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Environment and Natural Resources Alumni Society

We are now... **ENRAS**

The School's Alumni Society has now formally changed its name to the Environment and Natural Resources Alumni Society (ENRAS). By dropping the "S", we expect to be more aligned with the branding model established in our Advancement initiatives.

We officially launched the new brand: Environment and Natural Resources Alumni Society (ENRAS) at the Society's General Membership Meeting on Monday, November 10th, at the Longaberger Alumni House. At this meeting, we finalized the necessary constitutional changes and supplemented some of the current vacancies on the Alumni Society's Executive Board. We are still looking for additional ENR Alumni to serve on both the Executive Board and on active Executive committees. These opportunities are open to all ENR Alumni.

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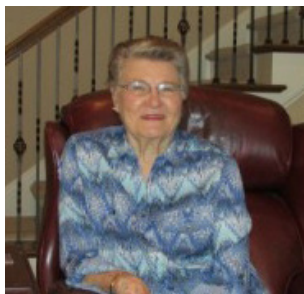
We are developing a membership campaign to increase active participation by our ENR Alumni and to encourage Alumni to become Sustaining Members of both our School's Alumni Society and The Ohio State University Alumni Association through an annual gift of \$75 or more to any university gift or endowment fund.

The ENRAS Executive Board will continue to meet on a monthly basis throughout the academic year as we continue to build infrastructure for the Society and its membership. Keep an eye on the School's Alumni page and ENRAS on Facebook for more information on alumni activities for this academic year.

\$500,000 Gift from Dorothy Teater Creates New CFAES Endowment

By Matthew Marx

A \$500,000 gift from Dorothy Teater and her four sons to the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) will help both natural resources students and in-career professionals.



Dorothy Teater
photo credit: Matthew Marx

The gift from Mrs. Teater, a retired Franklin County Commission member, and her sons establishes the Dr. Robert W. Teater Endowed Fund (#482635). The fund is named after her late husband, who for eight years was director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Before that, he had been director of Ohio

State University's School of Natural Resources (now SENR) within CFAES.

The endowed fund will provide scholarships to natural resources professionals or other mid-career students in this field of study, and will provide program support for undergraduate and graduate interns working on projects in partnership with natural resources professionals. Also, it will support SENR professional development outreach and educational programming for natural resources professionals.

The sale of the family's farmland in southwestern Franklin County led to the donation, Mrs. Teater said recently. The new owners who purchased the property plan to continue to farm there.

"The sale of that farmland will have a lasting impact on students in the School of Environment and Natural Resources," said Bruce McPheron, vice president for agricultural administration and dean of CFAES. "Hopefully, Dorothy Teater's generosity will inspire others who see the value in our college and in the profession."

Especially gratifying is that the donation honors one of the state's premier natural resources professionals, said Jeff Sharp, SENR director and professor.

"Bob Teater has had an incredible impact on the nature of conservation in the state. It will be great for us to honor that legacy through this contribution. Our hope is that we will be able to continue, expand or even enhance the programming that we provide to professionals and students alike," Sharp said.

As her husband's entire career had revolved around the field of natural resources, Mrs. Teater wanted to make sure that professionals and students saw benefit from the donation, she said. "It's important to me because there is so much changing in our world that the professionals need to keep up with."

She also wanted internships included in the endowment because of her own valuable experience as a student teacher, Mrs. Teater said.

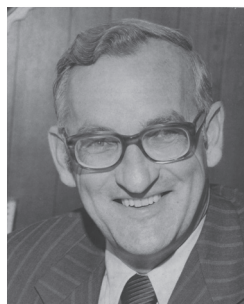
The Columbus couple devoted most of their adult lives to public service or education. "We were both very busy, but we always had great conversations when we had dinner together," she said.

Dorothy Teater taught briefly, then took an outreach position in the city of Columbus Office of Consumer Affairs under then-mayor Tom Moody. She later was a member of Columbus City Council. From 1985 to 2000, she served as a Franklin County commissioner, becoming the first woman elected to that position.

Bob Teater, who died in 2013 of Parkinson's disease at age 86, had served as associate dean of Ohio State's College of Agriculture (now CFAES) and director of the School of Natural Resources (now SENR) from 1969 to 1975. He later served as director of the Ohio Department of Natural

Resources. He founded a natural resources consulting firm and was one of the founders of The Wilds animal preserve in Muskingum County. In addition, he served 12 years on the Columbus Board of Education.

More information about this gift and others to CFAES can be found at cfaes.osu.edu/development.



Bob Teater

Alumni Highlight

John Foltz



John Foltz, a Forestry, Fisheries and Wildlife major, is a 2006 graduate specializing in Fisheries Science. While at ENR, John spent a summer at Stone Lab, researching the effects of the introduced round goby on smallmouth bass. Through this experience, he developed

a keen appreciation for this unique learning venue, stating that “there’s no place in the world” quite like it. While at OSU, John played on the Men’s Water Polo team all four years and was named a Scholar-Athlete in 2002. He was also inducted into two honor societies and was active in the student organizations, TerrAqua and Forestry Forum. John, an Eagle Scout, graduated as one of the Top Ten Seniors in the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

His career since graduation has been as successful as one might have predicted from his strong academic performance while at ENR. Mark Giese, Academic Administrative Officer, served as John’s advisor.

“He was a very dedicated student who demonstrated great potential to continue his studies beyond his undergraduate degree,” said Giese. Since graduation, John has completed his Master’s degree in Engineering Science – Biological Systems Engineering at Washington State in 2009, and then pursued his passion for fisheries science with vigor. In his exemplary professional career to date, John has developed experience in the field as well as in the lab, where he has been involved with fish rearing and toxicology studies. His work has led to several publications and presentations related to his fisheries research. He has worked as the project coordinator with

Klickitat County in Washington state, and as the Lead Entity Coordinator for Salmon Recovery for the Klickitat area.



John is currently with the University of Idaho’s Aquaculture Research Institute, where he continues to work on salmon recovery efforts as the Regional Technical Team Coordinator for the Snake River Salmon Recovery Board. His love of nature has also lead him to become an avid nature photographer with possible aspirations of one day becoming a photographer for National Geographic. Then again, he may have already found his ideal niche in fisheries research and management.

First ENR Young Alumni Event

By Brent Macolley

Thank you to everyone that stopped out for our first ever ENR Young Alumni event. We enjoyed a good time with recent grads at 16-Bit Bar and Arcade in Columbus. It was a great opportunity to meet new alumni, reminisce with old classmates, enjoy some old school 80s arcade games, and devour hot dogs from Dirty Franks next door. If you’ve never been there, 16-Bit is an ideal location for events like ours. They have a large number of arcade games, great drinks, and are located next to several local restaurants that deliver to the bar. We hope to continue these events every month with the next event taking place on **Thursday, December 11th from 5:00-7:00 pm** at the same location. The previous announcement was a little late, and many of you replied that you had other commitments at that point, so make sure you mark your calendars for the next one!



The College Fallfest

From Mark Giese, ENRAS Alumni College Relations Liaison

Time and change will surely show how firm thy friendship O-HI-O... These words in *Carmen Ohio* are so profound and they touch the soul of many of us that bleed Scarlet and Gray. The Fall Semester has always been an exciting time at Ohio State. Homecoming weekend brings a special emphasis to our Alumni. Alumni from the School of Environment and Natural Resources and our College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) returned for a visit to their alma mater October 16th-19th. Activities kicked off with the annual Fall Scholarship dinner on Thursday evening, where student scholarship recipients gathered to thank our Alumni and stakeholders for their support of student scholarship endowments. At a Friday morning continental breakfast, Dean McPherson provided the Alumni with a State of the College Address at the AB Graham Hall and Bob Evans Memorial Auditorium in the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center. A series of walking tours and programs were shared with the Alumni throughout the day, including an Organic Food & Farming lecture by our School Director, Dr. Jeff Sharp. Walking tours of the Chadwick Arboretum, Waterman Agricultural and Natural Resources Laboratory, and the Wilma H. Schiermeier Olentangy River Wetland Research Park were also featured. On Saturday, the traditional CFAES FALLFEST Tailgate was held at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center prior to the Ohio State vs. Rutgers football game. Lunch was catered by City Barbecue, and there was a cash bar with beer and wine. Entertainment was provided by the Northside Jazz Band. Alumni played corn hole, miniature golf, and tossed a football around, and caricature artists were on hand doing drawings as well. It was a wonderful pre-game event at a great venue. If you missed this year's tailgate, please mark your calendar for Homecoming 2015 (weekend of October 10) and join us!



Become a Sustaining Member of ENRAS

From Mark Giese, ENRAS College Alumni Relations Liaison

We continue to expand the new University Advancement model that integrates Ohio State Alumni into the greater mission of the university. As you may recall, The Ohio State University Alumni Association (OSUAA) redefined its membership levels:

Membership Levels

Alumni - Individuals who have earned associate, bachelor, graduate, professional, or honorary degrees from Ohio State, as well as medical resident graduates of the university.

Sustaining Member - Alumni who have renewed their commitment to Ohio State each year by making a tax deductible gift of \$75 or more to the university program(s) of their choice.

Life Members - Alumni or friends of Ohio State who joined the Association through a lifetime membership before it was discontinued on June 30, 2012.

[Click here to see your OSUAA membership benefits.](#)

We are encouraging all of our ENR Alumni to now consider becoming Sustaining Members. This gift will qualify you as an **ENRAS Sustaining Member** and a Sustaining Member of The Ohio State University Alumni Association (OSUAA). We hope you will consider designating a portion of your annual giving towards funds that will directly benefit the students and programs of the School of Environment and Natural Resources. We have created a list of **ENR Giving Programs** on the ENRAS Alumni webpage to help better direct your gift towards a fund in the School of Environment and Natural Resources. Your gift to the university can be made as tax deductible donation before the end of this tax year. Please consider becoming an ENRAS Sustaining Member before December 31, 2014.

GIVE TODAY

Remembering Gordan E. Gatherum



The Ohio State University School of Environment and Natural Resources was originally created as the School of Natural Resources in July of 1968. To present, there have been twelve School directors with each shaping SENR into the academic unit that it is today. Dr. Gordan E. Gatherum (1975-1984) was the third director of the School. Here is his story.

Gordon Gatherum was a native of Salt Lake City, Utah, attending East High School. He completed his undergraduate degree in Forestry at the University of Washington in Seattle. He also served in Italy during World War II with the 10th Mountain Infantry. Following his military service and completion of his undergraduate degree, Gordon went onto Utah State University for his Master's degree in Forestry and Silviculture. He then continued onto Iowa State University for his doctoral degree in Forestry.

With his PhD in Tree Physiology and Soils, Dr. Gatherum went to work at Colorado State University, Texas Tech University and Utah State University in both teaching and research capacities. In 1969, Dr. Gatherum joined the faculty at The Ohio State University as the new chair for the Division of Forestry in the School of Natural Resources. As a faculty member, he was a profound researcher and actively published his research work. He was eventually named to Who's Who in Forestry in 1971. When Director Bob Teater stepped down as school director in 1974, Dr. Gatherum became the acting director for the School of Natural Resources. He was later appointed as Director of the School of Natural Resources in 1975.

During 1981, Director Gatherum provided oversight for the School's consolidation from five different buildings scattered across the Columbus campus into the newly opened Kottman Hall. Kottman Hall continues to serve as the home building for the School of Environment and Natural Resources today. His leadership extended off the main campus as well. He helped establish the OARDC Department of Forestry in Wooster. This effort significantly expanded forest research opportunities within the State of Ohio. Director Gatherum worked diligently to expand the ENR programs during his tenure. In those early years, he attempted to expand the School into separate departments for Environmental Education; Fisheries and Wildlife Management; Forestry; and Parks and Recreation Administration. Unsuccessful, these disciplines remained as School divisions for several years later until they were re-consolidated under a new administration.

In 1984, Director Gatherum elected to step out of his administrative role as School Director. With his research interests in tree photosynthesis and respiration, and his passion for educating graduate students, Dr. Gatherum remained active in teaching and research as a faculty member at Ohio State. He eventually retired in 1988 and moved to Hamilton, Montana. He lived there with his wife, Pat, until his death in 1994 at the age of 70 years old.

Next time you are on campus visiting Kottman Hall, please think of the leadership and legacy of Director Gordon Gatherum, former director of the School of Environment and Natural Resources.

Update Your Alumni Information

We like to keep our information as up to date as possible when it comes to our alumni. Please take a second to follow the link below to give us your most current information. It will allow us to keep you up to date with all things happening with ENRAS and the School of Environment and Natural Resources.

ohiostatealumni.org/yourcontactinfo/Pages/default.aspx

In Memoriam -

Dr. Donald L. Burton

Ohio Wildlife Center's Founder and Executive Director

From The Ohio Wildlife Center

It's with sad hearts we inform you that Dr. Donald L. Burton, Ohio Wildlife Center's Founder, Chief Veterinarian and Executive Director, passed away on November 18 after a rapidly progressing battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) just two days after his 63rd birthday on November 16. A visionary, wildlife medic, and public servant - Ohio has lost one of its most committed and learned voices on native wildlife health and rehabilitation. Don was surrounded in love by his wife Susan and their daughters, Stephanie Rogers (spouse Danny) and Kristen Burton.

Founding Ohio Wildlife Center in 1984 with the mission of fostering awareness and appreciation of Ohio's native wildlife, Don celebrated (and treated) all creatures wild. Don built his life around his passion for investigating injury and disease in wildlife, nearly perfecting surgical repair of predatory birds like hawks and owls. Never taking monetary compensation and with support from his private veterinary practice, Animal Care Unlimited, Don personally contributed tens of thousands of hours and hundreds of thousands of dollars to document disease prevalence and environmental factors working against wildlife (and thereby humans!) in our region.

In direct response to his vision, Ohio Wildlife Center treats more than 5,000 animals from 140 different species of wildlife each year and is recognized as one of the largest wildlife rehabilitation centers in the country. The free hospital is also the only in Ohio with immediate and continual veterinary service.

Thirty years later, this well-established grassroots organization is equipped with emergency treatment services, education programming and **SCRAM! Wildlife Control** (a proactive, humane, hands-off approach to evicting animals as an alternative to trapping). Central to Don's main philosophy is that once a person learns the role a wild animal plays in their habitat, it becomes pretty tough to hate or harm that animal. Co-existence with the wildlife around us is really the heart of local conservation.

Don received his Bachelor of Science in Zoology, Master of Science in Fisheries and Wildlife Management and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degrees all from The Ohio State University. He also accumulated numerous accolades for



his work. Recently, the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium dedicated the North America Eagle Habitat in his honor. He's also a Jefferson Award Semi-Finalist, an Alumni Citizenship Awardee from The Ohio State University's Alumni Association and a recent Loveland Schools Distinguished Alum. The list goes on. . .

Who can say it better than Don himself, from a prepared speech in May when his wife Susan announced his ALS diagnosis at the Center's annual WildNite fundraiser, "My work has not been for recognition; It comes from a heartfelt passion to make

a difference for wildlife - to give native wildlife a voice. Together we have achieved that and will continue to do so in the future. I have the utmost confidence in the leadership of our organization and in the passion and commitment of our staff and volunteers."

Of course, Don's voice for wildlife will never truly be lost. His spirit, dedication and passion will live on in the armies of veterinarians, researchers, technicians, rehabilitators, volunteers and educators he mentored over the last four decades. Don Burton's legacy will continue every time someone he touched stops to listen for a bird, doubles back on the highway to check for an animal hit by a car or looks the other way when an industrious chipmunk takes up home under their front porch!

To learn more about the Ohio Wildlife Center visit the Donald L. and Susan Burton Nature Center in Powell, or make a donation in Don's honor through The Dr. Donald L. Burton Memorial Fund.

[View Don's obituary here.](#)

A Career Boot Camp

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SENR's 2015 Boot Camp will be held on Tuesday, January 27th, 2015 at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center. Through this event ENRAS and the Coalition of Student Organizations will help to get both current students and recent graduates connected with ENR graduates working in the field of natural resources. This bootcamp will allow for recent graduates and students to:

- Network with professionals in their prospective fields;
- Gain valuable insights on how to enhance their interviews; and
- Get tips on improving their resumes

It's worth your time to get "insider" information on the hiring process for ENR jobs. Your future depends on your understanding of how to be the best candidate for a position in your field. Get a "leg up" on the competition and get your career plans off the ground.

If you are an alumni interested in being a Breakout Session Facilitator for this event contact Molly Hardesty (hardesty.112@osu.edu) for more information. Facilitators will be in charge of a small group of Bootcamp participants and will speak informally to participants about what it is like to work in the field of natural resources, as well as give tips on how to succeed in their careers.



Important Dates/ Events

Thursday, December 11th

<30 Event @ 16 Bit Arcade +
Bar @ 5:00 PM

Thursday, December 18th

Cocktails @ the Conservatory
(holiday mixer for ENRAS) @
5:30 PM

Thursday, January 8th, 2015

<30 Event @ 16 Bit Arcade +
Bar @ 5:00 PM

Monday, January 12th

Next regular ENRAS board
meeting @ 6:00 PM

Tuesday, January 27th

Career Boot Camp (see article
in this issue) @ 5:00 PM

Thursday, February 12th

<30 Event @ 16 Bit Arcade +
Bar @ 5:00 PM

Saturday, March 7th

Save the Date for the OSU
Men's Hockey event –
puck drops at 6:00 PM



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