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Pennsylvania DCNR Bureau of Forestry personnel and government officials ceremonially open a new district office in Clearfield, PA. See pages 23-24 for a freelance writer's observations of the event, and her opinion of foresters and other resource managers.



Chairman's Corner

By Mike Lester
Allegheny SAF Chair

"As I write this last column, it doesn't seem possible that my term is over." Sound familiar? This quote was from Mark Webb's final column as Allegheny Chair, and I couldn't have expressed it any better. My two years have passed with amazing speed. It was a wonderful experience although there have been some frustrations. The wonderful part of the experience (which was the vast majority) involved my interaction with the members of the Allegheny SAF (ANSAF). You are an impressive group of professionals committed to advancing the practice of forestry. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Chair.

I feel that SAF offers more services and benefits than at any other time during my membership (19 years). However, there have been three issues, all interrelated, which have proven to be both frustrating and tenacious. Those issues are membership, cultural diversity, and ANSAF finances. How are they related? The vast majority of our operating income comes from our membership dues, yet we are seeing an ongoing attrition of members. Moreover, we seem to lose the greatest percentage of members from the communities that are the least represented.

For example, we lost 116 members of the ANSAF when our rolls were purged in June. Of that number, 19 were female or 14% of those we lost. In Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, 20% of those not renewing their membership were female. To gain a broader perspective, nationally 98% of our membership is Caucasian, and 88% male.

In an ideal world, our profession should reflect the population we serve. However, that's not the case. Moreover, I would suspect that if you examine the student populations in our forestry schools, you would conclude that our profession wouldn't reflect the demographic makeup of this country anytime soon. I also suspect that this is true in other professions such as law, medicine, and engineering. However, my primary concern is whether or not the Allegheny SAF

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SAF's Joe Ibberson Honored as 2001 PA Landowner of the Year

By Jack Winieski, Editor "The Allegheny News"

At the 2001 Conservation Achievement Awards Banquet in Harrisburg on April 24, the PA Wildlife Federation and Audubon Society recognized **Joseph E. Ibberson** for contributions to Pennsylvania's conservation movement. The Nature Conservancy of Pennsylvania sponsored the 2001 Landowner of the Year Award. Ibberson was among several individuals (including Governor Tom Ridge) and organizations receiving awards for contributions in their particular areas of environmental concern.

An active member of the Society of American Foresters for 48 years, Ibberson enjoyed a long and successful forestry career in the PA Bureau of Forestry before retiring as Chief of the Division of Advisory Services. During his tenure, he was responsible for the successful initiation of several innovative programs in forest inventory, pest control, tree nurseries, genetics and the first meaningful service forestry program for private forest landowners.

Practicing what he preached, he established several large tree farms, piecing together fragmented parcels - reversing the forest fragmentation trend we are experiencing today. In the past two years he has donated 350 acres of forestland in Dauphin County to the Commonwealth's park system, establishing the first of a series of Conservation Areas in PA. The Ibberson Conservation Area site will serve as a working forest demonstration and education area and provide opportunities for various public passive recreation activities. Ibberson has also been involved in developing the standards for future donations of Conservation Areas and influenced other donations; Friend Alexander Boyd was co-honored for donating the 900-acre Boyd Big Tree Preserve to the PA Conservation Areas Program. Ibberson has also established and endowed a Chair in Forest Resource Management at Penn State University to train foresters to work with owners of private forestlands.



PA Governor Tom Ridge with Joe Ibberson (r), recipient of the 2001 Conservationist of the Year Award

Mead & Westvaco Combine in a Merger of Equals

Dayton, OH and Stamford, CT - August 29, 2001 - The Mead Corporation (NYSE:MEA) and Westvaco Corporation (NYSE:W) announced today that they have agreed to a merger of equals, creating a global company with leading positions in packaging, coated and specialty papers, consumer and office products, and specialty chemicals. The new company will be called MeadWestvaco Corporation; the enterprise value of the

combined organization is in excess of \$10 billion.

MeadWestvaco will have more than 32,000 employees, with headquarters in Stamford, CT, where Westvaco is based. The coated papers and consumer and office products business will be located in Dayton, OH, where Mead is based. The merger is structured as a stock-for-stock tax-free exchange. Both Boards of Directors have approved the transaction.

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reflects the diversity of our profession in our five state society.

This problem has not escaped the attention of our SAF Council. A Council Subcommittee on Cultural Diversity was established in 1995. They stated in their objectives "As the culture within the United States and within the workforce becomes more diverse, the Council of the Society of American Foresters wants to make certain that there are no institutional or cultural constraints to the active involvement of women and minorities in the profession and SAF. SAF does not believe that such efforts should focus on numerical targets, but on the environment itself, which should be friendly, supportive, and open to the involvement of all members." Tim Kaden, our Council representative and David Wm. Smith, our new Vice-President serve on this committee.

I believe that there is a pressing need for the Allegheny SAF to take a hard look at this issue. Therefore, I have appointed a Committee on Cultural Diversity. I have asked Linda Gribko to Chair this group. Cecile Stelter and Charles Newlon

have also agreed to serve on this committee. The Committee will begin on October 1, 2001. The charge of the committee is to answer four questions:

1) Why are there so few women and people of color in the Allegheny SAF?

2) What are the barriers to entry into the Allegheny SAF for women and people of color?

3) What are the barriers to retention of women and people of color?

4) What can we do to remove those barriers?

I think we would all be pleased if we find that our membership is a relatively accurate reflection of the regional demographics of our profession. I would be ecstatic if our membership is a reflection of the demographic of our forestry schools. If the latter case is true, I believe that we can say with confidence that the barriers to entry in ANSAF are insignificant. However, if neither of the preceding statements is true, we have our work cut out for us. While the task is daunting, ANSAF is certainly capable of addressing the issues.

On another note, I want to thank the Western Gateway Chapter for the excellent meeting they hosted in Pittsburgh this summer. Chapter Chair Bob Schweitzer and Program Chair Roxane Palone did a superb job. Also thanks go to Gary Sheridan, Chuck Flinn, Dave Babyak, Gary Scott, Dick Rossman, Dan Snyder, Rob Piper, and Craig Ostheim for their considerable effort in making this meeting a success.

While I'm thanking people, I would be remiss if I didn't thank Mark Webb, Jack Winieski, Kenneth Jolly, and Tim Kaden for the exceptional help and support during my term as your Chair. And I would certainly be negligent if I didn't thank my wife, Nancy McKinley, for her help in editing this column. It is due to her efforts that punctuation, grammar, and subject-verb agreement are correct. The convoluted logic belongs to me. But most of all, I would like to thank you for your support in allowing me to serve the Allegheny Society of American Foresters. It is a truly gratifying experience. It has also been a lot of fun.

Carpe Diem. ✧

Help a Colleague . . . and Help Yourself

Many of us find it difficult to approach a colleague and ask him or her to join the Society of American Foresters. In our daily contacts, we meet individuals working in the profession who we are proud to be associated with, and yet for some reason are not members of SAF. Well, here is an easy way for all of us to help in recruiting these valuable professionals. Over the years the "Help a Colleague... and Help Yourself" cards have been quite effective in member recruiting efforts. The national office will make contact with suggested members with no revelation as to what prompted an invitation to join. Send the following information about your suggestion to SAF at: 5400 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814; FAX it to (301) 897-8720 or e-mail it to mckernoc@safnet.org

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Members and News

“Roach Forum” Looks at the Endangered Species Act

By Shoe N. Schuler

April 12, 2001 marked another “Ben Roach Forum” at the Kane Country Club in NW Pennsylvania. **Robert Melscheimer, Ph.D.**, who teaches forest policy and environmental law at the State University of New York (SUNY), and **John Wagner, Ph.D.**, an associate professor of forest resource economics at SUNY, gave a masterful presentation on aspects of the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the concept of values.

Dr. Melscheimer began with an overview of the ESA. The ESA protects listed species, and maintains that federal actions require consultation and must prevent jeopardizing a species or its habitat. Any related state law must be at least as stringent as this federal law. The ESA prohibits activities that will “take” a listed species (“take” meaning to kill or harm; newer amendments allow some conditional “takings”). The “take” provision is the primary mechanism protecting listed species. Bottom line here: if you “take” an individual member of a listed species, your intent is irrelevant. Nobody cares whether you intended to kill or not. Penalties range up to \$50,000 and a year in jail. Some exemptions apply, however, and he listed several.

After discussing the special vocabulary of the ESA, Melscheimer talked about the listing of species, how their critical habitat is designated, economic factors considered, and how the Secretary of the EPA must establish recovery plans for each listed species. He moved on to explain the actions required of federal agencies in the “consultation phase.”



Drs. Melscheimer and Wagner conduct the Q&A session with green certified black cherry Biltmore sticks in hand

To the amusement of his audience, Dr. John Wagner opened with the question: What is the value of a beer (holding up a popular “greeny” bottle)? “Well, it’s relative,” declared Wagner. He went on to define various values. “Held value” refers to the true or assigned value of anything. “Assigned value” is the expressed, relative importance or worth of an object to an individual or group in a given context. An assigned value is the result of held values, and often incorporates a context-specific resolution of conflicting held values. Value determines perception of all other relevant items. “Ego value” is a relative concept.

So what is the value of an Endangered Species? Again, it depends! Different values may result, depending on: the context, who is asking, the relative choices, and sometimes other factors as well. Value is not absolute, but a relative concept. Its measure depends on the context, the relative choices, and who is doing the valuing.

Both speakers provided much information not reported here, and a lively and informative question and answer session followed.

At the October Forum, **Dr. James Coufal** will speak on ETHICS. What would you do? You own 50 acres of Allegheny black cherry worth a million dollars, and then find a Small Whorled Begonia on your timberland..? Don’t miss this one! ✧

Ms. Schuler retired from her writing/editing position with the USDA Forest Service in 1997. She occasionally does some freelance writing, mostly on non-forestry topics.



Nancy “Shoe” Schuler

Councilman's Report

By Tim Kaden, SAF District VII Representative



Over the last two years National Council has been hard at work designing and refining seven strategies that speak to a common understanding of how SAF sees itself internally and what direction SAF should take as a leader in the profession of forestry. This is a constant work in progress, but I thought you should be aware of where your professional organization is at this point in time.

Due to the length of these seven strategies I will just identify the strategy and its underlying preamble to the means of accomplishing the strategy, but not all of the means. It is the intent of Council to have these seven strategies in their entirety posted on our Web page.

Strategy 1. MEMBERSHIP & DIVERSITY: SAF will be recognized and supported by a growing number of professional foresters as the organization, which best serves the profession.

Strategy 2. PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION & QUALITY ASSURANCE: SAF will lead in formulating and implementing

life-long education to insure the highest professional standards in service to society.

Strategy 3. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: SAF will engage and train natural resource professionals to be leaders at all levels to better carry out leadership responsibilities for their professions.

Strategy 4. FOREST POLICY: SAF will be recognized by a growing percentage of the public and policymakers as the leader in providing credible and reliable forestry information.

Strategy 5. OUTREACH: The public will recognize that professional stewardship of forest resources is the most effective means to achieve society's environmental goals.

Strategy 6. FINANCES: SAF will maintain a sound financial condition to achieve the SAF mission through support of its programs and services.

Strategy 7. SAF AS AN EMPLOYER: SAF is the employer of choice for natural-resource-related non-profit organizations in the greater Washington DC area.

As I stated earlier, I did not list the means since they change over time, but if you would like to know what they are please give me a call or check out the SAF web page. I hope they will be posted soon.

As you are aware SAF had to take out a loan of \$500,000 dollars last year. I am glad to report that we have paid back \$200,000 as of early this year and a significant amount will be paid by the end of this year 2001.

For those of you who really like to plan ahead, Council accepted Buffalo, New York, (just up the road a piece) as the site of the 2003 National Convention. In 2004 we will continue our traditional every ten-year joint meeting with the Canadian Institute of Forestry in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, October 20-28.

For your consideration, SAF has changed the way it handles its convention financial arrangement with multiple state societies, like Allegheny. If a multi-state society hosts a national convention, that society is guaranteed \$10,000. In the past it was a percentage of the profit, if there was one. Think about it, \$10 grand and all you have to do is volunteer your time and two hundred of your fellow Allegheny SAF members. Sure would help our treasury.

I hope you all have had a great summer; this year has gone by way too fast. As we look to the year 2002, my New Year's resolution would be that we have over 300 members attend the Allegheny Society winter meeting hosted by the Maryland/Delaware Division. Let's get together and bring a friend. ✪



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attorney specializing
in environmental
law and litigation,
has been selected
as the new Maurice
K. Goddard
Professor of
Forestry and
Environmental
Resource
Conservation in
Penn State's
College of



Agricultural Sciences, School of Forestry. He will begin
his three-year term on July 1.

According to Dr. Larry Nielsen, director of the
school, McKinstry will spend half of his time on public
outreach and policy, while teaching and carrying out
special projects. "We look for someone who
understands the big picture regarding the environment,
but also has extensive experience in Pennsylvania,"
Nielsen says. Bob can expose our students to the
realities of environmental and natural resource law,"

McKinstry is a partner at Ballard, Spahr, Andrews
& Ingersoll, LLP in Philadelphia, where he is the
co-founder in charge of the firm's 24-lawyer
Environmental Practice Group. He has devoted his
practice exclusively to environmental law, receiving a
J.D. and M.F.S. in 1979 - the first joint degree
candidate at Yale's Schools of Law and Forestry and
Environmental Studies. "I look forward to returning to
the intellectual life of the university and addressing
topics from the point-of-view of what makes sense for
society as a whole, rather than just individual clients,
making Penn State's scientific community's knowledge
and perspectives available to decision makers. I
especially look forward to working with college
students - the youth responsible for much of the
environmental change that has occurred since the first
Earth Day," he says. *

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Plateau Chapter Hosts Joint Meeting

By Howard Wurzbacher, Plateau Chapter

The Plateau chapter hosted the traditional joint chapter meeting for SAF chapters from central and western Pennsylvania near Sigel on May 17, 2001. The program for the day was a field tour on the Clear Creek State Forest, which featured prescribed burning, fencing and silvicultural practices to promote oak regeneration.

The tour was led by Gary Frank of DCNR, Bureau of Forestry, and included a presentation on the use of prescribed fire as an oak regeneration tool by Pat Brose of the USFS Research Laboratory at Irvine, PA.

After the field tour, the group shared refreshments at the Clear Creek State Forest headquarters. While the group was gathered, two Plateau Chapter members, Ray Miller and Ted Thompson, were presented with certificates in recognition of fifty years of membership in the Society of American Foresters.

Members of the Plateau Chapter held a brief business meeting to review and plan chapter activities, and elect chapter officers. Mark Kirkwood, Doug Ostergard and Cecile Stelter were recognized for their participation in the chapter's booth and display at Titusville's annual Earth Day activities. The chapter voted to make a \$200.00 donation to the Hydetown Elementary School for improvements to the school's nature trail and outdoor learning facility. The donation will be used for the purchase of materials for signs and trail surfacing; the project is being completed as a cooperative effort between SAF, the Hydetown Parent-Teacher Group, and local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops. An election was held for chapter officers and, by a unanimous ballot, Chris Guth was elected as Chapter Chair, David Andrus as Chair-Elect, and Cecile Stelter as Secretary/Treasurer. Everyone present was encouraged to attend the upcoming Allegheny SAF meeting in Pittsburgh in July, as well as the PA Division meeting at the HUB in State College, September 19.

Following the afternoon's activities, the group shared an evening meal at the Farmer's Inn restaurant to complete an enjoyable and informative day. 45



Ray Miller (l) and Ted Thompson (r) with their SAF 50-year membership certificates



Pat Brose (left of center) discusses oak regeneration response after prescribed burning

A FREE instruction booklet for the SAF Certified Forester Program is available from the National Office at (301) 897-8720, ext. 122

Valley Forge Chapter Visits the John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum

By Bruce Arnold, Chair, Valley Forge Chapter of SAF

On Monday, June 18, 2001, the Valley Forge Chapter visited the rather remarkable John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum, PA. It is remarkable because it is easily within sight of downtown Philadelphia and is almost physically attached to the Philadelphia International Airport. It is an area of over 1200 acres of woodland and marsh that is home to a large variety of birds, animals, fish and reptiles.

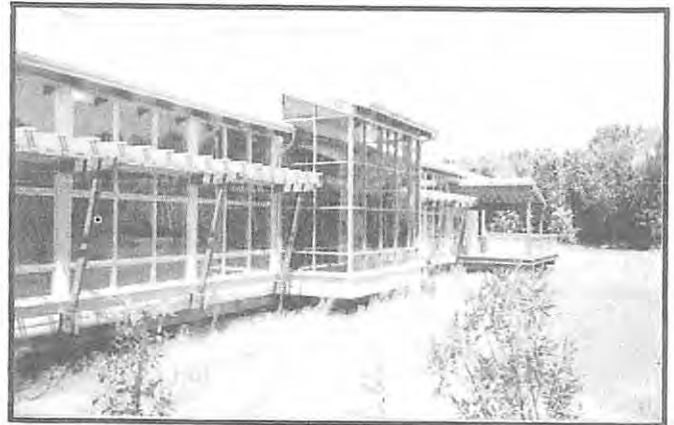


The group of ten people went to see the new Cusano Environmental Education Center and to visit various parts of the refuge. Several people hosted us while at the Refuge. All were employees of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Mr. Mike McMenamin, Facilities Manager was our overall host. Kate McManus, the Assistant Refuge Manager, and Gina Gilliam, the Director of Education & Public Use supported him and provided input.

Our tour began at the new \$5 million Cusano Environmental Education Center. The center opened on January 20, 2001 and is a beautiful new facility that contains classrooms, a large lecture hall and some wonderful and very realistic displays of the various flora and fauna to be found in the Refuge. The building was designed to be environmentally very friendly. It includes recycled materials such as Douglas fir beams that were residuals of sawmilling operations in the Pacific Northwest. Walls include both panels of shredded waste wood and oriented strandboard panels from scrap wood materials. Some of the flooring is made from used tires and outside decking was made from recycled plastic bottles. The building is energy efficient, using a lot of natural daylight and very efficient heating and cooling systems. A new plant was partially completed at the time of our visit that will ultimately recycle most of the water used in the building.

The Cusano Environmental Education Center is the result of a very generous gift of Tony Cusano, a nearby former resident of Crum Lynn in Delaware County, PA. When he passed away in 1992, he bequeathed his estate of \$2.5 million to the U.S. Department of the Interior. A campaign was launched to obtain matching funds and local foundations such as the Pugh Charitable Trusts, local businesses and others were able to raise a matching amount. Cusano's belief was that the words of John F. Kennedy in his 1960 inaugural speech applied fully to him and he "asked not what his country could do for him, he asked what he could do for his country" and did so handsomely.

The John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum is the largest remaining freshwater tidal wetland in Pennsylvania. It goes back to the first settlements in the region in the early 1600s. Swedish, Dutch and English settlers diked and drained parts of the marsh for grazing. At the time, the marshes extended over some 5,700 acres. The pressure for land for industrial and home building resulted in much of the marsh being filled in the middle of the 20th century. Today, 1200 acres of the remaining marsh are federal property, administered by the Department of Interior Fish & Wildlife Service. It has been named the John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum to honor the former US Senator who helped to preserve the Tinicum Marsh.



During the tour of the marsh, the Valley Forge group visited a site where a large spill of petroleum occurred in February 2000. Some 192,000 gallons escaped due to a break in a weldment in a Sunoco pipeline that passes through the Refuge on its way from an unloading station at the Delaware River to a tank farm on the opposite side of the Refuge. It was good fortune that a visitor to the Marsh smelled the petroleum odor and sounded the alert. It being winter, the spill was contained under the ice cover on the major impoundment area of the marsh. Quick action by the oil company enabled containment of the spill to only about 2-acres. Luckily, no birds were impacted. However, some 18 turtles were affected. They were treated and rehabilitated. A study by Drexel University is tracking the effects of the oil on turtle survival and reproduction. The Valley Forge group saw replanting work being done by Sunoco to re-establish the cover needed to restore trees and other fauna that were



removed in order to clean up the spill.

Finally, we went to a large observation platform that provides an excellent location from which to view the birds and other fauna that visit or live in the Refuge. Over 280 species of birds have been documented as visitors or residents, many of them waterfowl on their migration route. A number of deer, foxes, groundhogs, rabbits and squirrels are among the larger animals that live at the Refuge.

For those that are interested in further information about the Refuge, they can find substantial information at <http://heinz.fws.gov/>



Keystone SAF Assist HFH

By Scott Kurtzman, Glatfelter Pulpwood Co.

Glatfelter Pulpwood foresters **Charles Brown, Scott Kurtzman and Dave Nelson**, and Allegheny SAF Chair **Mike Lester** spent Saturday, May 19, 2000 assisting in the construction of a Habitat For Humanity (HFH) Duplex home in Dover, Pennsylvania. This is the 49th HFH structure in York County and is expected to be complete by the end of July. Keystone SAF's effort will be one more HFH home



Dave Nelson taping with flair!

towards the National SAF goal of involvement in the completion of 100 homes to coincide with our Centennial Celebration, and highlight the contribution of forest products to our quality of life.



Mike Lester, rough and finished carpentry for hire!

Charlie spackled Dave's drywall taping while Scott nailed in molding that Mike cut and fitted. Mike also placed the forms in preparation for concrete sidewalks. Scott admitted that he had the cleanest job! The prospective family, who must also give of their time in the endeavor, was at the work party - a grandmother and three teenagers.

If you'd like to be part of future HFH projects with the Keystone SAF, contact Scott at skurtzman@glatfelter.com

Allegheny SAF 2001 Candidates & Proposed Bylaw Change

Candidates

Chair Elect:

Robert W. Bauer **Regional Forester, PA Game Commission, Franklin, PA**

AS Forest Management (1966) and BS Forest Management (1969), Penn State University. University of PA Titusville, Business Law 1973; Allegheny Hardwood Silviculture 1976, 1980, 1996. SAF and Professional Forestry involvement. National SAF: Silviculture and Wildlife Working Groups. State and Regional SAF: PASAF Chair 2000-01, ANSAF Annual Meetings Planning Committee 1977, 1981, 2000; ANSAF Summer Meetings 1979, 1997; PASAF & The Wildlife Society Joint Meeting Program Committee 2000. Chapter SAF: SAF Walk in the Woods 1996-present; Sustainable Forestry Initiative Planning Committee & Tour Leader, 50th Anniversary PA Tree Farm System; Presenter at Forest Landowners Conferences 1991, 1994, 1997, 1998. Awards & Recognitions: ANSAF Outstanding Service to Forestry Award 2000; PAGC Outstanding Professional Employee 1983. Bob is a charter member of the Pennsylvania Council of Professional Foresters, Xi Sigma Pi Honorary Forestry Fraternity, the PA Chapter of The Wildlife Society, and the NWPA Woodland Association; Chair of the Crawford County Penn State Cooperative Extension Board of Directors 2000-01; Leader for Wranglers 4-H Club 1998-present; Member of Crawford County Fair Sheep, Livestock & Building Committees; and a member of the Penn State Mont Alto Advisory Board 1977-present.

Susan L. Lacy **Assistant Director, NE Area, USDA Forest Service, State & Private Forestry, Newtown Square, PA**

MBA Finance, Villanova University (2000), MS Forest Resources (economics), University of New Hampshire (1989), BS Forest Management, Colorado State University (1980). SAF Leadership Academy, 2000; SAF Certified Forester, 1995. USFS: Resource Analyst 1997-2000; Regional Program Manager 1990-97; Research Forester 1989-90. Commonwealth Bank: Financial Analyst 1986-89. Boise Cascade: Operations Forester 1985. University of New Hampshire: Project Assistant 1983-85. General Electric: Engineering Technician 1982-83. South Dakota Dept. of Game, Fish & Parks: Forester 1981. Allegheny SAF Secretary/Treasurer 1995-99; ANSAF Science & Technology Chair 1994. Member of Xi Sigma Pi, and American Forests & Nature Conservancy. Susan has co-authored several publications on forest investments, including "Timberland Limited Partnerships" in the *Journal of Forestry*; presented at the SAF National Convention, "Risk Return Analysis of Timberland Investments for the Institutional Portfolio;" numerous speaking engagements on the Forest Stewardship Program including the Idaho Forest Landowners Conference & Tri-State Stewardship Conference; guest lecturer at the University of Delaware Introduction to Forestry course 1998-2001; New England Ice Storm Recovery Project Finance Coordinator & Regional Federal Women's Program Manager 1992-93. Awards and recognitions include the USFS Performance Award 1992, 1999; USFS Special Service Award 1992, 1998; President George Bush's Point of Light Award 1992; and SAF Outstanding Thesis Award 1989.

Kim C. Steiner **Professor of Forestry, Penn State University, College Park, PA**

BS (1970) in Forest Biology, Colorado State University; MS (1971) and PhD (1975) in Forest Genetics, Michigan State University. Chair of Omicron Chapter Xi Sigma Pi, and founding member of first Student Chapter of SAF, Colorado State University (member since 1970). SAF Offices and Activities: Chair, SAF Rothrock Chapter 1990-91; Chair, Allegheny SAF Tree Improvement Committee 1991-94; Allegheny SAF Student Quiz Bowl Organizer 1992-1998; Allegheny SAF Executive Committee 1996-97; Chair, Allegheny SAF Student Coordinating Committee 1991-present; Chair of SAF team to review accreditation at Michigan Tech University 1994; founded Biennial Conference on University Education in Natural Resources (a national conference co-sponsored by SAF) 1999-present. Chair of Working Party S2.02-22, International Union of Forest Research Organizations 1991-1999; Science Cabinet, American Chestnut Foundation 1999-present; Advisory Committee, Purdue University Hardwood Tree Improvement and Regeneration Center 1999-present; Board of Directors, PA Council of Professional Foresters 1997-present; PA DCNR Ecosystem Management Advisory Committee 1996-present; PA DCNR Silviculture and Timber Advisory Committee 1999-present.

Secretary/Treasurer:

Kenneth W. Jolly **Southern Regional Forester, Maryland DNR Forest Service**
Incumbent

Executive Committee at Large:

Earl A. Higgins **Retired District Forester, PA DCNR Bureau of Forestry, Wildwood, NJ**
Incumbent

Jack L. Perdue **Supervisor, Public Lands Stewardship, DNR Forest Service, Annapolis, MD**
Incumbent

Karen J. Sykes **Watershed Planner, NE Area State & Private Forestry, US Forest Service, Morgantown, WV**
Incumbent

Howard G. Wurzbacher **Forester, PA Game Commission, Franklin, PA**

Bylaw Change

A change in the Allegheny Society of American Foresters (ANSAF) Bylaws, Section 7, is proposed, that would move the deadline date for biennial officer nominations. Presently, the nominations must be in the hands of the Secretary on October 1; the change proposes receipt of nominations by September 1. Moving the date up by one month would facilitate the entire voting process by: (1) inserting the completed ballot in the Fall issue of *The Allegheny News*; and (2) allowing more time for the Secretary/Treasurer and Tellers Committee to process the ballots.

Please include your vote on this proposed Bylaw change along with your vote for 2001 Allegheny SAF Officers. A "yes" vote would allow the date change; a "no" vote would keep the date as present.

Section 7 - Elections

Election of officers and members of the Executive Committee shall be by letter ballot not later than November 1. The ballots shall be counted by December 1.

Nominations made by the Nominating Committee shall be transmitted to the Chairman with a copy to the Secretary/Treasurer by [October 1] (*change to September 1*). Nominations by the membership at large, if endorsed by at least 25 voting members in good standing and presented to the Secretary/Treasurer in writing by [October 1] (*change to September 1*) shall be included on the mail ballot.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall determine whether all nominees are voting members in good standing, eligible to hold Allegheny Society office and agreeable to serve if elected. The Secretary/Treasurer shall report to the Chairman and Nominating Committee the name of any nominee who fails to qualify. Further nominations, if necessary, shall be made to the Nominating Committee [by October 1] (*delete*).

Note: Remaining two paragraphs of Section 7 to remain the same.

Allegheny SAF 2001 Election Ballot

Report of the Nominating Committee

Mark Webb, Chair

Chair Elect (vote for one)

_____ Robert W. Bauer (PA)

_____ Susan E. Lacy (PA)

_____ Kim C. Steiner (PA)

Secretary/Treasurer

_____ Kenneth W. Jolly (MD/DE)

Executive Committee (vote for four)

_____ Earl A. Higgins (NJ)

_____ Jack L. Perdue (MD/DE)

_____ Karen J. Sykes (WV)

_____ Howard G. Wurzbacher (PA)

Bylaws Change

_____ Yes

_____ No

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The Allegheny News, Summer/Fall 2001

Pennsylvania Division SAF 2001 Officer Candidates

Chair Elect:

David F. Miller Consulting Forester, Allegheny Forestry, Inc., Warren, PA
BS Wildlife Biology, Colorado State University (1975). Consulting Forester, Allegheny Forestry, Inc. 1976-present; Assistant District Silviculturist, Modoc National Forest, Alturas, CA 1975-76; Technician, NE Forest Experiment Station, Irvine, PA 1973-75. Dave held the offices of Chair and Secretary/Treasurer of the SAF Plateau Chapter, and was a Steering Committee member of both the Allegheny SAF 1983 Winter Meeting, and the Deer, Forestry & Agriculture Symposium in 1987. He is presently Chair of the PA Chapter of the Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Secretary of the "Benjamin A. Roach Forum" Committee, and Chair of the Warren County Conservation District Board of Directors. He received the Pennsylvania 4-H Outstanding Natural Resource Volunteer Award in 1998, and the National 4-H Wildlife & Fisheries Volunteer Leader Award in 1999.

Gary N. Rutherford Forest District Manager for Rothrock State Forest, PA-DCNR, Bureau of Forestry, Huntingdon, PA
BS Forestry (1971) and MS Forest Science (1973), Penn State University. Previously Chief, Silviculture Section, PA DCNR Bureau of Forestry (BOF) in Harrisburg, PA 1998-2001; Assistant District Manager, PA DCNR, BOF, Rothrock State Forest 1992-98; Timber Program Specialist, PA BOF in Harrisburg, PA 1985-1992; Forester, Tuscarora State Forest, PA BOF in Blain, PA 1978-1985; Forester, Forest Advisory Services, PA BOF in Harrisburg, PA 1974-78. Gary has held SAF positions as Chair of the Rothrock Chapter, and Chair and Secretary/Treasurer of Keystone Chapter. He is a member of the PA Forestry Association, Xi Sigma Pi, and is a past President of the McVeytown Lions Club, and Training Officer of the Ambulance Association. He is President of the Mifflin County and Central Pennsylvania District Library Boards.

Secretary/Treasurer:

Douglas J. D'Amore Assistant District Forester, Sproul State Forest, Renovo, PA
Incumbent

Pennsylvania Division SAF 2001 Election Ballot PA Division Members Only

*Report of the Nominating Committee
Bob Bauer, Chair*

Chair Elect (vote for one)

A 2-year position, assumes the Chair position in two years

_____ David F. Miller (Plateau Chapter)

_____ Gary N. Rutherford (Rothrock Chapter)

Secretary/Treasurer

A 2-year position, elected every two years

_____ Douglas J. D'Amore (Northern Hardwoods Chapter)

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Seguin-Moreau Planting

By Alex Day

(41° 10' 1.97" North; 77° 54' 39.2" West. Elevation 2096 feet.)

Yost Ridge Rd., Sproul State Forest - On the appointed day, Saturday A.M., April 21, 2001, twelve hearty tree planters set about the task of performing the annual white oak planting, to further the cause of silviculture and wine making 150 years hence.

The tree planting crew featured nine members of SAF/Penn State (student) Chapter headed by president **Will Hanlon**. **Doug D'Amore**, **Gene Odato** and **yours truly** made up the balance of the crew. Three hundred Pennsylvania-grown white oak seedlings were planted in short order. (The students had to get back to the campus to attend the annual Blue-White spring football game at 1:00 p.m.)

Seguin Moreau NAPA Cooperage, Inc. again donated \$2,000 to the Pennsylvania Division of the Society of American Foresters to plant white oak seedlings on State Forest Lands. Following a carefully prescribed procedure, which dictates that these white oak seedlings are to be planted north of the 40th parallel, the planting site was located well north of the chosen meridian, using GPS instrumentation.

The 2001 planting site was at the site of a 1982 forest fire. A heavy sweet fern and grass cover was well established on the area, necessitating some site preparation as well as tree protection from the ever-hungry deer. The planting crew not only put the trees in the ground but also installed the plastic tree shelters with oak stakes for support. Evidence of past artificial re-forestation was very evident. Plantation of white spruces and Japanese Larch frequent the area, which will soon be the new home of Pennsylvania's growing deer herd. Let's hope the big elk like the trees for thermal protection and not for food.

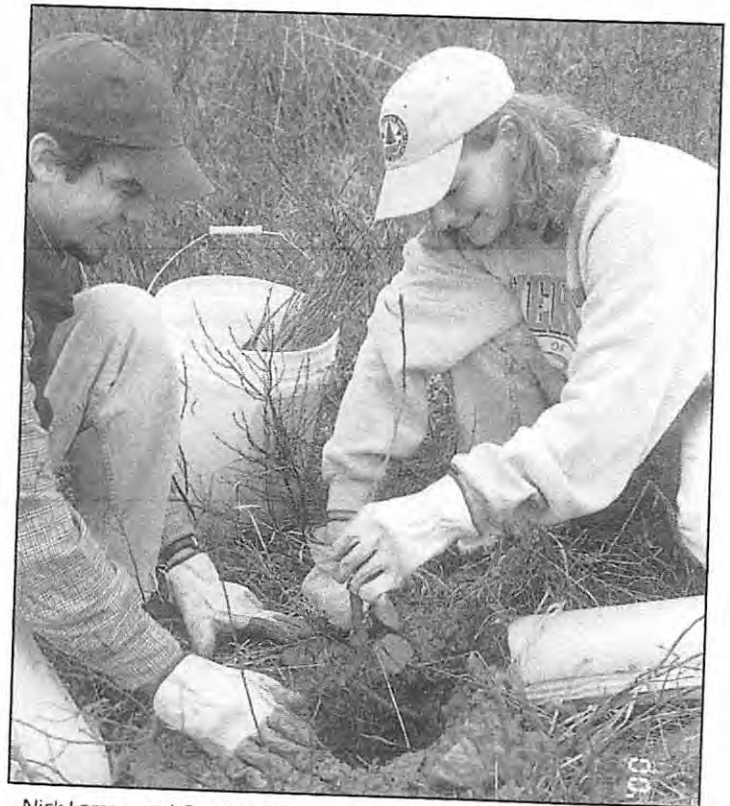
Doug D'Amore and Gene Odato not only headed up the effort, but also did the cooking for those who chose to

stay for lunch. Hot sausage, fresh fruit with hot and cold drinks made a tasty mid-day meal.

The weather was ideal for tree planting; not too wet, but enough soil moisture to make tree planting rather easy. From old stump evidence, this area supported a stand of large oaks prior to the 1982 fire. These white oaks planted on April 21, 2001 will undoubtedly be present 100 years later as part of the new Sproul State Forest.

See page 12 of the Spring 2001 issue of *The Allegheny News* for more background on the Seguin Moreau/PASAF white oak plantings.

Ed



Nick Larson and Candice Sabor carefully planting a white oak seedling on the Sproul State Forest in Renovo, PA



Seguin-Moreau Tree Planting Crew

Kneeling: (l to r) Candace Sabor, Will Hanlon (PSU Student SAF Chapter Pres.), Brent McNeal
Standing (l to r): Gene Odato (DCNR), Mark Swartz, Mike Powell, Andy Weaver, Jason Allen,
Doug D'Amore (DCNR), Andy Snyder, Nick Larson

Welcome to Western Pennsylvania: 2001 Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting Highlights

By Roxane Palone, Western Gateway Chapter

“Welcome to Western Pennsylvania: Gateway to Forest Opportunities” was the theme of the 2001 Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting, held in Pittsburgh, July 11-13. The Sheraton Station Square, at the site of the old Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad station along the Monongahela River, provided the setting for an outstanding line up of speakers. On Wednesday, **Craig Ostheim** led the group to dinner at the Monterey Bay Restaurant, atop Mount Washington, affording a spectacular view of the city of Pittsburgh at sunset. The group rode up the mountain on board the historic Monongahela Incline. Craig proved to all that a forester can get lost in the city.



his forest property in Butler County. **John Oliver**, Secretary, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, gave the keynote address. His presentation included a video of the helicopter salvage logging in Ricketts Glen State Park. **John Daugherty**, a veneer log buyer with RD Logs, Inc. spoke about the PA Tree Farm System. **Brad Clemenson**, of the office of

Commission, rounded out the morning session discussing deer management and how foresters and the PGC can work more closely together.

SAF Chair **Mike Lester** led the business luncheon with a discussion of the SAF finances and decrease in membership. During lunch, **Ken Kane** was spotted lobbying anyone who would listen to anything about forestry. The afternoon session featured an Urban and Community Forestry Panel moderated by **Mark Remcheck**, of the Penn State Cooperative Extension. Panel members included **Josie Gaskey**, Pittsburgh City Tree Commission; **Jennifer Arquette**, Vegetation Manager, Duquesne Light; **Henry Gerhold**, Penn State University; and **Norm Lacasse**, Municipal Tree Restoration Program. **Larry Schweiger**, President of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, thoroughly



Honorable **Tom Murphy**, Mayor of Pittsburgh since 1994, welcomed the members on Thursday. Mayor Murphy highlighted Pittsburgh's parks and biking trails, and spoke of

Congressman **Murtha**, spoke about the Great Allegheny Passage, a bike trail that links Pittsburgh to Cumberland, MD. **Vern Ross**, Executive Director of the PA Game

reviewed the history of the water resources of western Pennsylvania.

During the evening, all the members and their guests boarded the *Liberty Belle*, one of the boats of

the Gateway Clipper Fleet for a buffet dinner. After dinner, everyone went topside to cruise the Monongahela, Allegheny, and Ohio Rivers on a gorgeous evening. They even cruised past the new PNC Park where the Pirates were playing and fans were cheering. Rachel Phillippi had the honor of picking the winning raffle tickets - Craig Ostheim, Karen Sykes, and Roxane Palone. Later in the night, Dave Babyak, Chuck Flinn, Gary and Coreen Sheridan, and Dick Rossman checked out all the local nightspots.

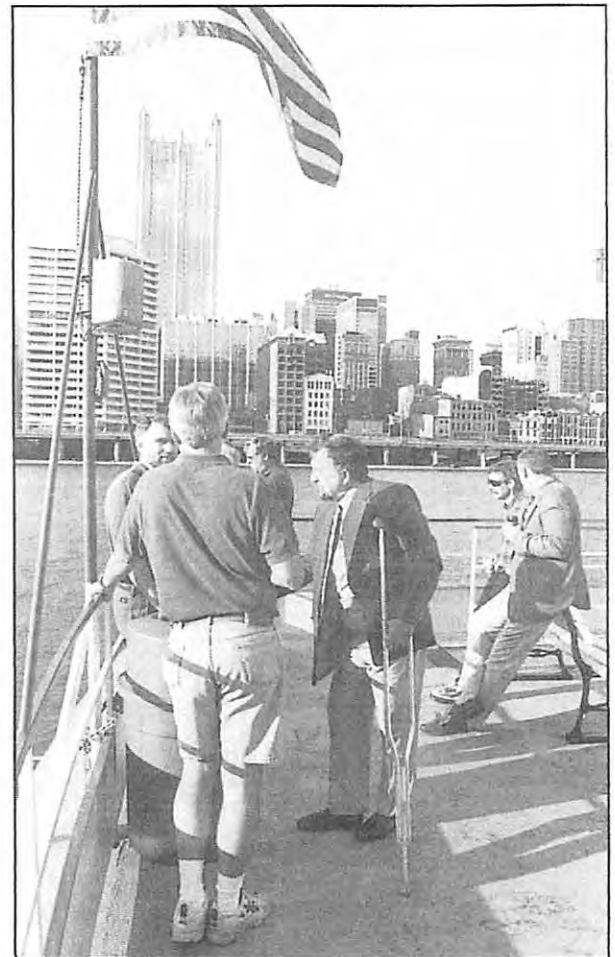
The Friday prayer breakfast hosted member George Kemp. Continuing with the program, Westvaco's Bruce Brenneman covered the genetics of pitch-lob pine hybrids, Dave Armstrong, of



the American Chestnut Foundation, gave a progress report on American chestnut breeding, and Eric Carlson, of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Washington, DC, reviewed the 2002 Farm Bill and how forestry may be affected. Bob Schweitzer, Western Gateway

Chapter Chair, gave the closing remarks, thanking local committees for their efforts in putting together a balanced technical and social meeting.

We appreciate those who set up displays, including Musser Forests, Inc., Voss Signs, Maptech, and the American Chestnut Foundation. We also want to thank all the generous donations for the silent auction and raffle, and those who contributed and bought auction items. Thanks so much to the PA Game Commission, Jack Byerly, Mrs. Bruce Brenneman, Gateway Clipper Fleet, Phipps Conservatory, and Gary Sheridan. Special thanks to all those who attended and supported the SAF, and we'll see you all again next summer out near Gettysburg, PA. ✪



PA's Team Wins National Canon Envirothon

By Lorelle Steach, Program Coordinator

Pennsylvania's Canon Envirothon representatives, a team of five students from North East High School in North East, Erie County, PA, captured the 2001 Canon Envirothon held at Hinds Community College in Raymond, Mississippi. The North East team scored 554.5 points out of a possible 700, eight points above a field of 49

resources management. Students are challenged in the area of aquatics, forestry, soils, wildlife, and this year's current environmental issue - non-point source pollution. Teams representing Pennsylvania have won eight of the fourteen-national/international events held since 1988.

Each of the five North East

Canon products were provided for teams placing fourth through tenth as well as for their teachers.

Other station winners included Ohio in aquatics, Maryland in forestry, New Jersey in soils, Mississippi in wildlife, Massachusetts in the current event issue, and Wisconsin and North Carolina in the oral presentation. The Canon Envirothon also presented Oregon the Rookie Team of the Year Award. Ontario, Canada and Tennessee shared the Extra Mile Award.

The 2001 event was hosted and sponsored by the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Canon USA, Chevron, USDA Forest Service, and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Pennsylvania's Envirothon would not be possible were it not for the host of sponsors, partners and financial contributors - PA's 66 Conservation Districts, PA Assn. of Conservation Districts, the PA State Conservation Commission, PA Dept. of Environmental Protection, PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, PA Fish and Boat Commission and the PA Game Commission. The Pennsylvania Power & Light Company, Air Products & Chemicals Inc., the PA Outdoor Writers Assn., and the PA Dept. of Environmental Protection grant financial contributions. The PA Fish & Boat Commission and the PA Game Commission provide special funding to send Pennsylvania's representing team to the Canon competition. ❄

For information on the PA Envirothon Contact Envirothon Coordinator Lorelle Steach at 814-623-7900 ext. 111 or www.envirothonpa.org



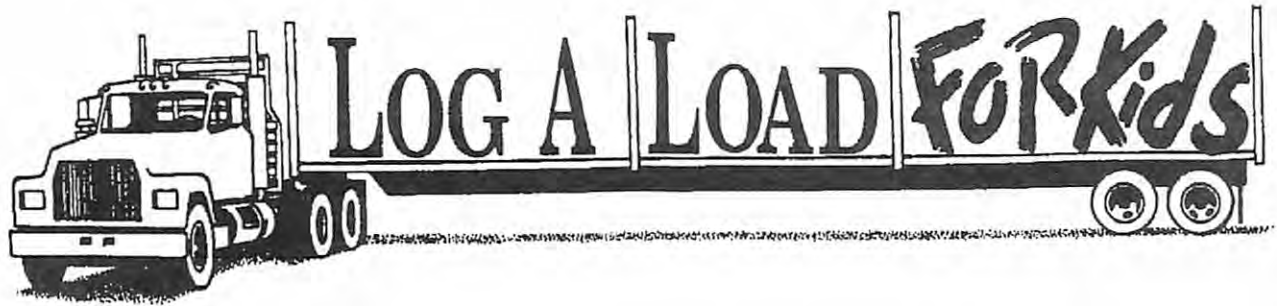
2001 Canon Envirothon Champions (left to right):
Front row - Justin Pierson, Carson Engleskirger, Markus Fish
Back - Patrick Coyne (advisor), Doug Fynan, Jeremy Stempka, John Hallenburg (advisor)

other teams to win the championship. Members of the winning team were: Carson Engleskirger, Jeremy Stempka, Justin Pierson, Markus Fish, and Doug Fynan. John Hallenburg and Patrick Coyne acted as team advisors.

Teams from 42 U.S. states and seven Canadian provinces participated in the event, which is a high impact program that fosters interest and develops knowledge and skills among youth in the area of environmental science and natural

students received a \$3,000 scholarship and products from Canon. Each of the team's coaches and the sponsoring conservation district received digital cameras.

Finishing in places two through ten were Mississippi, North Carolina, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Minnesota, Maryland, Kentucky, Connecticut, and California. Second place Mississippi team members received \$2,000 scholarships; third place North Carolina team members received \$1,000 scholarships.



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PA SFI State Implementation Committee Receives Award

WASHINGTON, DC, July 11, 2001 – For remarkable efforts in outreach and enrollment, the Pennsylvania Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) State Implementation Committee (SIC) was recognized during the American Forest & Paper Association's (AF&PA) annual summer conference. Acknowledging the outstanding work by the SIC in implementing the SFI program, AF&PA conferred its third-annual SIC award on the Pennsylvania state committee.

Pennsylvania received the annual award for its significant strides in outreach efforts with policymakers and the forestry community; for implementation of a comprehensive communications program; for greatly expanding the number of affiliations of companies/organizations directly involved in the program; for fostering new partnerships; and for recruiting into the SFI program 2.1 million acres of forestland managed by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Adopted in October 1994, the SFI program provides a rigorous system of principles and guidelines that all AF&PA members are required to uphold. The exacting standard of environmental and conservation practices encompass wildlife and water quality protection, biodiversity conservation, harvesting practices and a wide range of other conservation goals. SFI SIC Committees exist in 32 states and generally are comprised of representatives from AF&PA member companies, conservation groups, state forestry associations,

academicians, non-AF&PA member companies and state forestry organizations.

Bob Brown, Chairman of the SFI External Review Panel, presented the award to **Ken Manno** of the Pennsylvania SIC. Along with a plaque, recognizing the successes of the implementation



Ken Manno

committee, the SIC received a \$1,000 award.

AF&PA is the national trade association of the forest products industry representing more than 250 companies and related associations that engage in or represent the manufacture of pulp, paper, paperboard and wood products. The forest products industry accounts for more than eight percent of total US manufacturing output, employs 1.6 million people and ranks among the top ten manufacturing employers in 46 states. *

Contractor Position Available

The Sustainable Forestry Initiativesm of PA is seeking to establish a subcontractor relationship with one or more individuals to facilitate (present) both core level and continuing education courses. The facilitator will be responsible for providing an overview of the SFI Program, presenting the course material, and distributing and collecting course evaluations. Course handout materials will be provided, and arrangements for the training site and course announcements will be made by the SFI of PA office.

It is the intent of the SFI of PA to offer both Environmental Logging, and Logging Safety courses approximately five times per year. Advanced Environmental Logging, Sustainable Forestry 1, Sustainable Forestry 2, and Business Management will be offered frequently during a given year, for a total of 50

classes. Brief descriptions of the courses are available from the SFI of PA office.

Applicants must be: 1) knowledgeable about the material they propose to present; 2) familiar enough with the Sustainable Forestry Initiativesm Program to be able to converse knowledgeably about it; 3) able to relate well to their audience, primarily loggers; 4) comfortable in public speaking situations; 5) able to identify the parts of Pennsylvania they would be willing to serve, and how many days per year they would be willing to facilitate (applicants who are willing to travel throughout the entire state will be favored); 6) available to facilitate courses when needed.

Interested contractors should respond to the SFI of PA, 315 S. Allen Street Suite 418, State College, PA 16801 or call 1-888-734-9366. *

Seed Planted for Museum on Pennsylvania State Forestry

FAYETTEVILLE, PA— A proposed museum about Pennsylvania forestry has moved a step closer to reality.

A business plan is being prepared for the Pennsylvania Forest Fire Museum, which would be built on a 22-acre tract in Greene Township, Franklin County, PA, said Paul Sebasovich, president of the Pennsylvania Forest Fire Museum Association board of directors. The study is scheduled to be released in September.

Stephen J. Cummings, forest fire warden, said the money being used for the business plan came from a grant from the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Heritage Parks Program and from the museum association. He added that organizers tentatively plan a one-story museum with a fire tower plus "interpretative sites" in the woods nearby.

"We are working on funding now," said Cummings, who is also a retired employee of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry and member of the museum association board of directors. "We expect the money to come from private industry, the lumber industry, grants and public support. We may develop the museum in phases over a period of time."

The museum site lies along Route 30, west of Route 233 and across from Caledonia State Park. The site is next to the Appalachian Trail and near Penn State University's Mont Alto campus, where the state's first foresters were trained.

"We are moving ahead to create a major focal point to celebrate Pennsylvania's role as a forestry leader," said Sebasovich, also a Pennsylvania state forester and wildfire prevention specialist for the Department of Conservation and Natural Resource's Bureau of Forestry. "We want to relate the past, present and future of forest conservation in Pennsylvania, of which forest fires have and will play a major role," he said. "The museum will tell of the people who worked to preserve Penn's Woods and exhibit the tools and equipment they used."

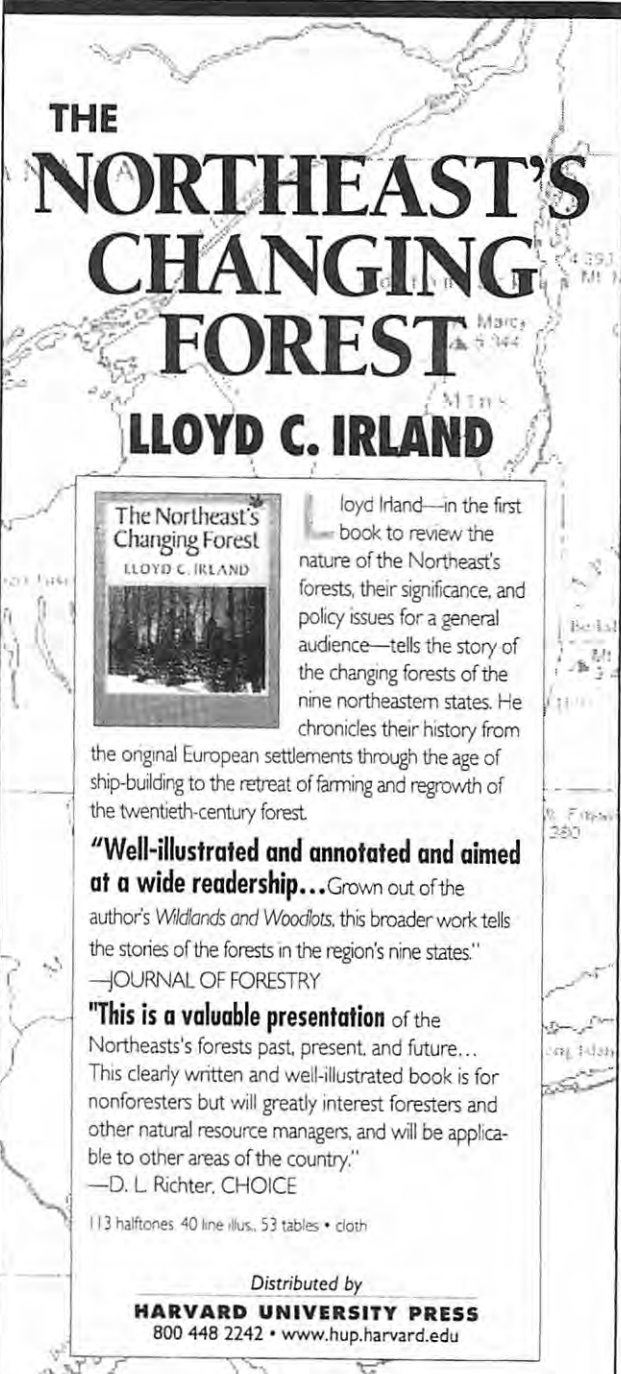
A group of people involved with forestry conceived the idea in 1995. Pennsylvania had many ghost towns where timber companies had harvested the forests and moved on, Cummings said. "We had waste lands," he said. "The game was gone and the rivers were polluted, but people weren't aware how bad things were. Then, we became conservation-minded. People with a vision brought the forests back."

By 1901, he said, Pennsylvania had a Department of Forestry, and conservation practices had started. Today 60% of Pennsylvania is in forests, providing lumber,

recreation, wildlife habitat and clean water. The state ranks eighth nationally in timber production and up near the top in hardwood production, Cummings said.

The museum would focus on forestry, forest fires and conservation. Visitors would be able to learn how fire affected the forests, and how volunteer firefighters stopped many of the forest from becoming worse.

Information extracted from article written by Mary Klaus, and published in the Sunday Patriot-News, Harrisburg, PA on July 29, 2001



THE NORTHEAST'S CHANGING FOREST

LLOYD C. IRLAND

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New Publications

Biological Control of Hemlock Woolly Adelgid in the Eastern United States.
McClure, M. 2001. FHTET-2000-08.

Written for homeowners and pest managers, this publication provides an overview of biological control activities for the hemlock woolly adelgid, *Adelges tsugae* (Annand), as well as information on the distribution, biology and damage caused by this non-native pest.

Background

The hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) is a native to Japan and China, and was first observed in the U.S. in the early 1950s feeding on hemlock in Virginia. Since then, it has spread to 11 eastern states, where it attacks two species of hemlock: the eastern hemlock, *Tsuga canadensis* (L.) Carr, and the Carolina hemlock, *Tsuga caroliniana* Engelm. It has steadily spread north and west and is now a serious threat to survival of hemlock in eastern forests. The HWA is lethal to hemlock.

There are only a few native predators in the U.S.—lacewings, syrphid flies, and cecidomyiid flies—that attack HWA, and they have yet to control HWA populations. Scientists have made good progress toward finding and studying other potential biological control agents for HWA. One, *Pseudoscygnus tsugae*, is the only non-native

predator released into the environment, and results in the field have been encouraging. However, it remains uncertain if any one species will be able to control HWA populations, or if a complex of released predators will be needed.

Information and Copies

For information concerning natural enemies of hemlock woolly adelgid, contact the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station at (860) 683-4977. For copies of the publication contact Dr. Richard Reardon at (304) 285-1566 or email at rreardon@fs.fed.us

Taken from "Update," USFS State & Private, Forest Health Technology Enterprise Team, Spring/Summer 2001.

Hobbes Receives National SAF Field Forester Award

The SAF Presidential Field Foresters Awards are presented to foresters who have displayed uncommon talent and innovative methods to achieve a record of excellence in the application of forest management. Past SAF President Fred Ebel initiated the award, recognizing, "forester practitioners are the true foundation of our profession. They often operate in anonymity, yet their actions are the single most important contribution to the viability and understanding of our profession."

Robert Hobbes Jr., CF, is the recipient of the Presidential Field Foresters Award from SAF District VII, which includes the Allegheny and National Capital Societies.

Hobbes began his forestry career at South Dakota, where he became lands forester for Pope and Talbot, Inc.'s 68,000 acres of leased timberlands and sawmill operations in South Dakota and Wyoming. In 1995, he established his own forestry consulting business, Hobbes Forestry Services, which performs timberland management, wildlife habitat management planning, timber sales preparation, and marketing for forest landowners. Hobbes is a member of the Forestry Committee of the Hardwood Lumber Manufacturers Association, the Wyoming County Cooperative Extension Service, and the Susquehanna County Forest Landowners Association. He received his MBA from the University of Wyoming and his BS in Forest Science from Penn State.

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Unending Patience, Enduring Dedication

By Laura Lynn Yohe

Their names aren't engraved on granite monoliths. Indeed, their names may be known only to co-workers, the occasional student, or perhaps the reader of a newspaper article containing a pertinent quotation. But their work benefits everyone, nurtures a valuable, renewable, natural resource and exemplifies unending patience. They are the foresters.

As this Summer of 2001 slips past its mid-point, I look back on my more than six years of freelance writing. This facet of my life has brought little financial gain but a wealth of experiences upon which price cannot be placed. Among the treasures of my stories are those which have taken me into the beautiful, silent world of the foresters. And I have marveled at their skill, dedication and determination.

I have been privileged to be invited on day-long study excursions, to capture the moments of the planting of chestnut saplings, and to celebrate the dedication of a beautiful structure to house a new office nestled in our Pennsylvania woods.

From outside of the profession of forestry, I have been singularly struck by the enthusiasm of the men (I haven't been introduced to any women foresters yet) whom I have met. Their joy at learning of a chestnut tree free of blight, the thrill at finding a plant thriving which had long been denied the chance to grow because of over-grazing by the deer population, and the delight in teaching younger people this trade of hope, strikes me as nothing short of amazing.

There are few among them who will live to see the fruits of their labors. The knowledge gained in this profession is added on as silently as the rings of a tree as it grows before us. It is only the written word, the documentation of data, the recorded message which will speak for them when someone in the future wonders why, questions the technique, or wishes to pay tribute to their farsightedness.

Foresters would seem to me to be farmers of the trees and their surroundings. Just as cattle ranchers or dairymen carefully breed, nurture, protect and seek the best health for their animals and the crops in their fields, so, too, do the foresters use their training, ability and caring to tend their "flock" of flora.

And with their certain knowledge, the forester, like the farmer, raises their stock to be harvested. It is the plan given us by God, by His Nature of Creation. Humanity must learn to harvest prudently, use carefully, replenish thoughtfully, and cultivate wisely all manner of crops to assure provision for the generations to come.

Even as I sat one day in a deer enclosure in Clear Creek State Forest in Jefferson County, I understood the foresters were not fencing out the deer in hatred, nor in an effort to starve them to benefit only the plants and trees.

Rather, their efforts are directed toward ensuring a reliable source of food for these animals who in turn supply so much food for man, while restoring the woods to a more healthful condition. Overgrazing a forest can be as detrimental as overgrazing a pasture, neither field nor animal can survive such conditions.

As the District 9 Forest Service Office on the edge of S. B. Elliott State Park was dedicated in June of this year, all those taking the tour of the building were struck by the tasteful use of wood throughout each room. This is Pennsylvania timber, harvested, milled and fashioned into wall coverings and furniture designed to be of service for many, many years.

The admiration of the use of timber was enhanced by the knowledge that somewhere, another maple, sassafras, cherry, white oak, black walnut or other species of tree is growing anew, to be reaped on a distant day.

I had witnessed on a smaller scale the camaraderie of those in the profession, but the celebration at the District 9 dedication was more like a family reunion. Here were present day employees joyfully welcoming those retired personnel who had returned for the day. The men and women who staff the offices, do the maintenance work, man the firetowers - all were enjoying this occasion.

Many had personal family members present, but I sensed an unspoken bond among all those who comprise the forest service. Each one understands the other. The young people just beginning their careers are in a sense the children who will inherit the knowledge of those who have patiently gone before. It is they who will read the notes penned twenty, thirty or fifty years ago when a new study plot was planted and is now ready for gleaning.

Those with many years of experience must teach the younger ones just how to deal with a drought, how to fight a raging blaze or control one necessary for a small



Laura Lynn Yohe

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Coming Events

September

13-17 SAF National Convention, Denver, Colorado

October

"Annual SAF Walk in the Woods" with any age group from any walk of life!

19-20 Maryland Forests Association 25th Anniversary Celebration Meeting, Sheraton Four Points Hotel, Hagerstown, MD. 301-895-5369 or mfa@hereintown.net

December

15 **Deadline: Articles & photos for Winter 2001-02 Newsletter**

February 2002

26-28 80th Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting, "Facing the Challenges of Forest Management in the Rural/Urban Interface," Hagerstown Ramada, MD. More information forthcoming

March

15 **Deadline: Articles & photos for Spring 2002 Newsletter**

Future Allegheny SAF Meetings

2002 Summer - PA Keystone Chapter
2003 Winter - PA Northern Hardwoods Chapter
2003 Summer - PA Rothrock Chapter

Future SAF National Conventions

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October 22-25, 2003 - Buffalo, NY
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