

### Alumni Profile

## Donald L. Burton, DVM

### The True Meaning of a Volunteer

This edition's featured SNR alum is no stranger to community service. Receiving his Bachelor of Science in Zoology (1975), Masters of Science in Natural Resources (1979) and his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (1980) from The Ohio State University, Don Burton has always had the Buckeye spirit. After finishing his veterinary degree, Don decided to stay in the Central Ohio community where he became a lifetime member of the OSU Alumni Association and began to give back to the same community that had supported him during his years of studies.

Don has always had a love for wild animals and a keen interest in wildlife conservation. Although he enjoyed the challenges of private practice, soon after graduation he realized that there was an urgent need for wildlife education and rehabilitation in the Central Ohio area. While continuing to work in private practice, Don began putting together a plan and coordinating other volunteers with similar concerns for local wildlife education.

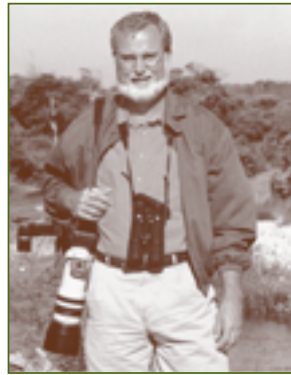
In 1984, his plan came to fruition; Don founded The Ohio Wildlife Center (OWC), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to fostering an awareness and appreciation for native wildlife. From the very beginning, Don had tremendous support from volunteers and local community members. Eighteen years later, the organization is stronger than ever. The animals admitted to the center have been hit by cars, attacked by cats and dogs, displaced, poisoned or even shot. OWC is recognized as one of the largest wildlife rehabilitation organizations in the United States and is the only wildlife center in Central Ohio equipped with immediate and continual veterinary service. Volunteers are the heart of the organization.

More than 250 active volunteers provide clinic, hotline, education, homecare, and development support. OWC has admitted over 4,000 injured, orphaned or diseased

wild animals this year representing over 100 different species. The education department travels all across the state presenting more than 250 programs each year to schools, local community groups, businesses and other non-profit organizations. OWC also maintains a 24-hour hotline to respond to these situations and receives over 20,000 calls a year from concerned citizens regarding numerous wildlife situations. It is through the combined efforts of volunteers responding to the needs of already injured and displaced animals and educating the public on preventing such human/wildlife conflicts that OWC is able to make strides in wildlife conservation across the state.

Don continues to bring new ideas and enthusiasm to OWC. He serves as the Executive Director, has a great deal of organizational and fiduciary responsibilities. The position is solely voluntary. In any given month he donates 75 hours or more of his time and hundreds of dollars in supplies to help OWC keep its mission. He coordinates help from local volunteer veterinarians and has formed strong partnerships with conservation organizations across the country. Don also has a strong personal drive for continued education and training. When he is not instructing he is learning, eager to bring back new ideas and techniques to the organization. He presents numerous programs, workshops, seminars and lectures throughout the country and is even featured monthly on local television promoting humane biological solutions to human/wildlife conflicts.

His personal vision has become a catalyst for wildlife conservation in Central Ohio. Last year, Don was instrumental in OWC's acquisition of a 19.4-acre property for a future nature center in Powell, Ohio. For the first time in 18 years, OWC has been given the opportunity to provide onsite conditioning caging and educational programs (currently animals are housed and treated in the clinic in the lower level of Don's veterinary hospital).

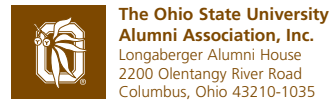


This land, situated on the Twin Tributaries of the Scioto River provides unlimited potential for the organization to evolve to the next level. With Don's drive and commitment to both humans and wildlife in the community, it will be exciting to see how the next 18 years unfold.

When he finds time to "get away" from the daily concerns of his veterinary practice and OWC, Don enjoys photographing wildlife and bird watching. He is always looking forward to the next chance he gets to go and explore a new park or refuge with his wife, Susan and their two daughters, Stephanie and Kristen. He also manages to be actively involved in his church and numerous community groups in the Central Ohio area.

Don Burton has dedicated his life and his professional time to help people understand their impact on wildlife and the importance of urban (and suburban) conservation. His latest endeavor is the formation of Humane Wildlife Solutions (HWS), an off-shoot business for OWC providing humane exclusionary and non-lethal methods for dealing with "nuisance" wildlife around private homes and businesses. Ultimately, he hopes to leave his corner of the world a better place than what he found it. So far he has succeeded! Here's to a SNR grad that has truly put their degree to work!

For more information about the Ohio Wildlife Center, please call 614-793-WILD or visit them on the web at: [www.ohiowildlifecenter.org](http://www.ohiowildlifecenter.org)



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## Greetings from the SNR Career Services Office!



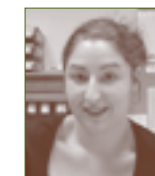
**Please join us in welcoming Renee Johnston to the Career Services Team.**

Renee is no stranger to the School of Natural Resources. You may remember her as the Assistant to the School Secretary, a.k.a. Mark Giese's right hand. Renee is a 1994 graduate of Ohio State with a BA degree in Sociology. She started with the university in 1995 in the admissions office and then joined the SNR in 1998. Renee recently gave birth to her 2nd child, Isabelle, in January of this year and joined TrishRaridan Preston, upon return from her maternity leave, in a job share position as the Career Counselor and Program Coordinator. Renee is married to Travis Johnston, an Upper Arlington firefighter, and has a 3 year old daughter, Gracie. Renee can be reached at [Johnston.230@osu.edu](mailto:Johnston.230@osu.edu) or in the Career Services office at 614-688-5665.

**Other news in Career Services.** If you have been actively using the Career Connections web site you should have noticed that in September we made a change. The company we contracted with was bought out by experience.com. Our new site is now the "E-Recruiting Network" and can be found at <http://osuag.erecruiting.com>. Simply select The Ohio State University - College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences and follow the

instructions for creating a new account. You can search for jobs, post your resume and participate in our resume referral service. If you encounter any trouble with the system, please e-mail Trish at [raridan-preston.1@osu.edu](mailto:raridan-preston.1@osu.edu).

**Career Expo**  
Are you looking for a job or searching for a few great Buckeyes to join your company? Join us February 5, 2003 for the next Career Expo event. Companies wishing to exhibit may register on-line at <http://snr.osu.edu/careerexpo> or call Donna Harder for a registration packet at 614-292-1589. If you wish to come and browse the over 70 exhibitor booths, plan to arrive between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. The event will take place in both Kottman Hall and the Agricultural Administration Auditorium on the Columbus campus. A full listing of companies attending can also be found at the Career Expo website.



**Introducing... Angel Mauder is a familiar face to many of you.**

Angel is a recent graduate in the Wildlife Management program. She has joined the Student Services Team as the Assistant to the School Secretary position vacated by Renee Johnston in her move to Career Services. She is responsible for all undergraduate records, coordinating grad-

uate admissions and much, MUCH more. Angel is certainly not new to our staff. She worked for our team for two years as an undergraduate work study student in Career Services. Angel is an alumnus of the Young Scholars scholarship program and has previously worked for the US Fish and Wildlife Service near her hometown of Toledo, OH. Angel may be reached at [mauder.1@osu.edu](mailto:mauder.1@osu.edu) or at 614-292-9883.



**Dr. Lance Williams joined the School of Natural Resources faculty earlier this year.** Dr. Williams has a BS in Zoology from the

University of Oklahoma, an MS in Zoology from Oklahoma State University, and his PhD in Biological Sciences from Mississippi State University. His research interests include: Stream ecology/community ecology; Management of stream fishes and watersheds; Impacts of different land use practices on fish, macroinvertebrate, and amphibian assemblages; Biostatistical applications to fisheries questions at multiple spatial and temporal scales; and Stream health assessment and restoration. He joins the newly merged Forestry, Fisheries and Wildlife faculty group. You may contact Dr. Williams at [Williams.2323@osu.edu](mailto:Williams.2323@osu.edu) or at 614-292-2265.

## SNR and SNRAS Present Awards at 2002 Envirothon



The 14th Annual Ohio Envirothon was held June 9-11 at Hocking College in Nelsonville, Ohio. Sponsored by the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Soil and Water Conservation, this event is the final round in a statewide competition that tests teams of high school students on their knowledge of the environment. The 100 finalists, from 20 separate teams, represented the best of the best in Ohio in an Envirothon competition that began with over 1,900 students. Over the three-day competition, these dedicated and knowledgeable students were tested on a wide variety of environmental topics including aquatics, forestry, soils and wildlife; attended special presentations on timber rattlesnakes and invasive non-native species; and made oral presentations on their group research.

The awards ceremony was attended by SNR Director Gary Mullins, SNR Career Counselor Trish Raridan Preston, and SNRAS President Mark Dilley. The SNR presented each member of the winning team with a \$1,000 scholarship and provided

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*Yes, I wish to affirm my support of and membership in the School of Natural Resources Alumni Society.*  
(Note: Membership is free, but donations are encouraged. Please use form on Page 4 to make a contribution. Thanks!)

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## From the Office of the Director: Gary Mullins



working within our university community to press forward with these changes while protecting "our core values and our covenant with the people of Ohio".

There are six strategies of the academic plan that I want to share with you. They are to: Build a world-class faculty; Develop academic programs that define Ohio State as the leading public land grant university; Enhance the quality of teaching and learning environment; Enhance and better serve the student body; Create a diverse university community; and Help build Ohio's future. To achieve these goals, the focus will be on excellence, selectivity, focused investment and a business model of funding. We will be held accountable for our productivity and quality improvements. We will be increasingly more selective in recruiting the best faculty, staff and students. This year's freshman class had an average ACT score of a 25.2. They are the brightest and best-prepared class ever at Ohio State. We are working hard to attract more research dollars from outside the university and working to conduct research that will continue to bring national attention to the School of Natural Resources. We will also operate under a budget model

where our long and short-term success will be based upon student credit hours taught and research income granted. It is critical that we continue to increase our student enrollment.

We currently stand at 409 undergraduate students in Natural Resources. This is where I call upon each of you as an alumnus of the School of Natural Resources to assist in achieving our goals of the academic plan. Newly designed promotional materials are being developed through our School's Communication and Information Technology Team that describe our academic programs and other benefits at both the undergraduate and graduate level. I know many of you have come across young students or even career changers who ask, "How do I get a job like yours?" We hope you can proudly share with them that your career began here at Ohio State in the School of Natural Resources. As they ask, you can put into their hands information that will put them on the track to success in one of our programs. We will gladly provide any of our alumni with these promotional materials. Please make your requests known to our Student Services Team who is charged with recruitment at polczynski.1@osu.edu or simply give us a call at 614.292.2265.

Thank you for helping to "Do Something Great!" for Ohio State and the School of Natural Resources. Best Wishes to each of you for a wonderful holiday season! *Go Bucks!*

Sincerely,

*Gary Mullins*

Gary W. Mullins, Director

## THANK YOU!

We would like to thank the following people for making donations to our society:

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Please join these generous alumni in supporting the SNRAS General Fund and the SNRAS Endowment Fund (forms/instructions for making contributions are provided below).

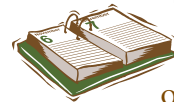
*\* Note: these are donors who made contributions since our last newsletter.*

## Conrad's Purchase Program

Conrad's Gift Store has announced a new purchase program to provide support to alumni groups. For those of you who want to purchase Buckeye paraphernalia, here's how the program works: Simply stop by Conrad's or order on-line ([www.conrads.com](http://www.conrads.com)) or through the mail, and use the SNRAS participation code 535. Enter this code in Special Instructions or Comments field on their website, or write it on your mailed-in order. Conrad's will track purchases made by our members and will periodically cut SNRAS a check for a generous 15% of the total purchases. This will be deposited in our general account. *Try it today and help out your Society!*

*Note: There is currently about \$3,000 in principal in this fund, but we must reach \$25,000 to begin to grant scholarships.*

## Important Dates for 2003!



Our meeting dates are  
**Feb. 8, April 5, July 26, Sep. 6, and Nov. 1.**

We will also be hosting an event on May 3 at Highbanks (*see Page 5*).

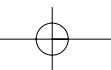
## Attention Alumni

To save some of the cost of printing the newsletter, we now offer an electronic newsletter. We will continue to print and mail the newsletter, but we hope to gradually transition it to an electronic format.

If getting an electronic copy of the newsletter suits your fancy, please visit our website  
<http://snr.osu.edu/alumni>  
 and sign up.

You will need to give us your e-mail address and your mailing address so we can stop sending paper copies to you. We will notify you by e-mail when the next issue is posted and you will be able to download it as a pdf. Have a great winter and enjoy the newsletter!

*Note: Remember for a donation of \$10 or more, you will receive a removable decal of our new logo. See Page 5.*



Our new logo is now available as a removable (electrostatic) decal. This handsome, four-color decal will be mailed to you for any donation of \$10 or more to the SNRAS General Fund. Simply complete the form Page 4 and send it along with your check (payable to SNRAS) to our Treasurer, Dave Heffner.

## At A Glance

**Check out GreenWorks (TV, radio & Internet) [www.greenworks.tv](http://www.greenworks.tv)**  
 "The Greenworks philosophy means giving people new tools, options and perspectives on how ideas, partnerships, education and a sense of commitment can protect and improve the environment around them." Based in Pennsylvania, but there is a wealth of information you may find helpful and interesting no matter where you reside!

**USGS**  
 Science for a Changing World, [www.usgs.gov/webb](http://www.usgs.gov/webb)  
 Water, Energy and Biogeochemical Budget Program. Great resource for information on watersheds all over the country.

**Hey! Job hunting? Check this out:**  
 The Environmental Careers Organization (ECO) [www.eco.org](http://www.eco.org)  
 "ECO is the country's leading environmental careers development organization. ECO's mission is to protect and enhance the environment through the development of diverse leaders, the promotion of environmental careers, and the inspiration of individual action. ECO accomplishes this through internships, career advice, career products, research and consulting."

**Looking for an environmental conference to attend in 2003?**  
 Check out the Environmental Expert [www.environmental-expert.com](http://www.environmental-expert.com)  
 Environmental Business Information Service Center for Professionals Worldwide.

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## Spring Gathering 2003

Do you want to brush up on your fly fishing techniques and perhaps pick up some aquatic invertebrate identification skills? Come join us at Highbanks Metro Park on May 3, 2003, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Ohio State University School of Natural Resources and the School of Natural Resources Alumni Society are planning a fun gathering and picnic for alumni and their families. Come meet some of our faculty and learn more about wetland preservation, fly fishing, and stream quality monitoring, while enjoying the park. Please mark your calendars now, and watch for further details in a future announcement.

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