never learned to make his own lunch. Tended to dominate conversations. But he was a generous and committed friend, relished life deeply, strived to understand and do the right thing, and lived with an evermore open and inclusive heart.” Good was honored in 2001 as one of our School of Forest Resources Outstanding Alumni.

McClain B. Smith, Jr., 1943 – Died October 29, 2008. From his obituary in *The Forestry Source*, December 2008: “McClain earned a bachelor’s degree in forestry from Penn State and a master’s degree and doctorate degree in forestry from the University of Michigan. He worked for the U.S. Forest Service for nine years, including more than three spent as district ranger on the Kisatchie National Forest in Louisiana. He also worked as a logger in Maryland and as a part-time consulting forester for 35 years. He served as a camp manager and lecturer at the University of Michigan’s School of Natural Resources for 10 years and as the executive director of both the Michigan Forest Association and Michigan Forest Foundation for 18 years.”

Joseph F. Gray, 1948 – Schooner Cove #103, 35 Schooner St., Damariscotta, Maine 04543; joecar@gwi.net. “My only contact with Penn Staters is with my old roommate **Pete Wineberg** ’48 in Denver, Colorado area; **“Sunshine” Shogren** ’51 in Garrett County, Maryland, and June, the wife of my long-time Penn State roommate **Hays Gamble** ’47 and ’62g. When Carolyn Wilhelm (HEc) now my wife, and I were dating we arranged for Hays and June Irvin (HEc) to meet and the rest was another marriage in Penn State history. I spend no time in the woods any more as I’m unsteady on my feet but try to make up for it by presenting colorful 35mm slide programs on natural history subjects to schools and organizations. I’m custodian of Mid-Coast Audubon’s 60,000-slide collection,

too. As an instructor, I just completed an 8-week course for UMaine Coastal Senior College on “Songbirds of Maine” and will repeat the course in March 2009, together with another 8-week course “Maine Trees, Shrubs, and Vines.” I also regularly present programs for Adult Education in area schools. I also am the compiler for two area Christmas Bird Counts, a short-time task but important in determining the health and population of birds. We’re now living on the east shore of tidal Damariscotta River and this gives me plenty of time to observe the wildlife.”

1950s

John B. Heroux, 1950 – 2 Olde Lantern Road., Bedford, NH 03110-4814. “Sadly, for those who knew her, my wife of 47 years, Elizabeth Heroux, passed away in June 2008.”

Paul “Sunshine” Shogren, 1951 – 1638 Memorial Dr., Oakland, MD 21550; Shogren2@verizon.net. “Was visited 26-28 August by my good Scouting/Forestry buddy **Ted Yarosh** ’52 from Klamath Falls, Oregon. We visited him almost a year ago at his Oregon home. We knew each other at main campus from 1949 on but really got acquainted while on the Ochoco National Forest in Prineville, Oregon, where we did some real solid Scouting together. Ted is now Camp Ranger for Crater Lake Council, Oregon, and has over 50 years in Scouting.

“While recovering from left knee replacement surgery on 13 October 08 and the infection that got into it, I devised a plan to unite the **Class of 1951** (PSMA ’47-’48) and at the same time elicit contributions for the arboreta at Mont Alto and University Park. In early 2009 I mailed to approximately 60 members a letter describing the plan and a bio sheet to be returned to me. For every returned bio, I will personally contribute \$4 to the arboretum of your choice with the proviso that each classmate could also contribute to the arboreta himself. The returned bios will be collated into a bound volume and sent to all those submitting bios.

Obviously there are costs involved so there will be a charge of about \$10 per volume sent to each classmate. This is being done at my expense and with 'in kind' help from each school. Contributions to me will be appreciated. This collection of bound class bios is similar to what the Class of '58 did in 2008, which also included a reunion at PSMA, all under the direction of class secretary **Ralph Heilig**. So, Class of 1951, get prepared for some happenings in 2009!"

Glenn Wiggins, 1954 – 702 Caroline St., Port Angeles, WA 98362-3502; glenn@olypen.com.

Robert E. Chambers, 1956g – 2394 State Route 69, Parish, NY 13131. Retired professor of wildlife ecology, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

Henry F. Hartmann Jr., 1959 – 861 Langford Rd., Thompson, PA 18465.

1960s

Ed Frayer '61 has heard from a few alums. As for Ed, he keeps busy teaching four courses (statistics) at Central Florida Community College (Ocala), serves on the Homeowners Board of Directors at Harbor Hills, and is Chair of the Harris Chain Chapter of Ducks Unlimited. Send newsletter info for the 1961 class to Ed at edfrayer@hotmail.com or 5009 Harbor Heights, Lady Lake FL 32159. 1(352)751-7273. Ed's **Class of 1961** news:

"**Tom Lonberger** has moved to Parker, Colorado, and now has e-mail tllonberger@q.com

"**Bob Stroh** says there's nothing new at University of Florida; same old stuff ~ budget cuts, great football, fantastic Lady Gator volleyball.

"Pat **Murray** writes that **Lynn** has really enjoyed hearing from his friends from his past. Lynn is still playing with the fish every now and then, helping a friend rebuild their cabin, and trying to get this place ready for winter. We have one load of wood in and that might be it. Burn the wood stove just on special occasions. Too much work for us young people. Lynn was Grand Marshall in the Stonyford 65th Rodeo Parade in California in May. It was great, all our children came and our middle

granddaughter surprised us and sang the National Anthem. She did a beautiful job. GraceAnn is a senior in high school in Annapolis. We will have the boys here in Ava in a couple weeks to go hunting with their dad. Hope they get something. We just had our yearly physical and happy to report everything is fine. The only thing Lynn takes are vitamins and his comment is I give him so many, he glows in the dark. Forty-four years and I want him around for another twenty at least. Everyone take care and may God bless us all.

"**Ron Shields** just had his rotator cuff repaired. This of course limits his fishing and hunting. Otherwise he continues to work with the U.S. Geological survey as a Volunteer for Science and has a small consulting business doing hydrologic studies, mostly with Trout Unlimited on their instreamflow reservations and proposed lease for instreamflow. Addie has been busy nursing me back to health and listening to me rant and rave about political issues.

"**Jim Lacek** says that if any of his classmates venture anywhere near Towanda, PA, please give him a call and stop by [phone 570-265-5282; 213 North Main Street, Towanda]. Jim reports the death of **Bill (Buddy) Miller** '59, retired DCNR assistant district forester, Williamsport, PA, this past fall. Also, DCNR forester, **Paul Duck** '38 passed away at age 94, at Bloomsburg, PA, this past fall. Jim received the following information from **Ron Jones** '60: **Ralph 'Fuzzy' Hirt** '60 completed a 100-mile marathon through the desert brush, rock, and sand north of Phoenix, AZ, during the first week of November 2008 in 28 hours and 45 minutes. Ralph is 71 years old and still living in California.

"**Bob Stemko** (who started with most of us at Mont Alto) called after he saw the Alumni News. He graduated in 1960, so is not technically a member of the class of '61. He feels the same as I do—that the memories from Mont Alto are at least equal to those from the main campus. Bob started with the USFS out West, came back East as a nursery foreman, then worked 17 years for B&B Mushrooms, and finally finished up with Ehrlich Pest Control. He doesn't use a computer, but would very much like to hear from guys who were at Mont Alto 1957-58. Give Bob a call! Bob Stemko, 1-610-547-0006, 705 Greenhills Rd., West Chester PA 19380.

"**Chris Rea** wrote, 'I so much appreciate all your efforts to bring us all back together. It has brought back many good memories. On my screen saver, one of the slides is a picture of **Ron Shields** at a stop on our way to Oregon to a summer job working for the Forest Service in 1958. Just seeing the names of our classmates is a treat. I continue to work four days a week selling commercial investment real estate. The thought of being retired is not all that appealing. I am taking time to travel. This fall, my wife and I along with two couples, visited Iceland, the Faeroe Islands, Scotland, and Norway. I ended up driving over a 1,000 miles, 500 on the wrong side of the road in Scotland. My hobby seems to be maintaining our homestead grounds and two horses here in Atlanta. Life is very good in spite of all the bad news. Would love to hear from any of our classmates and would love to show them some real southern hospitality. Chris Rea, 11459 Hackett Road, Roswell, GA 30075; 770-992-6410.'

"**Bob Davey** reported that Merle Waltz is ill. Cards and well wishes can be sent to his home at 2923 Roosevelt Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17201. Merle was well enough this summer to go to California with a specialized fire crew from Pennsylvania as a wildland firefighter. Pretty amazing for a senior citizen of 69."

Carl O. "Mac" McIntire, 1961 – 14128 Flint Rock Rd., Rockville, MD 20853-2653; macandeleonor@netzero.net. "Eleanor and I have nine grandchildren from our four children (two Marines, one schoolteacher, and one church administrative assistant). We are busy with soccer, lacrosse, and football games. (Oldest grandson, 6' 3" 230 lbs. takes after me.) I am on Garrett County, Maryland, Forestry Board with **Paul Shogren** '51. Been retired from my hardware store for eight years."

Arthur J. Oplinger, 1962 – 5009 Chestnut Grove Road, Spring Grove, PA 17362-7909; tonioplinger@juno.com. "Still retired, still reading."

1970s

Robert W. Piper, Jr., 1976 – 156 Stonebridge Street, Mineral Point, PA 15942-5832. Rob Piper received the Pennsylvania Forestry Association's 2008 Joseph T. Rothrock

Conservationist of the Year Award, which is named after the association's founder.

William I. Dube, 1979 – 1595 Halo St., San Diego, CA 92154-2718; billdube@yahoo.com

Louis DeMarkis, Jr., 1979 – 12 E. Hancock St., St. Clair, PA 17970.

Richard “Rick” Melvin, 1979 – ram511@verizon.net. Mr. Melvin visited the School of Forest Resources in July 2008 and stopped in to see his former adviser, Dr. Kim Steiner. Also, Dr. Marc Abrams was his crewmate when the two had a summer job with the USDA Forest Service in 1978. At the time, Abrams was a student at Michigan State. Melvin is a private investor and an administrator for Franklin Township in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

Amy J. Benson, 1979 and 1987g – U.S. Geological Survey, 7920 NW 71st Street, Gainesville, Florida 32653-3071; abenson@usgs.gov.

1980s

Tom Lyons, 1986g – 3800 Powell Lane, Suite 203, Fall Church, VA 22041; tlx@aol.com.

Dave Messics, 1987 – 1220 Chrome Hill Rd., Jarrettsville, MD 21084; Dmessics@aol.com. “Moved to Maryland in 2007 and built a home on the family farm. Employed by the National Rifle Association of America (NRA) since 2006. I serve as their Advancement Officer for PA, NJ, and NY, teaching and defending freedom!”

1990s

Susan M. Reisch, 1995 – Georgia Forestry Commission, 6835 James B. Rivers Memorial Drive, Stone Mountain, GA 30083; sreisch@gfc.state.ga.us. August 2008 news release: “The Georgia Forestry Commission’s Urban and Community Forestry Program Coordinator, Susan Reisch, has been recognized with a prestigious award from the National Association of State Foresters. Reisch was awarded the Burnell Fischer Current Achievement for Urban Forestry honor for her national and state efforts to protect and sustainably manage America’s

forests. She was formally recognized at the NASF Awards Banquet in Hyannis, Massachusetts, in October. Reisch has served in her current position as U&CF Program Coordinator since 1999. In 2005 she initiated the annual publication of *SHADE* magazine, which highlights critical issues affecting community forests for decision makers. She led a major marketing study of consumers in the wildland-urban interface about insights into tree benefits and published an article about the study for *City Trees* magazine. Reisch developed two important guides for professional foresters, the SGSF Urban Forestry Communications Plan and the Georgia Model Urban Forest

planning book. In 2005, Reisch was named one of the ‘Ten Women Saving the Planet,’ by *Atlanta Woman* magazine.”

2000s

Milton G. Newberry, 2006 – 201 S. Beachview Dr., Jekyll Island, GA 31527. Newberry is an environmental educator at Jekyll Island 4-H Center.

In Memoriam

John B. English, 1935
died December 20, 2003

Kenneth R. Bromfield, 1949
died December 15, 2007

Harry M. Miller, 1935
died August 5, 2004

John N. Graff, 1949
died July 31, 2007

Paul W. Duck, 1938
died September 22, 2008

Frederick L. Brown, 1950
died December 29, 2007

Jacob P. “Jack” Sartz Jr., 1938
died October 23, 2007

Hugh R McLean, 1950
died December 6, 2007

Joseph C. Robinson, 1939
died July 26, 2008

Leonard S. Tomazin, 1951
died June 4, 2007

Jay E. Seeley, 1939
died November 2, 2007

Joseph F. Logan, 1957
died August 10, 2007

John C. “Jack” Good, 1940
died October 28, 2008

William C. “Buddy” Miller, 1959
died June 16, 2008

Miles R. Hill, 1940
died March 5, 2007

Stanley J. Zahora, 1959
died October 11, 2007

John C. Stere, 1940
died October 7, 2008

F. Dean Badertscher, 1962
died January 18, 2006

Louis M. Gabel, 1941
died September 22, 2007

Gene D. Hemminger, 1969g
died November 18, 2007

John A. Mattoon, 1942
died June 18, 2008

Buell B. “Bud” Moore III, 1976
died August 21, 2007

McClain B. Smith, 1943
died October 29, 2008

David R. Bahrenburg, 1980
died October 18, 2007

Elwood B. Shade, 1945 and 1946g
died August 22, 2007

SFR Alumni Group Ballot

Our ballot has a new format to reduce printing and postage costs. You also have the option to cast your ballot online at <http://www.sfr.cas.psu.edu/Alumni/Newsletters/Winter2009/Response.html>.

Please vote by marking an "X" in front of the name of the candidate(s) of your choice. Candidates are listed in alphabetical order. Vote for no more than four candidates. Ballots must be postmarked by March 27, 2009 and mailed to Ellen Manno, 416A Forest Resources Building, University Park, PA 16802.

See pages 8 - 10 for biosketches.

_____ Tracey L. Coulter '01a FORT,
'03 FORSC, '05g FOR R
Mt. Holly Springs, PA

_____ Charles W. "Chuck" Glidden '59 FOR
Susquehanna, PA

_____ Franklin S. Judd '67 FOR T, '73g FOR R
Emeryville, CA

_____ Jennifer A. Ottenberg '00 W F S
Baltimore, MD

_____ Roxanne C. Shiels '93g FOR R
Julian, PA

_____ Richard E. Vrboncic '80 FORSC
Bridgeville, PA

Come to our Annual Meeting!

The **annual meeting and banquet** of the School of Forest Resources Alumni Group will be held Friday, April 24, 2009 at Toftrees Resort and Conference Center in State College. We will also hold our **first annual Blue-White tailgate** on Saturday, April 25.

At our banquet, we will honor four School of Forest Resources 2009 Outstanding Alumni:

John Davies '52, '57g

Glenn Haney '51

Keith Horn '55

Ralph Heilig '58

The deadline for banquet and tailgate reservations is April 17, 2009. Banquet and tailgate are limited to the first 130 registrants.

Schedule of Events

Friday, April 24

3:30 - 5 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

SFR Alumni Group Board of Directors Meeting
Director's Reception
SFR Alumni and Friends Banquet
SFR 102nd Anniversary Celebration
70th Anniversary of SFR Alumni Group
Outstanding Alumni Awards

Saturday, April 25

10 a.m. - noon

TBA

First Annual SFR Blue-White Tailgate
Forest Resources Building, University Park
Blue-White football game. Free admission.
(<http://www.gopsusports.com/home/index.cfm>)

Lodging

Small blocks of guestrooms have been reserved at

(1) Toftrees Resort and Conference Center. Cost is \$149 for Friday night. To reserve a room in the block, please call Toftrees before March 24 at 1-800-252-3551 and mention "School of Forest Resources Alumni and Friends."

(2) Sleep Inn on North Atherton Street in State College. Cost is \$103 for Friday night for a room with two double beds or one queen-sized bed. To reserve a room in this block, please call the Sleep Inn before April 5 at 814-235-1020 and ask for the "Forest Resources Alumni" block.

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

SFR Alumni Group 2009 Banquet and Tailgate Registration

Name(s): _____

Class year: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

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

Total amount enclosed for tailgate (\$15 per person; special rate for full-time Penn State students is \$8 per student): \$ _____

Make checks payable to PENN STATE, write "SFR Alumni Banquet/Tailgate" on the memo line, and remit to:
Ellen Manno, Penn State, School of Forest Resources, 416A Forest Resources Building, University Park, PA 16802.

Banquet and tailgate reservation deadline is April 17, 2009. Lodging reservation deadlines are as noted above.

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 4,000 alumni at a cost of up to \$6,000 per issue for printing and mailing. 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.

(E-mail address)

- I have sent a contribution for the SFR Alumni Group in the amount of \$ _____ to Penn State, College of Agricultural Sciences, Development Office, 233 Agricultural Administration University Park, PA 16802 (or it is enclosed and will be forwarded to the correct office). The contribution is made payable to “Penn State” and designated for the School of Forest Resources Alumni Group.
- I would like the following news to be included in an upcoming newsletter. The next issue will be published in summer 2009. To submit news online, go to <http://www.sfr.cas.psu.edu/Alumni/AlumniNews.htm>.

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 The Pennsylvania State University
 117 Forest Resources Building
 University Park, PA 16802

Visit the School of Forest Resources at
<http://www.sfr.cas.psu.edu/>

Calendar of Events

March 9 - 12	Hardwood Lumber Grading, Snider Ag Arena, University Park, PA. Contact: Michael Powell, 814-863-1113 or mjp175@psu.edu.
April 6 - 9	Log Grading, Snider Ag Arena, University Park, PA. Contact: Michael Powell, 814-863-1113 or mjp175@psu.edu.
April 24	School of Forest Resources Alumni and Friends Banquet, Toftrees Resort and Conference Center, State College, PA. Contact: Ellen Manno, 814-863-5831 or exr2@psu.edu.
April 25	School of Forest Resources Alumni and Friends Blue-White Tailgate, Forest Resources Building, University Park, PA. Contact: Ellen Manno, 814-863-5831 or exr2@psu.edu.
May 11 - 15	Kiln Drying of Hardwood Lumber, Forest Research Lab, University Park, PA. Contact: Michael Powell, 814-863-1113 or mjp175@psu.edu.
May 29 - 30	Timber 2009, Ag Progress Days site at Rock Springs, PA. Contact: Bob Oberheim, 814-865-2081 or PATimberShow@psu.edu.
June 21 - 27	Conservation Leadership School, Stone Valley Recreation Area, Petersburg, PA. Contact: Michael Powell, 814-863-1113 or mjp175@psu.edu.
July 5 - 11	Conservation Leadership School, Stone Valley Recreation Area, Petersburg, PA. Contact: Michael Powell, 814-863-1113 or mjp175@psu.edu.
August 18 - 20	Ag Progress Days, Russell E. Larson Agricultural Research Center, Rock Springs, PA. Contact: Bob Oberheim, 814-865-2081 or agprogressdays@psu.edu.