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Collector slate coasters with the 75th Annual Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting logo will be available at the February 12-14, 1997 meeting in Matamoras, Pennsylvania (see page 9 for registration form).



Chairman's Corner

By Timothy A. Kaden,
Allegheny Chair

I recently returned from the National SAF Convention in Albuquerque, NM. The annual event, attended by over 2,000 forester and resource professionals, just gets better and better. This year, most pre and post convention tours were sold out along with other ticketed events. The message board was the only source of tickets (to be swapped or sold because of changed plans). Next year it's in Memphis, TN, October 4-8, 1997 -- a day's drive from anywhere in the Allegheny for a professionally enlightening experience!

In the mean time, make preparations to attend the 75th Anniversary of the Allegheny SAF at the Winter Meeting, February 12-14, 1997 in Matamoras, PA. Chair **Mike Lester** and his committee have put together a slate of speakers, most of whom presented at the National Convention. Check the Program and Registration material in this issue of Allegheny News for details. A friendly reminder: the bus seating for the three tours of Gifford Pinchot's Grey Towers home and grave site is on a first come, first serve basis.

Back to the National Convention. Members are proud of the Penn State students who represented the Allegheny SAF in the National Student Bowl. Both rounds of competitions were exciting, with Penn State coming from behind to win the first round and tying in the second round, only to come up short in a sudden death tie-breaker. All student bodies, get ready for the Allegheny competition at Matamoras.

The Allegheny Mentor Program is up and started; Division and Chapter Chairs have received lists of students whose hometowns are within their SAF Units. The next step is up to SAF members to volunteer to counsel or guide future foresters in schooling and career path choices where necessary, and otherwise make contact with them on occasion throughout the year -- take them to your work sites, local SAF meetings, etc. If your Chair doesn't call you, call your Chair and volunteer!

I attended the recent Valley Forge and Pinchot Chapters meetings on invitation and was treated to excellent programs and socials. The broad talent in our midst never ceases to amaze me. I'd like to get the dates of other Division and Chapter meetings on my "visit" calendar please.

Lastly, thanks to the Executive Committee for keeping me on track and all who offered support and suggestions. Best wishes to all for an enjoyable holiday season and may the new year be productive for all of us. ♣

Members and Views

In Memory of Cheryl L. Nibert

The Donald Nibert family expresses their gratitude for the overwhelming support received from everyone, especially the Forestry family, in the aftermath of the TWA Flight 800 tragedy. Their daughter Cheryl, 16, was among the Montoursville High School students aboard. She was a member of the French Club, Student Government, Arrowhead school newspaper, the basketball and track teams, and the Students Against Driving Drunk Program.

Cheryl was also President of the the United Methodist Youth Fellowship, a member of the church choir and bell choir, and Pennsylvania Conference for Youth Activities.

A separate memorial fund in Cheryl's name has been set up at Faith United Methodist Church, 700 Fairview Drive, Montoursville, PA 17754. The funds will be used to encourage young people to attend church summer camp.

The reflections on the death of their daughter Cheryl, in the facing column, were written by mother Donna Nibert.

"Life is the gift of God, and is Divine."

Henry W. Longfellow



God Gave Us A Gift

Cheryl was a smile, a joyous soul,
she flitted and danced on our hearts.

Her compassion and warmth
made us all feel good.

She read every book and stitched in between,
her Honor Roll status a must.

Family and friends were special to her,
hurdles and basketball, piano and bells.

Dreams of ballet, and helping the ill,
all the while giving us much joy and love.

The loss of our daughter and her friends and chaperones leaves a challenge for all of us. We need to try to face life with the joy and enthusiasm they had. As well, it is imperative we continue their good works. We have lost some of our future leaders and solid citizens — real assets to this world. It is important to honor those we lost by doing all in our power to encourage other young people to realize that, before the reality comes the dream. ♠



James J. Anderson 1933-1996

James J. Anderson, SAF member of the Keystone Chapter for many years, died September 2, 1996. A graduate of Penn State University and the Missouri School of Mines, he was a registered professional engineer in Pennsylvania and Missouri, and a registered professional forester in West Virginia.

An veteran of Vietnam, he retired from the Army and was a member of the PA Public Utility Commission until his retirement in 1995. He was also a member of the National Rifle Association, the PA Society of Professional Engineers, the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the Retired Officers Association of Washington, DC. ♠

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Plateau Chapter Elects

By Howard Wurzbacher, Vice-Chair of SAF Plateau Chapter

The Plateau Chapter elected new officers at their fall business meeting: **Chris Nowak**, Chair; **Howard Wurzbacher**, Vice-Chair; and **Chris Guth**, Secretary/Treasurer.

Prior to the election, the members continued their field trip "peer reviews" or "making the rounds" to discuss management activities on various ownerships in NW Pennsylvania. Hosted by **Scott Seibert** of Spartywood, two timber harvests on a private ownership were examined. An excellent discussion evolved as to how much landowners' objectives and attitudes can and cannot be influenced by industrial and consulting foresters. The central theme of discussion was the need for professional foresters to raise the standard of accepted practice for silviculture and harvesting when timber is sold on small private ownerships. ♠

Four NJ SAF Members Receive Awards

By Chrissy Harrigan

Congratulations to **Ron Sheay** for receiving the Black Bear Award from the University of Maine's Alumni Association. The Award was presented to Ron "in appreciation of outstanding service to the University... and for devotion and loyalty to the highest tradition to the University of Maine."

The NJ Tree Farm Committee presented three awards to members at their annual Tree Farm Day held in June. **Doug Tavella** and **Chrissy Harrigan** were presented with Bronze Hard Hat Awards for certifying a minimum of 25 Tree Farms in New Jersey. **Richard Goodenough** will be presented with a plaque from the committee for "outstanding service to the NJ Tree Farm program." He has served on the Tree Farm Committee for over 10 years. ♠



WVU Students Go to ACF Convention

Karl Knipling (above left) and **Aaron Plaugher**, graduate students in the Division of Forestry at West Virginia University, won an expense paid trip to the annual convention of the Association of Consulting Foresters (ACF) in Lake Tahoe, July 7-11, 1996.

The travel assistantship was awarded through a competition among graduate students at SAF accredited forestry schools. Students were required to submit an application along with an essay discussing their interest in consulting forestry. The award included the opportunity to attend the course, "Organizing and Managing Your Business," held at the same location, and is co-sponsored by the Practicing Foresters Institute Trust and the ACF.

The topic of the convention was "Management of the Recreational Forest, Forestry for Whom?" Dr. Alston Chase, author of "Playing God in Yellowstone" and "In a Dark Wood" was the keynote speaker. Among other presenters were SAF officers, **Bob Bosworth**, President, and **Harry V. Wiant, Jr.**, Vice-President.

The meeting, attended by more than 400 people, provided the students with interaction with consultants and professionals from all over the U.S. Aaron and Karl presented posters related to their thesis work entitled, respectively: "Predicting multi-product volumes of Appalachian hardwoods" and "Assessment of residual stand damage on three harvest methods." Both students felt the trip was productive giving them a better understanding of consulting forestry. ♠

Pennsylvania's SFI Program Hires Full-Time Manager



Kenneth W. Manno has been hired to manage and coordinate the Pennsylvania forest products industry's Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI). Manno, who has over 27 years of organizational and management-level experience, will be responsible for the overall management and implementation of the program, which will include logger training, and application of public, industry and private landowner outreach systems.

Manno was previously employed by the Hammermill Paper Company, an Erie, PA based multifaceted forest products company, from 1968 to 1986, when it was acquired by International Paper Company. He then was employed by International Paper until 1990, where he served in several capacities, including manager of communications and corporate public affairs representative.

"Manno's hiring was the result of several months of intense screening and interviewing of prospective candidates," said **John Skovran**, Chairman of the Forest Industry Committee for Sustaining Pennsylvania's Forests, the State's SFI implementation committee.

Ken, his wife Ellen, and baby daughter reside in State College, PA. ♠



A "Walk in the Forest" at the Historic Drake Well

By Howard Wurzbacher,
Vice-Chair of SAF Plateau Chapter

As part of SAF's "Walk in the Forest" program, members **Dave Andrus, Bob Bauer, and Howard Wurzbacher** of the Plateau Chapter led the fourth grade classes from Pleasantville Elementary school on a walking tour of hiking trails around Drake Well Park near Titusville.

When students were asked if it is all right to cut down trees, the chorus unanimously chimed "NO." However, when Bob Bauer quizzed them on the many items they used from trees in their school and at home, and showed them the tree seedlings on the forest floor waiting to grow, they agreed that maybe it was all right to cut some of the big trees so that the little trees could grow. This was the second year that the Chapter has conducted a walk with the Pleasantville students; a commitment has already been made for 1997. Δ

PA Tech Students Conduct A "Walk in the Forest"

By Robert S. Hansen, D.F., Penn State Extension Forester

Dennis Ringling, Chair of the Northern Hardwoods Chapter, organized a "Walk in the Forest" which was led by second year students of the PA College of Technology in Williamsport, PA. Over 100 fifth graders from the Muncy, PA school system were led through the the Penn College woods, learning to identify trees and how forests are managed for a variety of the products and values which they and their parents enjoy. It was a tremendous opportunity for the Tech students to exercise their communication and interpretive skills on a very interested and formative audience. Δ

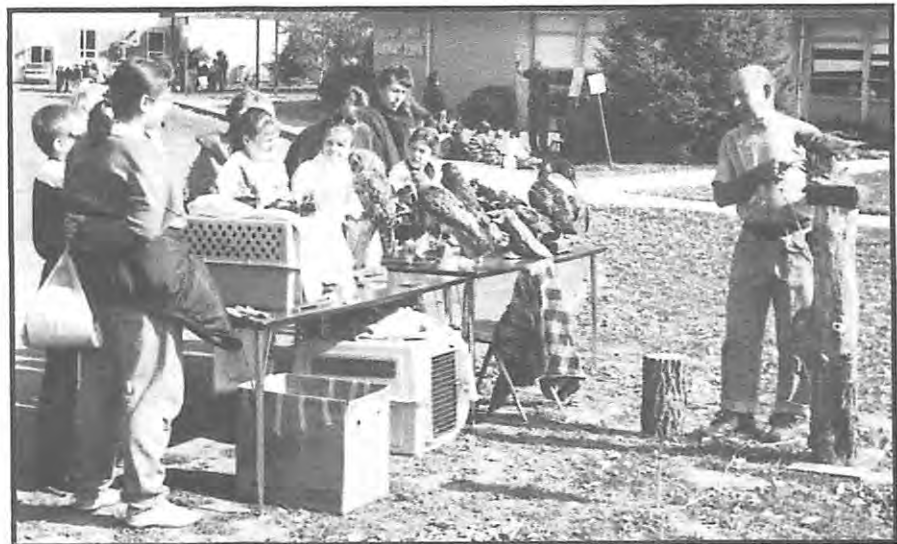
Penn State Extension Holds Environmental Ed Day

By Robert S. Hansen, D.F., Extension Forester

The Penn State Cooperative Extension Office in Sullivan County, Pennsylvania organized an Environmental Education Day for the LaPorte Elementary School system fifth graders. This has become an annual October event held in conjunction with teachers and local interested, and interesting, individuals.

The students learned about wildlife management, soil and water conservation, recycling, the state park system, forest insects, and forest products and benefits. They also learned from **Bob Hansen** where the best ash baseball bats come from -- southern New York and northern Pennsylvania grow the best white ash for America's favorite pass time.

Ed Reish, a local falconer, also stopped by to demonstrate to students.



Ed Reish, Laporte, PA falconer, intrigues students with a peregrine falcon at the Annual Penn State Environmental Education Day

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habitat requirements, was most popular with the fifth graders. Δ

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A Little History

With the upcoming 100th Anniversary of the National Society of American Foresters, it may be interesting to review some of the minutes of these early meetings. They acquaint us with our heritage as well as familiarize us with some of the individuals involved. The following are verbatim transcripts of the first and second meeting of the "newly formed" National Society of American Foresters.

Washington, D.C., November 30, 1900

Minutes of the First Meeting of the Society of American Foresters.

An informal meeting of foresters was called at the office of Mr. Pinchot on the morning of November 30th. There were present Mr. Pinchot, Mr. Price, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hosmer, Mr. Sherrard, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Graves. It was stated that the object of the meeting was to discuss the feasibility of organizing a Society of American Foresters. All those present were in favor of the organization of such a Society.

Mr. Pinchot was appointed temporary Chairman, and Mr. Graves temporary Secretary, in order that the Society might be formally organized.

A motion was made, second, and carried, that the society be known as the Society of American Foresters. It was then moved and seconded that a committee of three be appointed by the Chair for the purpose of making recommendations as to the complete organization of this society. The Chair appointed Mr. Graves, Chairman, Mr. Price and Mr. Hosmer. It was then decided that the Chair should call a meeting as soon as the report of the committee was ready.

Henry S. Graves, Sec'y Protem

Washington, D.C., December 13, 1900

Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Society of American Foresters.

A meeting was called in the office of Mr. Gifford Pinchot, Forester, to hear the report of the committee appointed at a previous meeting to propose a constitution for the Society. The following constitution was then read by the Committee, and adopted by the unanimous vote of the Society.

A motion was made to adjourn until noon, to meet in the office of Mr. F. H. Newell. Carried.

Harry S. Graves, Sec'y Protem

The minutes of the readjoined meeting of December 13, 1900 will be printed in the next issue of *The Allegheny News*. ♪

Mont Alto Students Display Skills at Heritage Days



Lee Stocker man's the one-man crosscut as teammates (left to right) Brad Nadzom, Lacy Kern, Adrienne Evans, Coach Craig Houghton, Jim Meek and Jodi Hite ready to cheer him on

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In conjunction with Heritage Days held by the Northern York County Historical and Preservation Society and the Northern York School District in Dillsburg, Pennsylvania, the **Penn State Mont Alto Timber Sports** displayed their woodsman skills for an estimated 200 spectators. Events included speed chopping and crosscut sawing, axe throwing, chain saw safety and skills, and boiling water from scratch in a tomato juice can over finely cut "fat wood" and human bellows! This latter event attracted a lot of attention.

This is the fourth year that the forestry students have participated in this annual September event that included several encampments and reenactments, colonial skills such as quilting, spinning, wood carvings, clock making, pottery making, American Indian artifacts, tinsmithing, and ice cream making. A calliope provided a circus-like atmosphere for the event which culminated a week of visits to the school system by historians. ♠

"Stand Up for Forestry"

A compilation of articles written by
Harry V. Wiant, Jr.

is available as an Allegheny SAF fund raiser. Call Executive Director Jack Winieski at (717) 432-3646

PA Tri-Chapter Meeting "The '85 Tornado: Eleven Years Later"

By Alex Day, Program Manager, DCNR Bureau of Forestry

"Yes, there is hardwood regeneration in Pennsylvania." Recalling the May 31, 1985 tornado which made a path across northern Pennsylvania forests for some 60 miles, and in places as wide as one mile, the Rothrock, Northern Hardwoods, and Plateau Chapters visited a small segment of this natural clear cut near Clearfield, PA. Regeneration was evident most everywhere among the twisted remains of trees; broken trees that were deliberately left standing by salvage crews because of the dangers involved in harvesting.

Before visiting the tornado site, the group toured the Willamete Forest Products' new chipping plant near Woodland, PA. Members unaccustomed to seeing huge wood handling machinery witnessed a giant crane, debarker and chipper capable of handling over 1800 cords per day!

District Forester **Paul Augustine** showed off one of his pet projects, and one in which he can be justifiably proud: the Bark Camp mine reclamation site. Clean-up of this pre-act, deep acid-mine discharge is being handled by a consortium of public, private and industrial partners. Paul was able to meld all partners together into a mutually beneficial jointure which uses fly ash from coal-fired power plants and other materials to remediate acid discharge flowing into Bark Camp Run on the Moshannon State Forest.

The last stop of the day, the group visited one of Penn State University's ozone research facilities on the grounds of the former Dague State Tree Nursery. **Dr. John Skelly** explained the use of the facility's chamber in monitoring atmospheric ozone. Ozone, a by-product of combustion, has been shown to have deleterious effects not only on humans but also on forests.

A steak barbecue on the grounds of the Moshannon District office topped a delightful and enlightening afternoon for these 86 SAF members. ♠

Allegheny SAF in the Nat'l 5-K Run in Albuquerque

The Allegheny SAF was well represented in the National Foresters' 5-K Run in Albuquerque. **Heather Gracie**, NJ, came in third overall with a time of 19:33, 18 seconds behind the 1st place winner, Bruce Schoenberg. **Mike Lester** and **Jim Finley** must have been talking Pennsylvania forestry together, as they came in at 26:03 and 26:04 respectively. **Mark Vodak** of New Jersey wasn't far behind them at 27:55.

No Allegheny members participated in the National Forest Walk, which was won by Brian Luebke in the men's division (23:21) and by Heather McPherson in the women's division (24:39). ♠

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WV and OH Forester and Wildlife Societies Meet

By Dan Parker, Chair WV Division

Over 120 natural resource professionals met at Marietta, OH for a joint meeting August 7-8, 1996, of the West Virginia and Ohio SAF and Wildlife Societies. The historic LaFayette Hotel, at the confluence of the Muskingum and Ohio Rivers, served as the site for the conference which addressed the "Maturing Hardwood Resource in the Central Appalachian Region." **Ron Abraham**, Chief of the ODNR Division of Forestry welcomed attendees and gave an overview of Ohio's forested ecosystems and the challenges ahead for resource managers.

Dr. Ray Hicks, WVU, presented a timeline of the "Historical Development of the Central Hardwoods." Emphasizing the disturbances in the pre-settlement forest as well as the impact of humans since European settlement, he cautioned that in managing for more than just timber, foresters must exercise care that, "we do not take the tomatoes before they are ripe."

Bob Whipkey, WV Division of Forestry, (DOF) explained the inventory systems of the USFS and the WV DOF in the context of changing forest conditions resulting from strip mining, mortality from Gypsy Moth defoliation, drought, ice storms, etc.

Peter Rush, USFS Entomologist, reviewed the evolution of forest health over the last 50 years. He predicted the future will see most pests to continue to thrive, more pests introduced, and declining budgets hampering research and understanding of pest problems.

Dr. Jim Woehr, Senior Scientist with the Wildlife Management Institute, addressed the issue of the maturing hardwood resource and neotropical migratory birds. Declaring truth as a moving target and yesterday's truth today's dogma, he presented a wealth of data concerning management related to neotropical migrants.

After the first day of presentations the group boarded the Valley Gem Sternwheeler for an outstanding buffet on the Ohio River. Several of the region's forest products companies



Co-hosts Bob Boyles (OH Chair) and Dan Parker (WV Chair) cruise down the Ohio

sponsored the cruise: Stone Container, Mead, Westvaco, Weyerhaeuser, Jefferson Smurfit, Georgia Pacific, Trus-Joist Macmillian, Pocahontas Land Company, and Tillinghast and Neeley Consulting Foresters.

Bill Maxey, Chief of the WV Division of Forestry opened the second day of papers and discussion, touching on several aspects of the forested ecosystems. He expressed concern about the lack of advanced oak regeneration, the impact of the Gypsy moth infestation and the lack of support for research and extension programs to educate the NIPF landowners. On the positive side, growth is exceeding removals by a 2:1 ratio and WV is now ranked third in hardwood production in the U.S., up from fifth ten years ago.

Ed Murriner, WV division of forestry, updated the group on the region's forest products industry and markets which will provide better opportunities for increased silvicultural management activities.

Brad Franchi, Mead Corporation, described the global marketplace and the increasing demands for wood raw materials by burgeoning populations. He predicted the Ohio Valley will experience expanded competition for the hardwood resource and business cycles will shorten as firms respond more quickly to market conditions.

Bill Anderson, Procurement Manager of Trus-Joist Macmillan, provided an overview of the relatively new composite wood industry. Engineered oriented strand board now

commands 65% of the market for panels used in residential construction.

Mark Barford, Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers, commented on the trend in the number of sawmills -- decreasing numbers of small mills and increasing size and production of remaining mills.

Dr. Bob Romig, OSU, reviewed the regions' forest economic status: pallet material dominates production with furniture lumber ranking second, and industry dominated by firms composed of fewer than 20 employees.

Rick Cantrell, AFPA, explained the Association's Sustainable Forestry Initiative for industry members. The program was developed and initiated to illustrate the intent of the industry to monitor their forest management practices.

Jim Pack, Wild Turkey Biologist, WV DNR, reviewed the history of the wild turkey in the region. He correlated the increasing sawtimber volumes with rising wild turkey populations, and recommended thinning and controlled burning to provide brood habitat and an increasing oak component.

Jim Crum, Deer Biologist, WV DNR, discussed the interaction of the White-tailed deer and forested ecosystems. The impact of large deer populations on forest regeneration, species composition, and the alteration oak habitats for birds and small mammals are a concern.

Dr. Dame Swanson, Ruffed Grouse and Wild Turkey Biologist, ODW, provided a great wrap up with a look ahead to what the future holds for the hardwood forests. Concerns of other speakers were reinforced, especially the status of the oak component and the need to educate the nonindustrial private forest landowners of the benefits of forest management.

Dr. Harry Wiant, Jr., WVU and President Elect of the national SAF, addressed a luncheon gathering with a passionate speech which detailed what he feels are the major challenges to the forestry profession. He covered many topics and received a standing ovation from the group. ♠

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12:00 N - 7:00 PM	Registration			
*1:30 PM	Tour 1			
*2:30 PM	Tour 2	2:10 - 2:45 PM		Pennsylvania Timber Harvest Assessment - Sustaining Our Timber Resource. Jim Finley, Assistant Professor, PSU
*3:30 PM	Tour 3			
5:30- 7:00 PM	Icebreaker - Cash Bar	2:45 - 3:15 PM		Perspective from Non-Governmental Organizations. Jane Difley, President/Forester The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests
7:00 - 9:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting			
*Three Tours are Scheduled for Grey Towers and Pinchot's Grave Site. First Come - First Serve - Limited Seating Available.		3:30 - 5:00 PM		Student Bowl
Thursday, February 13		6:30 PM		Banquet Master of Ceremonies John Bitzer, PA Bureau of Forestry (Retired) Forestry in a Global Context. Ross Whaley, President, SUNY-ESF
7:00 AM	Chairman's Breakfast			
8:00 - 10:00 AM	Registration			
8:30 - 8:50 AM	Introductions Michael Lester, Chair, Pinchot Chapter - SAF Local Welcome Pike County Commissioner			
8:50 - 9:35 AM	Next Century Forestry: Let's Get on With It! John Gordon, Pinchot Professor, Yale University			
9:35 - 10:10 AM	SAF: What is our Role in Natural Resource Leadership? William Banzhaf, Exec. Vice President, SAF	Friday, February 14		
10:25 - 11:10 AM	Managing Multiple Uses on National Forests: 1905-1995. A 90 Year Learning Experience and It Isn't Finished Yet. John Fedkiw, Economist, USDA (Retired)	7:00 AM		Pennsylvania Division Breakfast & Meeting Issues Facing Northeastern Forests. Jim Grace, Director, PA Bureau of Forestry
11:10 - 11:45 AM	The Great American Forest: From Jamestown to the Northern Spotted Owl. Arthur Smyth, Consulting Forester Columbia Consulting Group	8:30 - 9:05 AM		Procter & Gamble/Audubon Wildlife Habitat Project. Wayne Hoffman, Research Biologist National Audubon Society
11:45 - 1:00 PM	Lunch - Allegheny Business Meeting	9:05 - 9:40 AM		A Roadmap to the Future for Forestry Research. Susan Stout, Project Leader, USFS, NE Forest Experiment Station
1:00 - 1:35 PM	Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) John Heissenbuttel, Vice President, AF & PA	10:10 - 10:45 AM		Forestry from Four Directions: One Women's View. Valerie Luzadis, Faculty, SUNY-ESF
		10:45 - 11:20 AM		SAF in Rough Seas... On Course or Floundering? Harry Wiant, President Elect, SAF
		11:20 - 11:55 AM		Farewell Tim Kaden, Chairman, Allegheny SAF
		11:55 - 12:05 PM		

REGISTRATION FORM

FEES	NUMBER	BEFORE		AFTER		TOTAL
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Non-Members	_____ @	70	80	_____	_____	_____
Students	_____ @	15	20	_____	_____	_____
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***Posters	_____ @	0	0	_____	_____	_____
Spouse	_____ @	0	0	_____	_____	_____
Chairman's Breakfast	_____ @	10	10	_____	_____	_____
PA Division Breakfast	_____ @	10	10	_____	_____	_____
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Plateau & Northern Hardwoods Host Summer Meeting

By Barbara J. McGuinness, FSL Technology Transfer Specialist



"Regeneration — Everyone's Problem" was the subject material that attracted 132 members and guests to the October 2-3, 1996 Summer Meeting of the Allegheny SAF in Warren PA — hosted jointly by the Plateau and Northern Hardwoods Chapters.

Dave Marquis, past Project Leader at the Forestry Sciences Lab (FSL) in Irvine, PA, set the tone as Keynote Speaker, summarizing the history of forestry on the Allegheny Plateau. He stressed that many of our problems are not new; the Allegheny Plateau has been experiencing regeneration failures since the early 1970s. What is new is our knowledge, and our attitude towards addressing these failures.

Steve Horsley, FSL, reviewed

nearly 30 years of regeneration research at FSL. Past harvesting practices, overbrowsing by white-tailed deer, and interfering plants have all affected forest regeneration on the Allegheny Plateau, but research foresters with the help of many research partners are finding ways to control these limiting factors.

Chris Nowak, FSL, followed with a thought-provoking need for the continued development of a regeneration ethic among all foresters. Present costs vs. profits in insuring regeneration were presented in the context of future forest values. He stressed the importance of foresters sharing their regeneration ethic with others in the promotion of responsible forest management activities.

A panel discussion, "Partnerships, Programs, and Future Directions" followed, with diverse participation by **John Levavasseur**, International Paper; **Jack Byerly**, PA Game Commission; **Lois deMarco**, Allegheny National Forest; **Mike Kusko**, PA Bureau of Forestry; and **Ken Kane**, Keith Horn, Inc. FSL Project Leader **Susan Stout**



Three stages of SAF membership (l to r): **Ralph Heilig** (38 years), **S. Gaylord Atkinson** (60 years), and **Angela Elam** (6 years)

moderated the panel and summarized the presentations after a question and answer session.

Activities went well into the evening Wednesday night. **Barbara McGuinness**, FSL, led a follow up to the Wolf Run Forest Research Partnership workshop held last March to discuss a more in-depth regeneration research agenda for SUNY ESF, Penn State, and the Forestry Sciences Lab. **Steve Horsley** followed the evening buffet dinner with an exceptional slide/music presentation with scenes of nature in the four seasons.

On October 3, program leaders directed round robin visits to lands of the Bradford Water Authority (**Ken Kane**), Kane Hardwoods (**Blaine Puller**) and International Paper Company (**John Levavasseur** and **Mike McEntire**). Participants had the opportunity to examine and address past, present and future regeneration problems on private and industrial forest holdings. It was an unusually cold day for box lunches at the Kinzua Bridge State Park, but hot tea and coffee, along with the whistle of the steam locomotive crossing the National Landmark Bridge made it all worthwhile. And of course, **Doug Ostergard's** famous chicken Bar-B-Q topped the evening activities.

A well organized technical and social Allegheny SAF Summer (?) meeting, thanks to **Ken Kane**, **Doug Ostergard**, **Chris Nowak**, **Dave Ringling** and the many others who contributed to make for a fantastic experience (and 5.75 CFE's). ♠



Steam Locomotive crossing the National Landmark trestle at Kinzua Bridge State Park (photo by Bob Labar)

Student Publications Awards



(l to r) David Duffy, SAF President Bob Bosworth, Marisa Rinkus, and Lisa Vogler (accepting for Kathleen Edwards)

The annual Student Publications Contest winners were acknowledged at the 1996 National SAF Awards Luncheon in Albuquerque. The awards recognize exemplary talent and hard work embodied in the publication of forestry school yearbooks. Criteria include the quality of the yearbook as a historic record, layout and artwork, quality of written material, and interest to the readers.

First prize went to Oregon State University's "1996 Annual Cruise", **David Duffy** Editor; second prize to Purdue University's "Purdue Log", **Marisa Rinkus**, Editor; and third prize to The University of California Berkeley's "The Timber", Editor **Kathleen Edwards**. ♠

WV Student Wins SAF 1996 National Wilderness Award

At the 1996 National SAF Awards Luncheon in Albuquerque, West Virginia graduate student **Rick Landenberger**, was awarded the "Arnold Bolle Wilderness Management Scholarship."

Established by the Wilderness Management Working Group within SAF, this award is given to a qualified student who promotes and perpetuates understanding of the wilderness resource within the forest resources profession. ♠



West Virginians Harry Wiant, Jr., (l) and Westvaco's Roger Sherman (r) stand proud with award winning WV student, Rick Landenberger

Penn State Position Openings

Extension Assistant - Maple Syrup/Wood Products

Penn State's School of Forest Resources seeks applicants for a maple syrup/wood products extension assistant with responsibilities to support Pennsylvania's maple producers by preparing and distributing educational materials, conducting educational programs, and training other educators. The assistant will perform similar duties in wood products processing. Preference will be given to candidates who have a bachelor's or master's degree in forestry or wood products and related work experience. Candidates should possess teaching, evaluation and program development skills, along with positive human relations and effective communications skills.

The initial appointment is for one year, beginning January, 1997, and is renewable for two additional years. The closing date for applications is October 31, 1996, or until a suitable candidate is found.

Applications and detailed position announcement are available by writing or calling Human Resource Services, Box FR@, 307 Agricultural Admin. Bldg., the Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA 16802. (814) 863-3452.

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To apply, submit a resume, academic transcripts, and three letters of recommendations to Dr. Kim Steiner, 213 Ferguson Building, University Park, PA 16802 814- 865-9351; FAX 814-865-3725. Review of applications will begin on January 3, 1997, with the goal of filling the position on March 1, 1997 or as soon thereafter as possible.

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Special Information and Progress Meeting

PA SAF Division Licensing & Registration • January 9, 1997, State College, PA

On Thursday, January 9, 1997, 10 am to 4 pm, the PA Division will be sponsoring a special meeting at the State College Holiday Inn to inform and report on the progress of licensing and registration of professional foresters in Pennsylvania. The PA Licensing and Registration Committee (L&R), authorized by an overwhelming confidential ballot to pursue L&R of foresters in PA in 1995, has prepared a program including speakers addressing: the history of attempts at forester L&R in PA; ethics credibility and perceptions; public concerns; the Strategic Forestry Initiative (SFI) and Timber Harvesting Assessment (THAAT); other state experiences with L&R, the PA proposed L&R legislation; what the Pennsylvania Council of Professional

Foresters (PCPF) is, its formation, and necessity; and above all, a lengthy session to answer your questions relative to L&R in Pennsylvania (4.25 CFE's).

A charge of \$20 for SAF members and \$25 for non-members will cover a buffet luncheon and meeting room; the motel will hold a block of rooms at \$45 each until December 31, 1996 for those wishing to stay the evening before or night of the meeting.

Please give attendance at this meeting serious consideration; the successful resolution of licensing and registration of professional foresters in PA will have a profound and positive impact on the profession and the resource the public values.

• Questions Answered •

The following is a list of commonly asked questions, with answers, relating to licensing and registration of professional foresters in Pennsylvania. It is hoped that these will clarify some items of concern normal with any new initiative, and better prepare us to be an active participant in the special meeting.

Q. Is registering Professionals in Pennsylvania new?

Architects have been licensed since 1919, Engineers since 1927, Surveyors were added to the Engineers Registration Act in 1945 and Geologists in 1992. Landscape Architects have been licensed since the 60s.

Q. Why require forester licensing?

The foremost reason is to protect the public. Less obvious may be the sustainability of the forest resource base. Landowners who contracts the services of foresters, are entitled to know that the persons are qualified — have received formal training, have had several years of experience in the contracted field, and are receiving updated professional training. Licensing also allows the landowners redress through the Registration Board for deceptive, negligent, or unsatisfactory performance.

Q. Do other states require Foresters to register?

Fifteen (15) states have registration legislation. The Society of American Foresters (SAF) Publication 96-04, Profiles of State Programs for Licensing, Registration, and Certification of Foresters in the United States, summarizes the status of professional forester credentialing.

Q. Why do we need Registration Legislation when SAF has a Certified Forester Program?

The SAF Certified Forester Program does not prevent the practice of forestry (defined in the proposed PA legislation) by unqualified individuals, nor does it recognize forest technicians. The SAF Position Statement on the Registration and Licensing of Foresters supports the establishment of such legislation as beneficial to the public, individuals who seek the services of a forester, foresters, and the forest resource.

Q. Is the legislation a licensing or registration act?

The Act is called a registration law. However, a license is required to practice or offer to practice forestry. A biennial

registration of licensed professionals is also required. Therefore, the Act is both a licensing and a registration Act. Since it prohibits professional practice by unlicensed individuals it is considered a licensing act.

Q. When may an unlicensed individual practice forestry?

Unlicensed individuals are prohibited from practicing or offering to practice forestry except in certain situations.

- When an employee is supervised by a Licensed Forester who is in responsible charge of the forestry practice; or when an employee is lawfully engaged in the practice of forestry and the employer is in responsible charge of the work. In these cases, the licensee is responsible under the Act.

- Nonresident foresters from states having equal standards under the Pennsylvania Act may practice forestry 30 days each year without a license.

- Officers and employees of the Federal government for the Federal Government.

- Public Utilities employees, when the Public Utility employs at least one Registered Forester who is then in responsible charge of the forestry work.

- Individuals may practice forestry on owned land when it does not affect the public safety or health or the property of other persons or entities.

- Employees of industrial corporations may practice forestry in connection with or incidental to products of the corporation.

Q. Can a company be licensed to practice forestry?

Yes. When the firm or corporation directing heads and employees in responsible charge of its activities are licensed and registered also.

Q. What are the minimum standards for Licensing and registration as a forester?

Two classes to the proposed amendment to the existing PA Act licensing Engineers, Surveyor, and Geologists,

requires either: a four year degree in forestry with four years experience or a two year degree in forestry with six years experience. Both classes would be required to pass an examination after a two year grandfathering period. Other individuals practicing forestry, having either a closely related degree or at least three years of a four year degree, would not be denied the privilege of practicing forestry until they had an opportunity to pass the examination.

Q. Who could be grandfathered without an examination?

Individuals having a four year forestry degree with four years experience, or a two year degree in forestry with six years experience. Forestry practices during the two year grandfathering period could be added to the required experience requirement.

Q. Can I, as in industrial forester, be Licensed?

Yes. The requirements for registration are the same for all foresters irrespective of employer status.

Q. Why was the usual and accustomed practices of loggers and timber buyers in connection with purchasing and harvesting timber exempted from the definition of the Practice of Forestry?

Concerns were expressed that all timber using industries would have to hire a licensed forester for procurement and harvesting of raw materials. Foresters may be uniquely qualified to do this type of work. However, timber buyers need not be licensed to purchase timber so long as they do not hold themselves out as foresters or characterize their services as forestry practices. Foresters who employ professional methods in conducting timber appraisals for any client, including the wood products industry, would still be offering professional services.

Q. When can a license be suspended under the Act?

A license can be temporarily suspended under circumstances determined by the Registration Board to be an immediate and clear danger to the public health and safety. A preliminary hearing is required to be held within 30 days to determine if a *prima facie* case supports the suspension. If there is not a *prima facie* case, the suspended license is immediately restored. A temporary suspension can not exceed 180 days and can be vacated sooner by the Board.

A license will automatically be suspended upon legal commitment to an institution because of mental incompetency or conviction of a felony under the Controlled Substance, Drug Device and Cosmetic Act.

A license can be suspended or revoked after a finding of guilty by the Board of the practice of fraud, deceit or misrepresentation in obtaining the license or of gross negligence, incompetency or misconduct in the practice of the profession or of violation of the code of ethics of the profession.

Q. How is the code of ethics of the profession included in the Act?

A profession's code of ethics can be included in the Act by regulation promulgated by the Board.

Q. Would continuing education be required to maintain registration?

Continuing education requirements similar to those of the SAF Certified Forester Program would be part of the amendment to the Registration Act.

Q. What is the definition of Forestry and the Practice of Forestry for the purposes of licensing?

"Forestry" means the science, the art and the practice of managing and conserving for human benefit the natural resources, including the trees, other plants, animals, and soil and water that occur on and in association with forest lands.

"Practice of Forestry" means any professional services requiring the application of forestry principles and techniques. Such services shall include, but not be limited to, forest inventory, forest management planning, timber appraisal, the direction and supervision of silvicultural activities, the use and protection of forested areas, and the evaluation of the economic and biological consequences of forest management activities. The term practice of forestry shall not be construed to include:

- the usual and accustomed practice of loggers and timber buyers in connection with purchasing and harvesting timber, provided that they do not hold themselves out as foresters or characterize their services as the practice of forestry.
- the preparation of erosion and sediment control plans pursuant to state laws.

Q. Why isn't the preparation of erosion and sediment control plans considered as practicing forestry?

The Act requiring E&S plans does not require a professional to prepare the plan. However, it has been reported that Professional Engineers are challenging the Department of Environmental Protection on the basis that E&S plans are Professional Engineering work. Δ

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The Man in the Middle

By John F. (Jack) Tillinghast, SAF member since 1942

My first look at West Virginia was in 1934 when I came here as a student forester with my class for Summer Camp. We stayed in an abandoned CCC camp at Dyer on the Williams River for six weeks. While here, I was privileged to see some of the last virgin spruce cut by Cherry River Boom and Lumber Company in the headwaters of the Williams River. On my return to school at Michigan State College, I announced that West Virginia was one place I would never want to work; the hills were too steep and too frequent. Eleven years later I was working here as an employee of the American Forestry Association (AFA).

My job with AFA was to study the mine timber supply situation and report to three or more Coal Operator's Associations. While doing this, I was approached by three coal companies with their offer to employ me as their forester when I finished my current job. I responded by proposing to work for them as their consultant and they accepted as individual clients. From January 1, 1946 to June 30, 1990, I worked as a consulting forester, first alone, then with Marvin Reed as a partner and from 1960 to 1990 in partnership with O. O. "Boone" Neely.

As the first successful consulting forester in West Virginia, I had to show my clients that my services were profitable to them; then I had to convince their logging contractors that my management decisions were economically sound for them. I also had to convince timber buyers that my sale proposals were offered in good faith and that I was not susceptible to bribes or other gratuities. I had some interesting experiences in each of these fields.

In the late 1940's there were several organizations trying to attract the landowner's money into their tills. West Virginia Forest Fire Protective Association, whose main appeal was that for a penny or two per acre paid through that organization, an owner could avoid any responsibility for fire control on his property. Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers Association employed a forester and offered limited forestry representation to its members. Forest Farmers Association — I was never sure what tangible benefits this organization provided to West Virginia landowners. West Virginia Forests, Inc. provided some legislative influence and a collective voice for landowners after the Forest Fires Protective Association folded. West Virginia Sawmill Operator's Association was founded mainly as a voice for the lumber manufacturing group and it soon melded with the West Virginia Forests, Inc. There were others too, such as the various Chambers of Commerce, and all had their representatives beating the bushes for members and membership dues. Obviously, there were too many special interest groups crying for the landowner's dollar and their interests often overlapped. As a consulting forester, I probably played a small part in consolidating their interests behind a single many-faceted organization.

I found out early that I was "the Man in the Middle". I stood between the landowner and his logging contractor. I

was between the landowner and the state agencies. I was between the logger and the state agencies. I was between my clients and the various groups wanting membership donations from them all. Often my clients would turn to me for advice as to which organizations most merited their support. My advice was based on what I expected they might gain from their membership. Eventually, most of the groups dissolved or were absorbed by what is now the West Virginia Forestry Association (which in 1996 has more than 900 members).

After I had been in business a few years, Gus Tryon (Forestry Professor at WVU) visited me for a couple of days "Just to find out what a consulting forester does." When he was about to leave, I asked him what he had learned and he replied, "I learned that more than half of what you do is in human relations." Now that I think about it, I believe he is more than half right. After all, most of our lives are series of human relations experiences!

Chronological Development of Timbering in Southern WV 1946

- Logger's choice cutting was common practice
- Small mills usually cut mine timber only
- Prop cutters followed producing "poverty sticks"
- Most mills were steam powered
- Crosscut saw cutting, hours skidding, single-axel truck hauling
- Sawed mine headers were delivered at the mine for \$40 per MBF

1953

- Forester controlled cutting becoming accepted
- Some small mills trying to produce some grade lumber
- Chain saws have replaced most crosscut saws
- Tractors replacing horses
- Some diesel and electric power units replacing steam power
- Tandem-axel trucks now in woods, and timber prices rising

1957-8

- Forest Practice Standards being developed
- Large landowners commonly have service of a forester
- Roof bolting eliminated the mine prop market
- Few horses left in the woods, most loggers have tractors
- Steam power is now the exception

1990

- Professional forest management becoming general
- Mechanization common at all stages of manufacture and use
- Forest Practice Standards established and in fairly general use
- Forest taxation method is an ongoing political problem
- The "mine timber only" sawmill is gone
- Forest products manufacture is on the increase

Professional forest management will be necessary throughout the industry in the future to prevent over cutting and/or other destructive practices by uninformed owners or rogue timber harvesters. Δ

Note: The above dates are approximate, of course — Change is gradual and no one can pinpoint an exact time when these changes occur.

What is a Forester?

By Ol' Bill

Foresters are college-equipped practical ecologists working with nature to assist mankind. Various trained as specialists in timber, wildlife, recreation, or water, they have the basic skills needed to advise forest landowners on the use and continuation of nature's gifts.

Foresters stand out as self-reliant, responsible, optimistic leaders... unafraid to march determinately at the head of the crowd and unashamed to listen from the back of the room. A century ago they would have been map makers, explorers, railroad surveyors, wagon train guides, frontier scouts... then, as now, people whose courage, wisdom and enthusiasm generates progress.

Underpaid and often unappreciated, foresters are a tree farmers' ace-in-the-hole... rugged individualists that challenge the stagnation of status quo. They are wisdom arriving in a pickup truck, perpetual motion with a notebook

and diameter tape and problem solvers with an eye on the future.

Foresters have the courage to apprehend arsonists and fight fires, the sincerity to teach children fire prevention, the tact to tell a logger forcefully that he must keep mud out of the creek, the gift of delivering interesting civic club programs, the ability to write interestingly and the credibility to advise lawmakers.

In the community, they can be found as little league coaches, scoutmasters, civic club members, Sunday school teachers, PTA officers and adopt-a-highway enthusiasts.

Foresters like the out-of-doors... the mountains at dawn, sunny days, wildflowers, rainbows, sunsets, starry nights and healthy trees. They also like honesty, competence, wildlife, businesslike sawmillers, certified loggers, value-added manufacturing, profits at all levels, the music of mountain streams, sportsmen and the sound of people enjoying themselves.

Foresters don't like wild fires, sleet storms, insects, tree diseases,

environmental half-truths, cut and run loggers, thick and thin sawmills, ambiguous laws, game hogs, stream pollution, unmanaged forests, unmanaged wildlife populations, short-term political fixes, dishonest timber buyers, inconsistent taxation and environmental damage.

Foresters have the courage to be impatient with the public's seeming belief that worldly goods, including land, are individually owned, but that trees are collective possessions and its acceptance of zealous laymen with special interests as professional naturalists. They also have the patience and faith to believe that mankind will eventually demand professional forest management above emotional, politically-inspired, and unscientific systems.

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February 1997

12-14 Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting, Matamoras, PA: 75th Allegheny SAF Anniversary "From Pinchot to the Present & Beyond." Come and hear six of the most thought provoking speakers from the 1996 SAF National Convention (see page 9 for details).

March 1997

15 Deadline for articles, photos and ads for the Spring issue of *The Allegheny News*

August 1997

13-15 Allegheny SAF Meeting, Canaan Valley State Park, "Working with the Media." Mark your calendar now -- more information to come.

Future National SAF Conventions

October 4-8, 1997 Memphis, Tennessee
 September 19-23, 1998 Traverse City, Michigan
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Tour Scotland with SAF

By Richard Reid, Forester/Consultant

Join your professional colleagues on a study tour of the forests of Scotland this May 4-16, 1997. Professional highlights include: Urban Forestry in Glasgow; Reforestation and nursery operations; Sustainable management on private lands; State-of-the-art industrial forestry; and Galloway Forest Park management.

See, Glasgow, Edinburgh, St. Andrews, Aberdeen, and Inverness. Visit castles, cathedrals, battlefields, and famous malt whisky distilleries; wonder at the Scottish highlands, valleys, and coasts; and experience Robert Burn's Country.

Included in the tour price is participation in the Royal Scottish Forestry Society's 100th Annual Excursion, May 12-15, in Inverness. This is a unique opportunity to spend time viewing the latest management practices and to exchange ideas with Scottish foresters.

Tour booking will be exclusively through Travel-On of Silver Spring, MD. For a complete brochure and itinerary, contact Travel-On at (800) 807-3338 or (301) 565-4400. ♡

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