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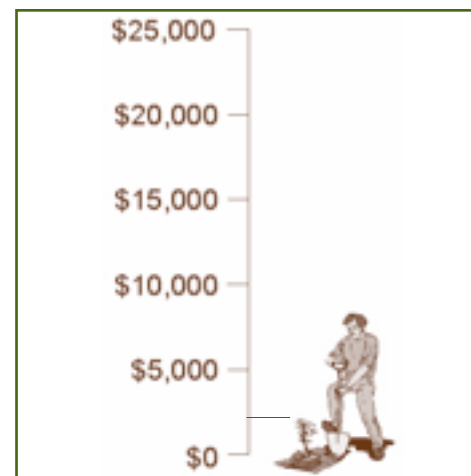


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School of Natural Resources Alumni Society kicks off Endowment Fund



The Office of University Development processes and acknowledges all gifts to the Ohio State University. Therefore, the Office of University Development manages the fund for SNRAS, including disbursement of scholarships. The University must maintain centralized gift records to ensure that recognition is provided to all eligible donors. Such records are also necessary to provide accurate information to donors for tax purposes. In addition, certain gift levels (\$2,500 annually) qualify donors for the President's Club. The Office of University Development, through the President's Club, extends to donors certain benefits and courtesies as recognition.

The immediate goal of the SNRAS Endowment Committee is to form a fundraising plan that will facilitate the Endowment becoming fully funded within five years. While the goal may be ambitious, with the help of all SNR alumni, it is not unrealistic. The SNRAS Endowment Buckeye (shown at right) will be a regular feature in *The Resource*, showing our progress toward our goal \$25,000. When we get closer to our goal the SNRAS will finalize the criteria that will be used to determine the scholarship recipients.

In this issue (page 4) you will find a donation slip with the address and instructions on how to make your contribution today. No contributions are too small or too large. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Russell Fish at (740) 548-2426. In the future, be sure to look for fundraising activities in the upcoming issues of *The Alumni Resource*.

Editor's Note: SNRAS still needs contributions to its general fund to cover other Society-sponsored activities such as Football Day and Student Leadership Awards. Please consider donating to both of these funds!

In an effort to make a lasting contribution to the School of Natural Resources, the SNRAS has opened an endowment account with the Office of University Development. The SNRAS Endowment allows SNR alumni, family of SNR alumni, current SNR professors, former SNR professors, corporations, and anyone else interested in our natural resources, to make tax-deductible contributions to the development of young people interested in studying natural resources. The SNRAS Endowment will fund academic scholarships for students enrolled in the School of Natural Resources.

The Executive Council chose to start an endowment because as soon as the SNRAS Endowment is fully funded, the account will "live" in perpetuity. The interest gained every year will either be used as a scholarship; or if there is not a scholarship candidate, the interest will remain in the Endowment. The Endowment is considered fully funded when it reaches a level of \$25,000 in assets.

The SNRAS has formed the Endowment Committee, chaired by Russell Fish.

President's Message- Mark Dilley



Giving 'til it hurts (really??)

We've all heard the adage "give 'til it hurts." Well, although not one of my most relished duties, with the establishment of our Society's new Scholarship Endowment Fund (see article on Page 1) and our continued push for donations to our general operating fund, it is time to make just such an appeal. However, in considering the phrase "give 'til it hurts," I have decided that this particular plea is burdened by its negative connotations. After all, who wants to hurt? And should giving be something that evokes these negative feelings? I would argue it should not. We should feel good about giving, about contributing to a worthy cause, about supporting our Society's activities and outreach, about supporting students who will be our future leaders in the many natural resources professions (and, of course, about getting a tax deduction on this year's return for donations to the SNRAS Endowment Fund!). Through giving, we set the stage for

new opportunities and new growth, within our organization, the School of Natural Resources, and our chosen professions. This serves to solidify our place as caring and visionary professionals and SNR alumni, which, in my estimation is an admirable goal. I'm sure you agree. So I say to all SNR alumni, dig deep (if you can), but rather than using pain as your giving threshold, please strive to give 'til it helps. You'll be glad you did. Thank you.

Best Regards to All,

Mark A. Dilley

Mark A. Dilley
President, SNRAS

Editor's Note: The articles in this newsletter were written prior to our Nation's tragedies of September 11, 2001. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have suffered and lost loved ones, and with those who rose to the challenge of helping others during these terrible events. Please give 'til it helps these fellow Americans, as well. Thank you.

**** THANK YOU! **** SNRAS Endowment Fund Donations

SNRAS would like to say "thank you" to the following individuals for their generous donations to the SNRAS Endowment Fund:

Durand ("Darby") Darbyshire	Mark A. Dilley (M.A.D., scientist)
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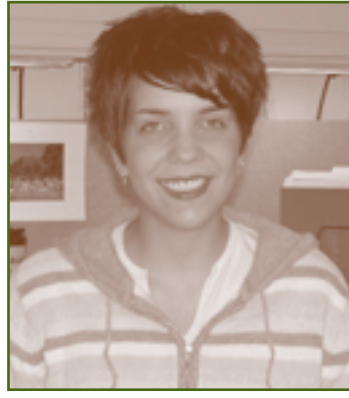
New SNR Faculty



Susie Burks

Susie Burks has joined the School of Natural Resources as the newest member of the SNR Student Services Team. She will be serving as the academic advisor for pre-major undergraduate natural resources students and undecided pre-veterinary students entering the University. Susie is no stranger

to the School of Natural Resources. She completed a dual Masters degree program in Natural Resources and Agricultural Education in 1997. She has also previously served as a teaching assistant for Natural Resources 367 with Dr. John Disinger. She comes to SNR as part of the University's direct enrollment initiative and brings practical academic advising experience from her work in University College (UVC) and the Undergraduate Student Academic Services Office (USAS). Susie has also worked internationally with the U.S. Peace Corps in Guatemala. This provides an additional asset to the School's global reach. SNRAS welcomes Susie back to the halls of Kottman Hall and the OSU School of Natural Resources.



Julie M. Vujevich

The SNR Alumni society would like to introduce Julie M. Vujevich, the new School of Natural Resources Graphic Designer. Julie received her degree from the other Ohio University in Visual Communication with a minor in art. Julie has spent her last few years as a graphic designer where she has done extensive web design and developed marketing materials, including the Bank One web page design. If you have noticed a new look on the SNR Website this is Julie's doing. In addition to the new website, Julie's other duties include logo redesign and marketing materials for the school. She is excited to be working with Michael Kirkpatrick and Pat Patterson on creating a unique, recognizable identity for the School. Check out some of her new work at <http://snr.osu.edu>. Welcome aboard Julie!

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At A Glance

The Olentangy River Wetland Research Park is open.

The park gate to the wetlands (or "Buckeye Swamp" as it is affectionately called) is open daily to the general public from 9:00 a.m. to sundown, and an observation deck is available to allow visitors a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the views. Check out the Web site (<http://kh465a.ag.ohio-state.edu/orw.html>) for more information about the park before you go.

PEARLS of Wisdom

The Alumni Society and the School have developed a list of Alumni to serve as an information resource for students. The database, Professionally-Experienced Alumni Resources List (PEARL), lists alumni willing to help students in their quest for career development. Alumni can assist through job shadowing, speaking to classes, providing student internships, or simply sharing career advice. If you have not been contacted, and would like to help, please contact the SNRAS President Mark Dilley at (614) 818-9156 or madilley@earthlink.net. You may also access an application form online at the SNRAS web address below.

Reminder! We are on the Net!

The SNRAS Web site is continually being updated, so be sure to log on soon and frequently. Our web address is <http://snr.osu.edu/alumni>.

Also, don't forget to check out the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) Job Search Database at <http://cfaes.osu.edu/career>. You must first register with SNR to use this database; for more details, see the article on page 3.

Send in Your Newsletter Contributions!

The SNRAS Executive Council would like to make all alumni aware that THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER! If you have an update, announcement, or article you would like to submit for consideration, please do so. We welcome your involvement and want you to view this newsletter as a resource and as a convenient medium for communicating with your friends and colleagues.

From the Office of the Director:



We are welcoming a new crop of freshman into the Natural Resources program this fall and they come with exceptionally high ACT scores. With outstanding class ranks and tests scores, this group promises to find great success as our future educators, scientists, and natural resource professionals, just like all of you! Thank you, our outstanding alumni, who mentor and recruit young people everyday into this profession. You are one of our greatest recruitment tools in finding these bright new students. As you work with and meet young people in your communities, we hope that you share the message of your OSU success. Do you remember the excitement of discovery you had when you fell in love with your natural resources profession and decided that you wanted a career in that area? Help a young person find that same excitement. Get out, explore our natural world and be a mentor in your profession. Ohio State is

proud to be the only 4-year institution in the state of Ohio that offers a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resources (and at a great price!). Keep sending us those future buckeyes! If you would like packets of informational materials about our programs to offer to prospective students, please contact the Student Services Team at 614/292.2265 or send your request via e-mail to Pat.Polczynski@osu.edu.

One of our premiere recruitment tools is our new web site. Located at <http://snr.osu.edu>, this new site that was unveiled in September, offers information for prospective and current students as well as alumni. Students may search for academic majors or find the major they want based on a job title. Scholarships, financial aid, and honors information are detailed and you will also find connections to student organizations and career

services links. Please check out the latest in seminar offerings right on the front page or link into faculty web sites. Julie Vujevich, our most recent SNR addition as the Graphics Designer, has taken the lead on recreating our web site. Be sure to check it out and pass on our link to those prospective students.

For all of these good things to continue, we need your help. You can continue to support the School and its students by supporting your Alumni Society with monetary contributions and gifts of your time and talent.

From all of us in the School of Natural Resources, we hope you enjoy everything that this Autumn season has to offer!

Best Regards,

Gary Mullins

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Alumni Spotlight!

In each newsletter, we will “shine the spotlight” on our alumni to give you an opportunity to catch up with old classmates and expand your network of colleagues. In this issue, we are proud to introduce or re-introduce to you Bobbi Beyer.



Bobbi Beyer, Environmental Interpretation, 1988

After graduation, Bobbi worked as a baker and volunteered at a living history park until landing a summer job with the Virginia State Parks as a Park Interpreter at Seashore State Park and Natural Area in Virginia Beach. After that summer, she worked as a hostess/buser at Bob Evans until being hired as a Naturalist at Camp Kern (Dayton YMCA located near Fort Ancient). After working there for three months she was hired on as a

State Park Chief Ranger of Interpretation with the Virginia State Parks.

Bobbi's first park was called Chippokes Plantation State Park, which is located across the James River from Williamsburg, Virginia. She spent many days at Colonial Williamsburg and made friends with the local historical interpreters at various historical sites in the Tidewater area. After a year and a half, she was transferred to Big Stone Gap, which is a coal mining area. The coalmines were shut down the year after she left. Bobbi said it was a difficult area to work in because if the locals are not familiar with your last name they don't trust you. So, it took Bobbi almost a year to gain their confidence and trust.

Bobbi left Virginia in 1993 and worked the summer with Montgomery County Parks as a Day Camp Director in Dayton, Ohio. That fall, she was hired on at Bank One in its

home equity department. While working with the bank, she volunteered at Carriage Hill Farm and served as the Volunteer Liaison.

In November of 1996, Bobbi was hired as Program Supervisor with the City of Dayton. She now manages a city recreation center. Bobbi says the work is challenging but she has had many community partners who have helped along way. One such partner is the Dayton Police Athletic League. They help sponsor activities at the park and help out with programming. Fishing, camping and hiking are just a few of the programs Bobbi puts together for the inner city kids. She has also done some general programs with the local metro-park, where she also volunteers.

Bobbi says that fall is the best time of the year at her recreation center. Some of the programs she has scheduled are; horseback riding trips, a camping trip, a

corn maze trip, a pumpkin farm trip, two civil war encampment trips, terrifying tales trip, an old fashioned Halloween party, a haunted center, turkey hunt, 18th century fair trip, wine and cheese tasting event at a local specialty shop, a gingerbread house making contest and our current big event... a dinner mystery entitled “The Spying Game.”

When Bobbi isn't working, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She spent last year's Fourth of July in Guatemala with her older sister who was adopting a second child from that country... a cute baby boy. Bobbi also has a niece and nephew from Guatemala. One of Bobbi's goals is to expose her young relatives and her students to careers in our profession, but more importantly, teach them how to be environmental stewards. Now, what are the rest of us doing??? Wow.

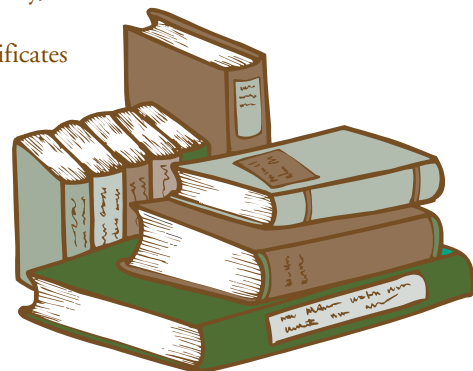
Student Leadership Awards- 2001

As is our tradition, student leaders of the SNR were recognized by SNRAS at this year's Agriculture and Natural Resources Recognition Banquet on May 10. The theme for the program, held in the Ohio Union ballrooms, was “LUAU” (CeLebrating StUdents At OSU), and the festive decorations were in keeping with the program title. Total attendance at the banquet exceeded 500, including students, their families, and faculty and staff of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Science (CFAES) and SNR. A silent auction of donated items netted proceeds of approximately \$1700 to support programs of the CFAES and SNR. As always, this night was all about achievement, commitment, and support of OSU. Honored at the banquet were many of the best students, faculty, and staff of CFAES and SNR. SNRAS Student Leadership Awards were presented to five of the exemplary students nominated by School faculty, staff, or alumni. The five awardees, which also received a check for \$200 from the Lee Johnston Scholarship Fund, were:

- Jacob R. Bennett, Human Dimensions in Natural Resources
- Meghan Hansford, Environmental Communications, Education & Interpretation
- Gwendolyn Kolb, Wildlife Management

- Angel L. Mauder, Wildlife Management (a repeat Honoree!)
- Carl D. Morrow, Forestry & Urban Forestry

Unfortunately, due to a conflicting school-related event, only Meghan was able to attend the banquet to receive her award directly. However, we're certain the others were there in spirit, and the remainder of the group picked up their award afterward. Congratulations, as well as thanks, go out to these leaders for their hard effort and dedication to SNR. And a special thanks goes out to our alumnus Suzan Jervey, for once again preparing the professional-looking certificates for our recipients.



The Controversy Behind the National Arctic Wildlife Refuge

Debates on public land uses will always be a heated issue in the United States. In times of economic uncertainty, the decisions on the use, misuse, or preservation of our nation's natural resources become more of a heated discussion. One of the largest controversies facing our nation's natural resources today has become the fate of a section of the National Arctic Wildlife Refuge (NAWR) in Alaska. What makes this issue so controversial is in light of California's blackouts and the Midwest's higher gas prices, politicians have pressure to eliminate these problems, and many think the 1002 Section of NAWR is the answer.

What does the NAWR have to do with raising gas prices and blackouts? Some economists blame dependence on foreign oil as the reason for the recent downturn in the economy. Alaska and its arctic regions, like Prudoe Bay, are some of our areas of domestic oil. Interests in 1002 section of NAWR are because of the oil and natural gas the area may provide. The United States Geological Survey, USGS, estimates that there is a 95% probability that there are 2.0 Billion Barrels of Oil, BBO, that is recoverable at \$24 a barrel (there are other estimates of a 5% probability there is 9.4 BBO at \$24 a barrel and a mean of 5.2 BBO also at \$24 a barrel). The US Department of Energy states we import over half our oil from foreign sources and in 1999 we consumed 19.5 million barrels per day. Currently crude oil sells at \$19.50 a barrel, as of August 17, 2001 according to Berry Petroleum Online, www.bry.com/prices.htm.

Though oil is a natural resource that every American uses, one must take into consideration the other natural resources that are available in the NAWR. The US Fish and Wildlife Service states that “[t]he Arctic Refuge is among the most complete, pristine, and undisturbed ecosystems on earth.” Tundra is a fragile ecosystem and this particular section supports a large

amount of migratory wildlife that not only enjoys refuge from always encroaching development but is also a means of sustenance to a small amount of Native Americans known as the Gwich'in Nation. Americans value wilderness as a part of their heritage and identity. In fact a recent survey by the League of Conservation Voters states that when citizens were asked whether to preserve the 1002 lands in NAWR or drill for oil that might alleviate our economic problems, 66% answered preserve the area and 23% thought we should drill.

Opponents say it is a fragile ecological system that sustains a number of endangered and threatened species and provides the food supply of a tribe of Native Americans, and that what little oil is found there can not be recovered without causing detrimental harm to the area and its surrounding ecosystems. Supporters say that oil technologies have improved

enough that they can remove the oil without significantly harming the area while cutting down our reliance on foreign oil and helping our economy.

If you do have an opinion on the fate of the National Arctic Wildlife Refuge, voice your opinion before the decision is made. The bill for

RESOURCES AND REFERENCES

- United States Geological Survey <http://geology.cr.usgs.gov/pub/fact-sheets/fs-0028-01/>
- United States Fish and Wildlife Service- Impacts of Drilling on Arctic Refuge- <http://artic.fws.gov/issues1.html#section3>
- United States Congress- Bills- <http://thomas.loc.gov/home>
- United States Department of Energy- www.energy.gov
- Defenders of Wildlife- www.defenders.org/wildlife/arctic/whatsnew.html
- Vote Smart- Information on your representatives' views- www.vote-smart.org
- League of Conservation Voters- Nonpartisan information on politicians – www.lcv.org
- New York Times- need to register to access their articles but it is free- www.nytimes.com
- BLM Strategic Plan – www.doi.gov/gpra/stratpln.html
- ANWR Development News- Operators on the safety of ANWR oil operations – www.anwrnews.com
- The Wilderness Society- www.wilderness.org

Career Connections

The School of Natural Resources Career Services office has teamed up with our College Career Services Center (on-line office located at <http://cfaes.osu.edu/career>) to bring you Career Connections. Career Connections is a new software system that will allow registered students and alumni to search for jobs, enter their resume into a World Wide Resume Book, apply for interviews on campus, search for special recruiting events, and more. Additionally, the Career Services office will now be better equipped to send out resume referrals on anyone registered.

As employers contact our office and indicate certain qualifications they are seeking in job candidates, we will be able to run a query on anyone in the system that meets those criteria. Employers can choose to send a batch e-mail to invite those individuals to apply for their job opening or we will be able to send resumes electronically to the employers. Registered users can access their “history” and find out where and when their resumes have been sent and other activity on their account.

All currently enrolled students are entered into the system each quarter. SNR Alumni who are interested in gaining access to this system need to send an e-mail to me at raridan-preston.1@osu.edu with the subject line Career Connections access, first and last name along with your e-mail address in the message.

You'll be manually entered into the system. Your User ID will be ALUMyourlastname and the password is osu. You will be able to change these settings later.

All users must first complete the registration area of their account. This information is used in-house and is not seen by employers. The only information employers have access to are resumes. Employers will see the resume(s) the user uploads. You can enter as many as 4 different formats of resumes (i.e., one for use with consulting firms, one for use with government or non-profits agencies, etc.). To retain your active registration status, you will need to update your resume and review your registration data quarterly. If you find you have been booted out of the system, please contact me.

If you are interested as an employer to get registered in the system to search for candidates, please call our office at the number below.

I hope you will find this new system to be extremely useful in your career searches. As always, our Career Services Center is open to alumni and anytime you find you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 614.688.5665.

Happy Job Hunting!
Trish Raridan Preston

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Yes, I wish to affirm my support of and membership in the School of Natural Resources Alumni Society.

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I would like to be included in the PEARL database:

- Yes, I have completed the questionnaire (below)
- Yes, please call me to administer the questionnaire over the phone
- Yes, I will access the questionnaire online; please alert me when this feature is available
- No, not at this time

- Please check here if you **do not** wish to have address updates entered in the OSU alumni database
- I would be interested in serving on the Executive Board
- Please check here to indicate an address change

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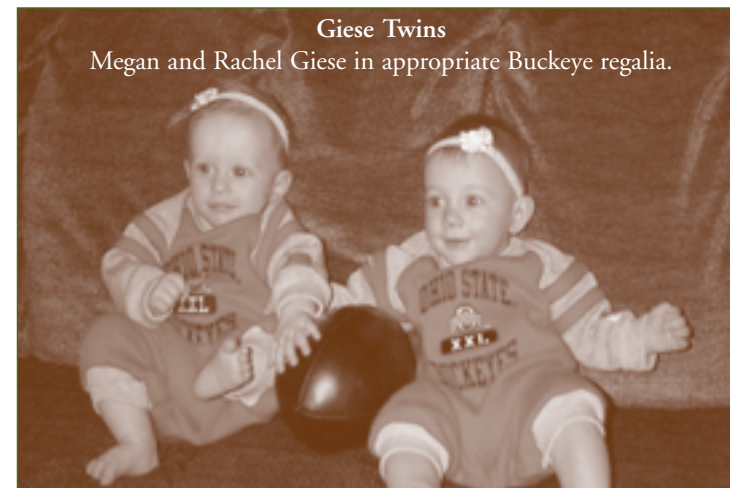
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SNR TWIN TWINS!!

As promised, here are adorable photographs (how could they not be!) of the two sets of twins born to SNR staff members. Rachel and Megan, daughters of Mark Giese, School Secretary, and his wife Yvette were born on February 17, 2001. Lauren and Emmalee,

daughters of Trish Raridon Preston, Student Counselor, and her husband Ken, were born just 3 days later on February 20, 2001! Congratulations to the proud parents.



Giese Twins
Megan and Rachel Giese in appropriate Buckeye regalia.



Preston Twins
Emmalee and Lauren Preston model their favorite OSU outfits.

SNR Lectures, Seminars and Doctoral Presentations

Autumn 2001, Thursdays, 3:30 p.m.

- September 27 Welcome to the 2001 Academic Year
Director GARY W. MULLINS
SNR Graduate Studies Committee
DAVID L. JOHNSON, Chair
Soil Science Graduate Studies Committee
WARREN DICK, Chair
OSU Environmental Science Graduate Program
MOHAN K. WALI
- October 4 Changes in hardwood forest composition 36-38 years after Clearcutting in Southern Ohio
ROGER A. WILLIAMS, Assistant Professor, School of Natural Resources, OSU
- October 11 Ecological Responses of Habitat Alteration by Meadow Vole: Sequential Tests at the Landscape Scale
JAMES L DOOLEY, JR., Assistant Professor of Biology and Director of Conservation Science, Muskingum College, New Concord
- October 18 Bird Communities as Indicators of Ecological Condition
TIMOTHY O'CONNELL, Research Associate, Cooperative Wetlands Center, Pennsylvania State University
- October 25 Primary Succession: Application of Theory to Restoration
LAWRENCE R. WALKER, Professor, Department of Biology, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- November 1 Global warming: Science and Politics
MOHAN K. WALI, Director, OSU Environmental Science Graduate Program, and Professor, School of Natural Resources

- November 8 Global warming: How Far Could the Trees Move?
LOUIS R. IVERSON, Research Landscape Ecologist, USDA-Forest Service, and Adjunct Professor, School of Natural Resources, OSU
- November 15 Global warming: The Melting of Glaciers
LONNIE G. THOMPSON, Professor, Department of Geological Sciences, and Byrd Polar Research Center, OSU

Winter and Spring 2002, Thursdays 3:30 p.m.

Confirmed Speakers

- Fakhri Bazzaz, Harvard U. Dan Keathley, Michigan State U.
- Don Field, U. Wisconsin Michael Singer, U. California-Davis

and Presentations by Our Own:

- Serita Frey Tom Koontz
- Neil Smeck Sam Traina

Important Dates!

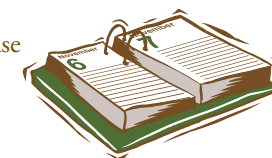
SNRAS Meeting Schedule for the remainder of 2001:

- Saturday, November 3rd

Place: The Longaberger Alumni House
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Time: 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Please join us!



Be sure to check our website for other updates. <http://snr.osu.edu/alumni>