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Mont Alto Forest Academy was founded in 1902, and in 1911, "Double Cottage" was built to house two instructors and their families. This year, the building was razed to make way for an education/book store expansion (see page 4).



## A Report and Reflections

By Timothy A. Kaden,  
Allegheny Chair

I am writing this just two days after attending the Allegheny SAF Winter meeting in Ocean City, Maryland. MD/DE Chair **Tony DiPaolo** and his committee chairs hosted and presented a meeting that future Divisions and Chapters can look to as a standard of excellence -- in meeting accommodations, program content, a hands-on field trip, and social activities. More than 250 members and friends enjoyed the Eastern Shore hospitality!

Speaking of meetings, mark your calendar now for the Summer/Fall meeting at Warren, PA, October 2-3, 1996. The Plateau and Northern Hardwoods Chapters in Pennsylvania are joint hosts. Plateau Chair **Doug Ostergard**, reporting at the Executive Committee meeting, guaranteed that this meeting should outshine the 1992 Summer meeting on the Allegheny when over 250 members attended. "At no extra cost," Doug promises, "the Allegheny will be in peak fall color, adding to the attraction of meeting presentations, forum for issues discussions, and field trip opportunities."

Your Executive Committee met at the Ocean City meeting and acted on several items:

- In support of student membership, a motion was approved to award \$500 to the winning team of the 1996 Student Bowl, as "seed money" to assist them in traveling to and competing in the National Convention Student Bowl competition (in Albuquerque, NM). Congratulations to this year's Penn State Winners and all the students and faculties that have made this Allegheny competition so interesting a highlight of our annual meetings.

- The Committee also endorsed the formation of a student mentor program. Over the next year, Chair-elect **Mark Webb**, the faculty of Allegheny Society Colleges and Universities, and I will develop a program to match forestry students with appropriate practicing forester members. The intent will be to provide real world forestry guidance to students in pursuit of professional forestry careers. Ideas? Contact Mark Webb or me with your ideas (or to be first on the volunteer mentor list). As a current ad goes, "Sometimes how far a person goes in life depends upon who's looking over their shoulder." I want to thank **Jack Winieski** for this innovative project suggestion.

- The Committee also approved the development of a 75th Anniversary Booklet, to be available to all Allegheny

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# Members and Views

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SAF members at next years Annual Winter Celebration Meeting. The booklet will be an extension of the 50th Anniversary booklet, but with more emphasis on Division and Chapter history. Contact your Chapter/Division Chair, or **Ron Sheay** (609-771-8301) if you have any historical records or memories suitable for this bench mark publication of the multi-State Society.

Regarding our annual meeting activities and traditions, The Reginald D. Forbes Art Competition needs your, and your family's, talents to be exhibited. Entries this year were a little slim. In line with this discussion, **Charlie Newlon** has proposed the addition of a separate Student Member category to begin with the 1997 competition. Plan now to show your hobby or professional talents in the broad field of art.

As I finish this column, it is raining -- not snowing, but April showers falling. I have forest management and fire plans to write, land to purchase and place under a conservation easement, and the other professional work activities of another growing season. I look forward to the satisfaction that comes with working as a professional forester. What an opportunity we have to serve -- the land and the public! I hope you also feel as excited about your work as I do, and that you present the professionalism of SAF membership in all your endeavors. See you around the Allegheny! Let me know the time and dates of your next Division or Chapter meeting so that I can attend. ♠

## Meeting Forester Fund Raffle a Huge Success

By Ken Jolly, MD SAF Forester Fund Chair

The Forester Fund Raffle held at the 1996 Allegheny Winter Meeting was a huge success, as measured by the \$844 of donations generated -- far surpassing the target goal of \$500!! Thanks go to everyone who supported the Fund by donating articles for raffle and for purchasing tickets.

Donors of raffle items included: WV Division ("Forester at Home" print); Alan Knox of the Pinchot Chapter, PA Division (clock made from a 192-year-old bald cypress cross section); MD-DE Division (six Chesapeake Bay sweatshirts); and the following Exhibitors: **Island Press, Spot Image, Taylor Oil, North American Green, Tree Pro, and McGraw-Hill.**

Proceeds from the raffle will be used to support Forester Fund activities, The Allegheny SAF Executive Director's position, and the Allegheny Leadership Academy.

The generosity demonstrated at the winter meeting once again continues to show that Forester Fund support by the Allegheny SAF is of the highest caliber! ♠

## Bill Brash Receives Silas B. Little Award

By Chrissy Harrigan, NJ SAF Division



John Benton (l), NJ SAF Chair presents Silas B. Little Award to Bill Brash.

The New Jersey SAF Division presented member **Bill Brash** with the **Silas B. Little Award** for outstanding service to SAF and to NJ Forestry. During the last ten years, Bill has been very active in SAF as past newsletter editor and Vice-chairman of the Executive Committee.

Bill has facilitated numerous workshops involving SAF, the NJ Forest Resource Council, and most recently, the NJ Advance Roundtable for the 7th American Forest Congress. He was instrumental in organizing and hosting the NJ Envirothon competition for Junior and High School Students. He is the owner and president of Resources Services South, Inc., a forestry and environmental consulting company specializing in forest management planning, timber sales, farmland assessment, and community forest planning.

Bill is the second recipient of the Silas B. Little Award, the first being awarded to **Duke Grimes** in 1989. Anyone wishing to nominate someone for the award should contact a member of the NJ SAF Executive Committee for details. ♠

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1996 Allegheny SAF Student Quiz Bowl contestants.

## Ninth Annual Student Quiz Bowl

By Kim Steiner

The Ninth Annual Student Quiz Bowl was held March 21, 1996 at the Winter meeting in Ocean City, MD. Congratulations are in order for all the participants, as the effort extended by student members is considerable -- taking them away from busy class schedules and extra hours in preparation. Thanks also go out to **John Kuser, Mark Vodak, and Jack Winieski** for officiating this event.

Penn State's team of **Matt Keefer, Joe Glover, and Mike Powell** were victors over the winner of the Associate Degree Division, **Adam Harper, Ron Showalter, and Trent Martin** of Allegheny Community College.

Other team entries included West Virginia University (**Jonathan Spink, John Mowery, Matt Malone**); Penn State Mont Alto (**Scott Miller, Tim Roche, Joe Kellert**); and Penn College of Technology (**Amy Calehuff, Arron Lyon**).

Penn State winners will receive an engraved trophy plaque commemorating its 1996 championship. In addition, the Penn State team is now eligible for a \$500 incentive stipend to represent the Allegheny SAF at the National Quiz Bowl competition to be held at the Albuquerque, New Mexico National Convention, November 9-12, 1996. ♠



**Bill Banzhaf (l)**, SAF Executive Vice-President congratulates the winning Penn State Student Quiz Bowl Winners.

## Reginald Forbes Art Contest Winners

By Charles Newlon, Art Director

Quality was the word at the 1996 art contest at the annual Allegheny SAF meeting. For some reason the entries were fewer than normal but member voting was high, indicating continued interest in the artistic abilities of our members and their immediate families. We're looking forward to next year, when we hope to include an additional class for SAF student members.



**Charles Newlon**, Art Director of the Allegheny SAF Reginald Forbes Art Contest, arranges the display table.

In the Amateur, Flat Category, **John E. Kundt** took first place with his color pencil drawing of "Two Roadrunners." **Don Nibert's** color photos of "Osprey's First Catch" and "Young Osprey", took second and third places -- the photos being a result of an osprey hacking program at PA College of Technology.

**Allan R. Knox's** wooden (cypress) clock took first place in the Amateur, 3-Dimension Category. AI donated this exceptional piece of work as a prize for one of the Forester's Fund drawings... thank you AI!

Professional Flat Art competition was won by the Catonsville, MD team of **Jim Himel and Scott Mattern** with their illustrated Wetland Protection area sign. ♠

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## PA College of Technology Student Winter Activities

By Donald Nibert, Asst. Professor of Forest Technology



Arron Lyons (l) and Mark Knapp repair flood-damaged pheasant-rearing pens.

As part of their hands-on training, students in the Forest Technology Program at the Pennsylvania College of Technology, Williamsport, PA, are involved in repairing flood-damaged holding pens of the PA Game Commission. Approximately 20 acres of the pens, located at the Loyalsock Pheasant Farm near Montoursville, PA, were extensively damaged by flood waters of the Susquehanna River between January 19-20, 1996.

Students also have been installing wood fish cribs on ice-covered ponds located in State Game Lands #252 near Williamsport, PA. When the ice melts, the cribs will sink and provide vertical habitat: small fish will seek protection from predators among the cribs, and larger bass can build nests under the lower overhanging wings. It is estimated that the cribs will last for hundreds of years as long as they remain submerged. ♠



PA College of Technology students build fish cribs on ice-covered Fish Commission ponds.

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

## Mont Alto "Double Cottage" Succumbs to Progress

Double Cottage, a two family house built in 1911 on the grounds of the Penn State Forest Academy, has been razed to make way for a new bookstore and continuing education center on the Penn State Mont Alto Campus.

Until 1929, when the Forest Academy became a Penn State Campus, Double Cottage was used to house faculty members and their families. For a time, it was even used as a gymnasium and housed men's and women's locker rooms.

The new bookstore and continuing education center construction is being partially funded by a grant from the Barnes and Noble Company; the buildings are scheduled to open in January 1997.

Dr. Corrinne Caldwell, Campus Executive Officer remarked that, "Although it is always sad to lose a part of the campus heritage, we are very much looking forward to the new bookstore and continuing education center. It will provide much better access and space than present facilities. The continuing education center plan includes two state-of-the-art, multi-media classrooms furnished in boardroom style".

The current bookstore, located in the General Studies Building, will be converted into a student computer lab and a new learning center. ♠

## Mont Alto Alumni Super Reunion


The 1996 Mont Alto Super Reunion will be held June 21-23 on the Penn State Mont Alto Campus. All Penn State forestry alumni, including those who transferred to main campus, are welcome. For more information, please contact Eileen Graham at (717) 749-6000, or Paul "Sunshine" Shogren at (301) 387-3094. ♠

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**Councilman's Corner**



*By Dwight Fielder,  
SAF Dist. VII Council Representative*

SAF National Council met on December 9, 1995 and January 28-29, 1996 and discussed and debated issues:

December Meeting

- \* Ratified the interim vote of the SAF Officers and approved the emergency position statement on grazing legislation (letter to the US Senate re: S.852-Public Grazing Act, Oct. 2, 1995); approved the emergency position statement re: the 1995 Farm Bill with regard to the Conservation Reserve Program.
- \* Reaffirmed that the number of Fellows shall be limited to 5% of the total voting SAF membership.
- \* Agreed to send to member referendum:
  - the proposed Constitutional change to Article IX, recommending that the authority for publications remain in the Constitution but that the direction for the mechanics be moved to the Bylaws.
  - the proposed Constitutional changes to Article III regarding membership categories (I have participated in writing this referendum proposal -- look for further information in the Forestry Source and Journal of Forestry).
- \* Accepted the recommendations of the Communications Committee and appointed a smaller number of members (4-6) for one-year terms.
- \* Authorized the Private Property Rights Task Force to draft a potential position statement on private property rights for review by the Committee on

Forest Policy, the Forest Science & Technology Board, and Council.

- Extended the terms of the Council Subcommittee on Cultural Diversity for two years, and the Volunteer Organizational Structure Task Force Council Subcommittee for one year.
- Approved the 1996 budget.

January Meeting

- Appointed new Council Subcommittees on Dues Structure, Fund Raising and Students.
- Approved the revised Standard Minimum Bylaws.
- Changed the word limit on campaign statements for Council elections from 100 words to 200 words.
- Selected Portland, Oregon as the site of the 1999 SAF National Convention.
- Selected awardees for the Barrington Moore Memorial Award, Technology Transfer and Extension Award, John A. Beale Memorial Award, Carl Alwin Schenck Award, and Young Forester Leadership Award (These awards are not announced until the National Convention).
- Reaffirmed SAF's strategic priorities.

I have been appointed by SAF President Bosworth to the Executive Committee of Council and also to the subcommittee on Fund Raising (chaired by Harry Wiant). I am also serving as an ex-officio member of the Leadership Academy Steering Committee. If you have any questions regarding these committees, please contact me at work by calling (202) 452-7758, or at home (703) 908-9488.

Lastly, this is my third and final year as your Council Representative. It is time for prospective candidates from the Allegheny and National Capital Societies to step forward and accept the challenge. Serving on Council is somewhat time-consuming and requires commitment and dedication. However, it is an incredibly rewarding experience and the three years really fly by quickly!

Interested in representing District VII on Council? Contact Barbara Weitzer (301) 897-8720 ext. 121 for details and information. ♠

# Are We Recognizing Exemplary Efforts?

By Ron Sheay, National Chair, Committee on Professional Recognition

Many foresters are doing outstanding work in the Allegheny SAF -- for the forest resource in their daily professional activities, in their communities as responsible citizens, and in our professional Society at the local, state and national levels. My question to the Allegheny membership is, do we give enough recognition to these individuals -- not to bloat their egos, but to honestly show appreciation for their above-standard contribution to society as a whole and to our professional Society?

The March issue of *The Forestry Source* caused me to reflect on the value of honest professional recognition when I read the article calling for nominations for a number of prestigious national awards. One award, **The John A. Beale Memorial Award**, recognizes outstanding efforts over a sustained period of time by an SAF member in the promotion of forestry through voluntary service the SAF. We have members that fit this mold. Can you visualize someone in your circle of peers who fits this description? Each state society can nominate one candidate a year. You and I don't have to wait for a member of the Awards Committee to nominate -- they may not even know of the deserving person you might think of in your circle of contacts.

The Beale Award nomination must include a nominating letter and a biographical sketch (not to exceed three pages), including education, experience, and evidence of efforts made on behalf of SAF. This award has been given since 1978 and I am pleased to report that two Allegheny members, **Warren Doolittle** (1983) and **Roger Sherman** (1994) have been so honored.


The SAF constantly needs "new blood" to periodically revitalize the organization. The process begins with getting students to join SAF while doing undergraduate work; it continues by advancing students to full member grade upon graduation and involvement in Society activities. By recognizing a young foresters' outstanding leadership in the development and promotion of individual programs or projects, or sustained leadership in forestry practices and/or SAF, we can nurture this infusion of new active membership. This is the purpose of **The Young Forester Leadership Award** for those foresters under 40 years of age. I challenge you to scour your SAF unit and ferret out these individuals for possible nominees -- there is no limit as to how many can be nominated.

Nominations for the Young Forester Leadership Award must include three letters of endorsement addressing the award criteria (stated above) and a biographical sketch (not to exceed three pages) that references the award criteria. This award has been given since 1985.

The Allegheny SAF has many outstanding individual members conducting themselves and their projects dealing with the forest resources which deserve recognition at the national, as well as the Division and Chapter levels. It's up to you and me to nominate them. The deadline for these awards is June 15, 1996.

I have given example of only two national awards that provide opportunity for the recognition of Allegheny Society members. Real-life professional role models are just as important as other real-life role models -- let's identify those we wish our present and future members to emulate.

Awards Chairman, **Bob Shipman** or **Jack Winieski** are there to help you coordinate your nominations for recognition at all levels of the Society. ♠



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## How Hot is That Oil?

Given the choice of being boiled in oil or attending the Seventh American Forest Congress, my answer would have been that given in the title. Nevertheless, my sense of duty led me to the gathering with only a little less enthusiasm than one approaching the 13th step to the gallows. An organizer told me going in that a lot of bonding goes on with the round-table format. Sure, I thought, and I suppose Elvis will make an appearance.

We were quickly assigned tables. I approached mine trying to ascertain which of those seated around it was a tree-spiker, a refugee from the 60s, or a dreaded lawyer/activist hybrid. My heart reached a steady state when I found about half were foresters or closely related resource managers, and one a delightful female forestry student from the Midwest. True, our philosophies covered a wide spectrum, but being a completely unbiased and rational participant (no snickering), I could deal with that. Our "environmentalists" included a devoted hiker who came to learn and concluded by the end of the Congress that it was better than a college course. The other was a wonderful resident from Harlem, dedicated to bringing the joys of gardening and horticulture to inner-city dwellers. Miracle of miracles, we did bond, discussing our differences with respect and liberal doses of humor. Some unpleasantness occurred around the fringes of the Congress, and the process was not flawless, but none of that impacted the little Eden at Table 121. Maybe ours was an unusual table, but I don't think so.

I am not certain the statements and principles produced by the Congress will have much impact on forestry in America. But I am convinced that many of us were much the richer for having attended. It was the best demonstration I have ever witnessed of how democracy works when citizens meet in a supportive atmosphere, express differences and concerns openly, and deal in facts and not propaganda. If a congress is held every 20 years of so, and if a similar structure will be used, I plan to attend at least the next five. ♣

*Harry V. Wiant, Jr.*  
Vice-President, Society of American Foresters

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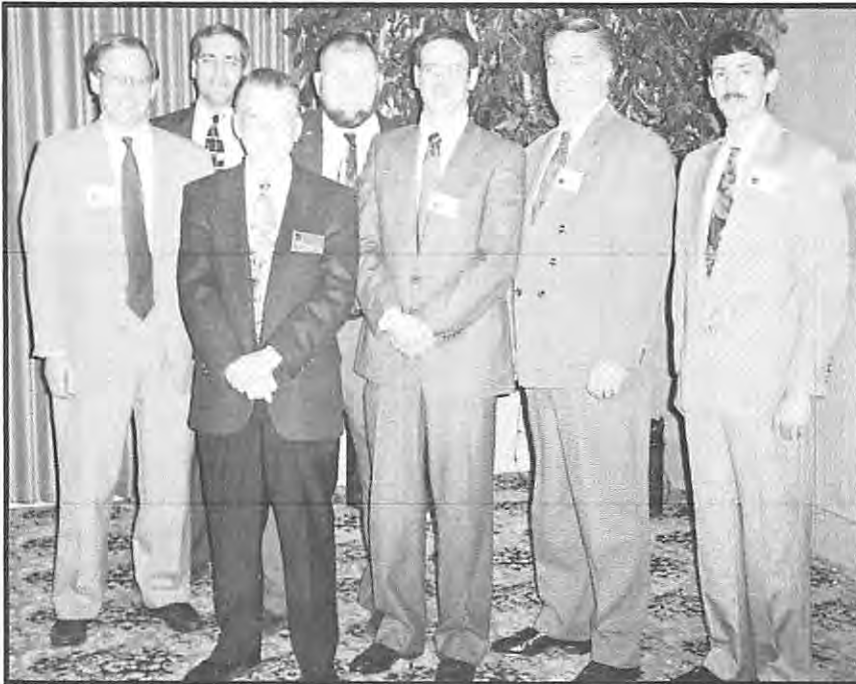
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## 74th Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting



Some National and Allegheny Officers pose at the 1996 Winter Meeting: (l-r) Bill Banzhaf, National SAF Executive VP; Ken Kane, PA Division Chair; Harry Wiant, National SAF Vice President; Robert (Bos) Bosworth, National SAF President; Anthony DiPaolo, MD/DE Division; Tim Kaden, Allegheny Chair; and Craig Kane, NJ Division.

### Some Allegheny Meeting Highlights

By Ken Jolly, MD Newsletter Chair

The 74th Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting, held in Ocean City, MD from March 20-22, focused on the theme of "Sustainability of the Forest Resource." Approximately 220 SAF members, students, and guests were in attendance.

The first day featured a thought-provoking workshop on professional ethics conducted by **Bill Banzhaf**, SAF Executive Vice President. The second day continued with a distinguished panel presenting and discussing the differing perspectives of the Forest Sustainability issue.

A few ideas emerging from the panel and audience exchange included:

- encouraging the forestry profession to take the lead in defining the term "sustainability."

- utilizing the ecosystem management approach in achieving sustainability by making management decisions on a broader geographical scale in promoting ecosystem health.

- urging caution with ecosystem approaches which are too ill-defined to adequately direct stand-level forest management in achieving desired goals.
- utilizing the best technology and appropriate management strategies to help achieve sustainability.
- encouraging sustainability of privately held forestland through education programs for both landowners and the non-landowning public.
- managing forests within their natural range of variability to sustain both genetic and productive resource values in primary and secondary ecological systems.

At the mid-day luncheon Business Meeting, **Bob (Bos) Bosworth**, SAF President, highlighted several national initiatives that he and the SAF Council were pursuing. After the completion of the afternoon panel session, the Student Quiz Bowl generated the usual high level of friendly competition. The

Awards Banquet capped the eventful second day with the formal installation of newly elected officers of the Allegheny Executive Committee and Division/Chapter Chairs. **Arlan Perky**, WV Division, received the Allegheny Forester of the Year Award and **Pete Miller**, MD/DE Division, was honored with the Outstanding Service to Forestry Award. The banquet activities ended with a fascinating presentation on the history and resiliency of US forest resources by **Douglas MacCleery** of the USDA Forest Service.

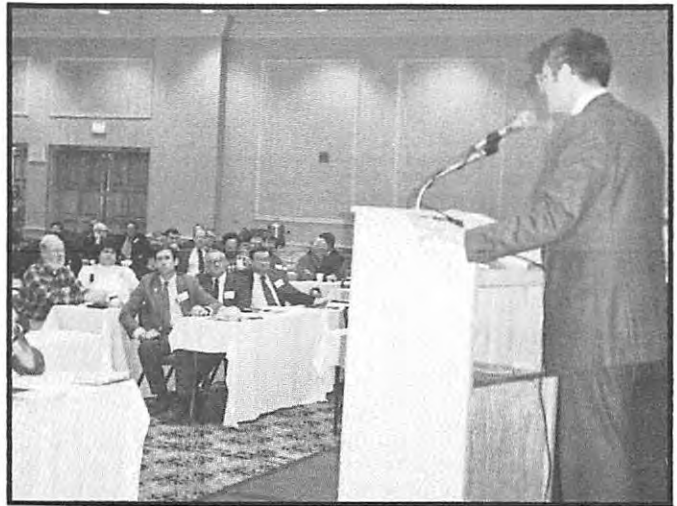
The final day featured a field tour of Maryland's lower Eastern Shore. Each visited site generated additional perspectives on the sustainability issue. The tour sites visit demonstrated the cooperative partnership between the Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company and the Nature Conservancy in the quest to achieve sustainability of all forest values within the region.

Thanks to exhibitor displays at the meeting which provided the opportunity to look at many useful products and services. Meeting exhibitors included: Timberjack Corporation, Koch Insurance, Construction Safety Products, McGraw Hill, Foresters, Inc., North American Green, Helicopter Applicators, Spot Image, Taylor Oil, Tidewater Equipment, J. P. Fuller, American Cyanamid, Island Press, Trimble Navigation, Standard Equipment, American Tree Farm, Forest Stewardship Planning Guide, and the Maryland Forests Association.

Others who either helped sponsor or contributed to the meeting success included: Klunk Forestry, Monsanto, Millville Lumber Co., Paul Jones Lumber Co., Johnson Logging, Chesapeake Forest Products Co., The Glatfelter Pulp Wood Co., Austin Short, DE State Forester's Office, Maryland Forestry Boards, Tree Pro, and The Tree Co. And finally, thanks to the Allegheny members and guests who participated, distinguished speakers, the MD/DE Division host members, and the National SAF Office for support. ♣



*Dr. Bob Shipman (l) presents the 1995 Forester of the Year Award to Arlan Perky.*



*Anthony DiPaolo, MD/DE Division Chair and General Meeting Chair, reviews "housekeeping" rules before introducing speakers.*



*Ken Jolly poses with the lucky Forester Fund winner of the WV Division "Forester at Home" print.*



*Sustainability Panel Members (l-r): Gregory Applet, Wilderness Society Forester; Lanny Autrie, Association of Consulting Foresters President; R. Scott Wallinger, Westvaco Corporation Chief of Land Management; and Moderator Larry Biles, USDA Extension Service are amused at some of the questions and comments.*



*It had to be an inside West Virginia joke!*



*Pete Miller (r) receives the Outstanding Service to Forestry Award from Dr. Bob Shipman.*

# A Congressional Debriefing

By Stephen B. Jones, Ph.D, Asst. Professor, Forest Resources, Pennsylvania State University



Can you believe it... 1,600 people in a single room attempting to hammer out the future of America's forests? Sitting ten to a table, we worked through the Vision, Principles, and Next Steps for taking our forests into the twenty-first century and beyond. Who were "we"? We were the "delegates" to the Seventh American Forest Congress in Washington, D. C., February 20-24, 1996. We were foresters, loggers, landowners, environmental activists, wood processors, and students. We were employed by industry, agencies, universities, interest groups, and self-employed or retired. We were proponents of clearcutting and advocates of no cutting. In short, we were a mixed bag.

Sponsored in part by SAF, the Congress promised (and delivered) to be unlike, "any convention you have attended previously. Together, you will agree on a shared vision for the future of America's forests, a set of guiding principles, and the next steps necessary to realize the vision based on the principles. This will be accomplished through interactive sessions using state-of-the-art methods in large group facilitation." The Congress Program outlined the concept behind this daunting endeavor:

- "During times of great stress and uncertainty, as when the nation was

formed, the better aspects of our nature prevail and we devise means by which all interests might be served. We now are at such a point with regards to our forests ... a vast and important natural resource.

- The management and protection of America's forests are increasingly the subject of public, professional, and political scrutiny. Yet, there is no overarching set of principles to guide the management of America's forests toward a common vision that integrates competing values and priorities. Our forests are subject to conflicting laws, inconsistent judicial rulings, a variety of regulations at all levels of government, and poor management that puts forest health and productivity at risk.
- For the first time in twenty years, citizens from all areas of interest in forests have gathered to chart a path for the future. You are part of that gathering. By participating in this Congress, you will define the future of the great American Forest."

Was the Congress successful in meeting its lofty goals? Do we now have a clear, concise, and compelling vision for the future? I'm not sure whether we achieved full success, but I know we made real progress. If nothing more, the Congress marked a beginning -- not so much the start of a new journey, but the initial steps in the next stage of our long march toward sustainable forestry that began more than a century ago in America. I believe the Congress has helped to sharpen our image of what lies ahead. All of us will hear a great deal more from the Congress over the next several months. Reactions and perceptions will run the full range of emotions that I felt during the Congress -- from total frustration to celebration, from hopeless despair to confident optimism.

Allow me a few observations, fresh from the Congress this Saturday afternoon, February 24:

- Naive and fresh out of forestry school more than two decades ago, I believed that foresters were uniquely qualified to both practice forestry and make

decisions about what was in the best interests of landowners and society. I learned over time that I was wrong, especially on the latter, but the Congress brought the message home with the force of a two-by-four over the head. The broad community of stakeholders reminded me in no uncertain terms that although we foresters must participate in the policy-setting debate, our principal charge is to apply our trade to meet the demands and expectations that landowners and society place on our forests. The Congress made a real effort to engage the appropriate stakeholders.

- the environmental community, represented at the Congress by maybe 200 activists, is committed, capable, and driven by a conviction that their cause is noble and right. Sure, in some ways environmental activism is just another big business, but the grass roots men and women at the Congress believe in the sanctity of their mission. These folks go about their work with zeal that is fueled by deep emotion and sincere beliefs. That we gathered together in Washington is reason for hope.

- Although frustration marked my participation too frequently, I remained buoyed by our shared passion for doing what's right with the treasure that is America's forests.

- We don't have an Allegheny region issue that generates anything near the heat and furor generated by western forest issues. The controversy surrounding the timber Salvage Rider deafened us at times during the Congress. I suppose we're fortunate. On the other hand, there is a side of me that envies the attention that forests draw out there. People tend to take our eastern forests for granted. My dearest issue, the sustainability of our eastern NIPF lands, raised barely a whimper at the Congress. Yet, NIPF's account for more than three-quarters of our Allegheny region forests. This precious private resource warrants our closer attention.

- Partnerships defined the Congress.

One particular partnership that exemplifies the spirit of casting aside differences to achieve common good is located right here in our Allegheny region. The National Audubon Society and Procter and Gamble have embarked on a project to promote wildlife and timber management in northeastern Pennsylvania. Dr. Todd Frederickson, the jointly funded researcher, is developing this model of cooperative research along with P&G forester Mike Lester.

• Two other programs that are strong in our Allegheny region likewise represent the spirit of partnership that defined the Congress. Forest Stewardship programs and the American Forest and Paper Association's Sustainable Forestry Initiative involve multiple partners collaborating to ensure the quality, productivity, and sustainability of our forests.

A final thought... I feel good about what transpired at the Congress. The process perhaps offered more promise than we may realize from any final "product." A note of caution -- don't look for revelations or magic bullets. Remember that the Congress represents a mid-course correction in our long journey to sustain America's forests. ▲

## 7th American Forest Congress

By Charles J. Barden, Regional Extension Forester, Radnor, PA

I participated in the Congress as a delegate, and it was an event that definitely had its ups and downs. On the up side, it was thrilling to see almost 1,500 people assembled in one room, all concerned about America's forests. It made me feel good that I had chosen to spend my working life learning and teaching about forests. On the down side, my assigned table #50 quickly became polarized. Two environmentalists from Oregon and Washington were quick to note that "they" were outnumbered both at the conference and at the table. When we took exception to the broad labelling of people, the two declared, "We know who is in our family, and there are only 150 true environmentalists here."

Unfortunately, two industry foresters from Washington and Alabama were almost as shrill on the other side of the table. Caught somewhere in between were myself, an urban forestry intern with AmeriCorps, a university forestry department head, and an NIPF landowner.

Table #50's environmental contingent did not participate in many

of the discussions, as they were preoccupied with protests, distributing propaganda, and staging press conferences. We did receive some interesting, although frightening, insights as to their definition of forests, and lack of appreciation for second growth, plantation and urban forests. Fortunately, most other tables I spoke with did not suffer walk-outs, and everyone involved learned a great deal.

The Congress made a strong effort not to let any ideas fall off the table, which resulted in a proliferation of statements. Thirteen vision statements were listed, and the principles multiplied from the 19 gleaned from local roundtables, to 61 by the end of the Congress.

Ultimately, the value of the Congress will be proven in the process and dialog that hopefully will continue. At my home table #15 (Pennsylvania), tentative plans were discussed to have a follow-up event (local, post Congress roundtable) to further refine the vision and principle statements, and to plan some next steps towards implementation. Only time will tell. ▲



Would you believe -- 1,600 people in one room?!

# More Seventh American Forest Congress Reflections

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I was fortunate to have attended the 7th American Forest Congress in Washington, DC. It was a truly a unique gathering of those with a passionate interest in forest resource management from across its American landscape.

The Congress participation process was designed to break down barriers and encourage a vigorous dialog between and among individuals with highly diverse agendas. The first day involved developing visions for the future of American forests. The second day revolved around formulating principles in support of the vision statements. The third day started by validating the principles through a voting process; the day finished with folks from the same localities meeting together at "home" tables to draft the next steps to continue any momentum generated at the congress.

I enjoyed meeting a broad spectrum of people, all passionate about forestry but undecided about the best way to manage this precious resource for future generations. My sincere hope is that this Congress, if it accomplishes nothing else, cements the idea that natural resource issues can be discussed in a non-polarized fashion while valuing the rich diversity of opinions held by a broad constituency of stakeholders. ♠



John Benton, NJ SAF, brought the NJ Roundtable to the National Roundtable.

**Thomas W. Birch, USFS,**  
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I attended the Seventh American Forest Congress as an observer but immediately became involved in a very interesting process of drafting a common vision and principles for America's forests. The participants at table #95 were diverse and willing to listen to the views of others toward the forest. We were initially introduced to the process of reaching consensus by John Heissenbittel, Assistant Vice-president, Private Forestry AF&PA. With nearly 1,500 people in the room, it was amazing how much we gleaned from the other nine people around the table. Through several changes in wording we moved to a common vision. The process for defining the principles underlying the vision was a more difficult task; it took more time and discussion to reach a common view.

I was a presenter at the Nonindustrial Private Forestry Workshop that immediately proceeded the congress. Nearly 250 participants heard the latest research relating to private forest owners, and the delivery of services to nonindustrial private

forest (NIPF) owners. I made essentially the same presentation on the private forest owners of the United States at two of the concurrent dialogue sessions during the congress. The first was at a session that summarized the NIPF workshop. The second was with Greg Schildwachter, University of Montana, in a session called the State of America's forests and who owns them. Both sessions had a good turn out and interesting discussion sessions following the presentations. The theme of the discussions centered on the renewed interests in timber harvesting from private lands and adherence to principles of good stewardship.

Unfortunately, I was unable to stay for the whole congress but I continue to receive requests for information from participants. I am particularly enjoying a continuing dialogue with the people at table #95. Interest in such local action activities as Project Learning Tree and the environmental outreach program of the Forest Service in Radnor, "Branching Out to the Youth of America", has given me a renewed energy for action at the local level. ♠

# More Seventh American Forest Congress Reflections

## Ron Sheay

*New Jersey SAF*

This Congress was not only impressive in the number of participants in attendance, but what was more impressive was the diversity of perspectives represented by them. The roundtables were purposely mixed with individuals (10 to a table) coming from different parts of the country, a few from different countries, types of employment, land ownerships, urban and rural, professions -- you name it, and they were represented.

"My" table, # 30, included representatives from the Pacific Northwest (3), Southeast (3), and one each from Massachusetts, New Jersey (me), Oklahoma, and Washington, DC. There were six foresters and one lawyer amongst us, from industry, extension service, environmental organizations, consulting foresters, a foundation, forestry association, and the USFS. Introductions were the first order of business and biosketches were quite interesting.

The first two days were spent developing a vision statement for the future of our forests. We ended up with 13 vision elements, three of which I'll share with you that received 88%-90% approval (yes) responses out of 1,006!

### *In the Future our Forests ...*

- will be held in a variety of public,



private, tribal, land grant, and trust ownerships by owners whose rights, objectives, and expectations are respected and who understand and accept their responsibilities as stewards;

- will be enhanced by policies that encourage both public and private investment in long term sustainable forest management;
- will sustainably provide a range of goods, services, experiences and values that contribute to community well being, economic opportunity, social and personal satisfaction, spiritual and cultural fulfillment, and recreational enjoyment.

Hardly anyone would argue with these statements. The one element that got by, by the skin of its teeth was...

- In the future our forests will provide a

sustainable level of products and benefits that satisfy society's needs because contributions from more efficient utilization, recycling, and other efforts reduce consumption.

Next, 61 principles to meet our vision elements were developed, which were reduced to 19 after being run through the system.

The chance to sit at a table and discuss how our forests should be like in the future was enlightening. Although each of us had valid reasons for our different positions, we all wanted healthy forests, indeed realized we need forests in the future. Needless to say, we were not in full agreement on how to get there.

One participant at my table was adamant about getting the US Congress to repeal the Timber Salvage Rider. Although I may not have agreed, I did understand his feelings about the Rider.

What benefits will come from these three and one-half days of meeting is not clear to me at this time. I have a sense, however, that all who participated gained more knowledge and an indepth insight into other people and the issues they champion. Perhaps it will lead to better attitudes of people entering into resolutions of charged issues. If this happens to any degree, then maybe the Congress was worthwhile and be considered a success at some point in the future. Time will tell. ♠



*The Pennsylvania "Home" Table.*

# Cochran Fund Seeks Forestry Projects

By Sanford Smith, Penn State Extension

The Sandy Cochran Memorial Fund is seeking applications for funding educational projects that will support effective forest management and the forest industry in Northwestern PA and Southwestern New York.

The Cochran Fund was established in memory of Roe "Sandy" Cochran, a former Penn State Forestry Extension Agent. According to Ken Kane, consulting forester and Chairman of the Pennsylvania SAF Division, "Cochran was respected for his efforts in continuing education and research based workshops. He worked with members of the forest industry, mill operators, independent loggers, and local schools, as well as professional foresters."

Susan Stout, Project Forester with the US Forest Service, and Cochran Fund Committee member elaborates further: "Cochran's vision for the forestry community included the

application of best management practices, the cultivation of promising markets for local forest products, the application of new technologies, and the creation of a policy environment created by informed political leaders. The Cochran Memorial Fund is intended to support projects that further these ends."

Recently funded projects include support for the Allegheny National Forest "Forum," materials support to the 1995 Warren County Youth Conservation Camp, and development of several forestry photo displays.

High priority will be given to grant applications directly affecting the 17-county area in the Northern Allegheny Region. Information and applications can be obtained from The Sandy Cochran Memorial Fund, c/o Forest Sciences Laboratory, PO Box 928, Warren, PA 16365, or call (814) 563-1040. The deadline for submission of applications and support information is June 14, 1996. ♠

## Decision Model Software Available

The NE Forest Experiment Station of the USDA Forest Service has completed two modules of the NE Decision Model (NED). NED is a computerized system providing forest managers, policy makers, and the public with site-specific silvicultural recommendations that integrate the multiple values of Northeastern forests.

The Stand Inventory Processor and Simulator (SIPS) Module provides an effective means of creating, editing, managing, and analyzing forest inventory records, and simulates future conditions at the stand level. The Forest Stewardship Planning Guide (FSPG) Module, runs in Microsoft Windows and guides users step-by-step through the process of determining what they want from their forests.

Modules are available free of charge from Neil Lamson, USDA Forest Service, PO Box 640, Durham, NH 03824. ♠

## "Lessons From Geese"

By Steve Creech  
(extracted from *The Indiana Forester*, Vol. 4 No. 1)

I found the following article that spoke of unity and teamwork. I do not know the author, but I would like to share it with you.

"As each goose claps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird following. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock has 71% more flying range than if each bird flew alone. **Lesson:** People who share a common direction and sense of community can go farther and get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling in the trust of another.

Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone, and quickly gets back into the formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front. **Lesson:** If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed where we want to go.

When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into formation and another goose flies at the point position. **Lesson:** It pays to take turns doing hard tasks and sharing leadership with people, as with geese, interdependent with each other.

The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those in front to keep up their speed. **Lesson:** We need to make sure that our honking from behind is encouraging.

And finally, when a goose gets sick or wounded, or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help and protect. They stay with the goose until he's either able to fly again or dies. They they launch out on their own with another formation, or catch up with the flock. **Lesson:** If we have as much sense as geese we'll stand by each other like that. ♠

*Spring is here, and the geese are flying North. As we watch those "Vs" overhead, think of our responsibility to the SAF "flock."* Ed.



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# Foresters and Loggers Do Communicate

By Paul A. McGuinness, Georgia-Pacific Corporation and James Finley, Penn State, School of Forest Resources



Paul McGuinness discusses implementation of BMPs with loggers and foresters.

Forestry professionals gathered in Franklin, PA on March 14 and 15 to participate in a Best Management Practices (BMP) workshop. Penn State Cooperative Wetlands Center, the Pennsylvania State University, and Georgia-Pacific Corporation sponsored the event. The purpose was to review and discuss application of BMPs designed to protect water, soil, and forests from the effects of timber harvesting activities. The workshop emphasized field time, providing site specific examples of what works and what does not.

In support of the American Forest and Paper Association's Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI), Georgia Pacific and others are expressing a commitment to implementing BMPs. This commitment will ensure forests for future generations. Forest management can promote healthy forests while providing forest products, recreation, wildlife habitat, watershed protection, and other values. The workshop provided foresters and loggers an opportunity to discuss wetland and forest BMP implementation as well as erosion and sedimentation regulations.

BMPs by definition are not rigid rules. They are open to a wide range of interpretations and in Pennsylvania they are voluntary. Using BMPs may increase logging costs and may affect competition for timber sales; however, BMPs are just as likely to increase

logging efficiency and reduce costs. The workshop emphasized the reasons and foundations for Pennsylvania's BMPs and there was general acknowledgment that BMPs are "simply the right thing to do." Professional foresters and loggers at the workshop had time to discuss problem situations and to exchange ideas about how to promote the use of BMPs statewide.

This was a unique workshop. The 50 attendees were about equally split between loggers and foresters. There also were individual representatives from the US Forest Service, Bureau of Forestry, Bureau of Dams and Waterways, Game Commission, and Conservation Districts. The large group with varied backgrounds led to some lively discussions. Hot topics included operational aspect of implementing BMPs, costs, conflicting landowner goals of maximum income, and stewardship. Many times the question was "what do you do with the guy that doesn't want to use BMPs?" Implementation of SFI calls for third party verification of BMP use. Interpreting consistently, the use of flexible BMPs under an SFI verification system often entered into discussions. Nonetheless the group overwhelmingly supported the use of BMPs by everyone with the goal of making all timber harvesting operations the best possible.

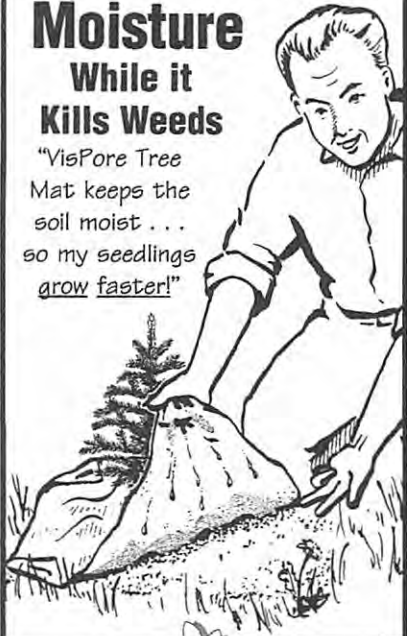
Information sharing between instructors, foresters, and loggers

worked. They discussed operational difficulties and everyone developed a better understanding of their respective responsibilities and limitations in using BMPs. The workshop established a uniform knowledge base, and all who attended have a better understanding of expectations using the current BMPs. Naturally the BMPs received some "flack," but again there was agreement that they are important.

Everyone recognized that BMP acceptance by loggers and foresters is essential for successful implementation. Equally important are landowners. Landowners need to understand BMPs, both the cost of implementation and the long-term benefits. To this end, participants suggested meetings and field trips to active logging sites for landowners. They also supported more programs for loggers and foresters on the use of BMPs. ♠

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- 9-10 "Seeing is ID'ing" -- a field identification workshop of understory herbs and shrubs, Assuntink Wildlife Mgt. Area, Clarksburg, NJ. NJ SAF Division, Crissy Harrigan (908) 781-6711.
- 8-11 24th Annual Hardwood Symposium, "Putting Research to Work for the Hardwood Industry. New Technology Available Today." High Hampton Inn, Cashiers, NC. Dan Meyer, 1-800-933-0318.

### June

- 15 **Deadline for articles, photos and ads for the Summer 1996 issue of *The Allegheny News*.**
- 16-19 North American Forest Biology Workshop, Sainte-Foy, Canada (near Quebec City), "Forest Management Impacts on Ecosystem Processes." Pierre Bernier (418) 648-4524.
- 17 "Private Forest Management Tools" workshop, Penn State Scanticon, University Park, PA. School of Forest Resources Professional Development Program. Shorna Broussard (814) 863-8183.
- 21-23 "Welcome Home" Super Forestry Reunion, Penn State Mont Alto Campus, Mont Alto and all Penn State Grads welcome: Technical forum, timbersports, arboretum tour, Wiestling Museum, Goddard Memorial Tree Dedication. Eileen Graham (717) 749-6110 or Paul Shogren (301) 334-1386.

### September

- 15 **Deadline for articles, photos and ads for the Fall 1996 issue of *The Allegheny News*.**

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