

The Alumni Resource

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The Name Change Is Official... Our School is Now the *School of Environment and Natural Resources!*

Thanks to countless hours of feedback, evaluation and review from faculty, staff, alumni and students, we can start calling our academic home by a new name. Come January 2006, the School will be known as the School of Environment and Natural Resources.

With an official resolution from the University Board of Trustees approving the change, the new name will embrace the school's dynamic programming and lead to better recognition of the environmental

expertise many of our former and future graduates and faculty possess. Everyone is quite excited, and the staff and faculty are looking forward to a smooth transition with the change.

The School is also working on a new website to feature the changes and hopes to unveil it by Spring 2006. There will be six portals which includes one for alumni so everyone can look forward to a new look and new site coming soon.

SNRAS is exploring options of changing our society's name to match the new name for the school. We feel it is important to be consistent and support the school in this change. We will be discussing and voting on a change to "School of Environment and Natural Resources Alumni Society" at our upcoming general membership meeting, tentatively planned for spring of 2006. Please send any comments or suggestions you might have regarding our name change to Kelly Dufour at ka_du4@hotmail.com.

In Other School News

New in Winter 2006, the Human Dimensions major will dissolve and two new majors will take its place. The first major is Parks, Recreation and Tourism Administration with options in Recreation Resource Management, Recreation Resource Planning, Environmental Education and Interpretation, Park and Recreation Law Enforcement, Eco-tourism and Adventure Program Planning and Community Recreation Leadership and Management.

The second major will be Environmental Policy and Management with career tracks students can choose from leading to specializations working in Environmental Consulting, Resources Management Agencies, the Non-profit sector, graduate school preparation and law school preparation.

Faculty are also working on retooling the Environmental Science specializations and working on a draft to include a new major in Environmental Studies.

SNR Alumni Assist in New Orleans, Louisiana Hurricane Katrina Relief

At three o'clock in the afternoon on September 3, 2005 the call came in: "You're going south...to New Orleans!" It was a call we all anticipated but dreaded at the same time. We were told 20 Ohio Division of Natural Resources (ODNR) Watercraft Officers would be headed south to assist with recovery efforts in a law enforcement capacity somewhere in Mississippi. Three of the rescuers were 2000 graduates of the Ohio State University, School of Natural Resources. Watercraft Officers Andy Hollenback, Dave Goodwin and Eric Reed all majored in Parks, Recreation and Tourism Administration with a specialization in Recreation Law Enforcement.

We had to be self sufficient for at least three days and prepared to camp in a tent. Our plans were for a two-week deployment. That quickly evolved into a trip to the Big Easy performing boat-based body recovery. While we were all excited to go, the task at hand loomed over us. It wasn't until we reached Mississippi that we learned our mission had again changed to live rescue operations in New Orleans. For several of us we would have a chance to put our water rescue skills to the test for the first time.

We were lucky, the Reserve Christian Church, of Reserve, Louisiana hosted us at their school. We experienced true Southern hospitality. The church volunteers were there by 5 a.m. cooking a full breakfast and had a superb dinner waiting when we returned. We stayed with DNR officers from at least six other states: Louisiana, Texas, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri and Minnesota.

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On day one, the trip downtown was surreal. We traveled on the elevated freeway system into town. The scene was out of a movie—a dozen military helicopters in the air at once, multiple fires burning throughout the city sending thick black clouds of smoke into the sky.

Our rescue operations for the day consisted of working a grid, street by street, looking for survivors willing to come out. They sent us to a neighborhood a few hundred yards south of the Super Dome. We rescued at least 14 people the first day. We had another 30-40 people refuse our assistance. They were staying with their house and belongings to protect what they had left. This neighborhood was not completely under water. Water was up to the porches at this point, having receded a foot or so. We saw several bizarre sights such as a wrecked police cruiser in a schoolyard and cars parked in the Wendy's drive-thru, half submerged.

Day two rescue operations were in a neighborhood North of I-10 and south of Lake Ponchartrain. These streets were flooded much worse. The water was up to the middle of the front door in some places and almost to the rooftops in others. We saw few survivors. It was encouraging to see spray-painted rescuer markings near house windows where people had been saved a few days earlier. We got very close to one of the levee breaks. During our lunch break we stood on a bridge over the canal and watched the Chinook helicopters drop sand bags to repair a breach in the levee.



SNR Alumni and ODN Watercraft employees (left to right) Dave Goodwin, Andy Hollenbeck and Eric Reed

Our operation lasted only two days. The remaining survivors were not willing to leave. Their fate was uncertain due to the toxic floodwaters and lack of food and clean water. The Louisiana DNR sent all out-of-state assistance home. Although our operation was cut short, we felt an immense sense of pride that we aided the rescue efforts.

Written by: Dave Goodwin, B.S. Natural Resources, The Ohio State University Class of 2000

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Dr. Orville Bidwell

Dr. Orville Bidwell, a 1942 Ohio State University graduate spent his entire professional career teaching, researching and publishing information in the field of soils. He has been a highly honored and influential figure throughout his career and has contributed vast amounts of time, effort and information to a field which he has been passionate about for many years. Dr. Bidwell remained dedication to his field after retirement and his impact on the soils discipline is evident today.

Dr. Orville Bidwell was born in Whitehouse, OH in 1918. After high school he received a social sciences degree from Oberlin College in 1940 and went on to receive a B.S. in Agriculture from OSU in 1942. He then served in the military from 1943 to 1946. After his service in the military, Dr. Bidwell received his Ph.D. from OSU in 1949 primarily studying Soils, Mineralogy and Geology. Upon completing his Ph.D., Dr. Bidwell moved on to Kansas State University in 1950 where he became a professor. He remained at Kansas State until his retirement in 1984.

During his career Dr. Bidwell was a very published and honored man. He received numerous awards for his work in soils and has 75 professional and popular publications. His honors are too numerous to list but include a Soil Conservation Society Merit Award, two Presidential Citations and an Outstanding Service Award. He has done extensive research, chaired numerous committees and worked overseas. In retirement, he has continued to serve by consulting and serving as a board member of The Land Institute.

Dr. Bidwell has always loved what he does and continues his involvement today. He takes great pleasure in his work and cherishes his life of learning and teaching. There is no doubt that he has had a significant impact in his field and his resume speaks for itself. Dr. Bidwell truly deserves recognition and is part of our college's long and proud history.

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Just Remember:
With the School's name change and
Society's proposed name change, your
purchase could be a collector's item!

President's Message: A Fond Farewell...of Sorts



Happy Holidays!

After serving in the position for more years than I care to admit, I am leaving the position of President of the SNRAS. My "farewell" is certainly a fond one; I have been honored to serve and very satisfied with my experience as your president. And I hope all of you have been satisfied, if not pleased, with the direction in which the society is moving. We are currently in a strong position, both in leadership on our Executive Council and financially, thanks to our generous donor-members. Our Spring Rendezvous event has been a great success and I anticipate more successful events in the future.

I am confident that the current strength and stability of the society will continue as President-Elect Julia Hinders takes over the leadership role, supported by our numerous talented Executive Council members. To

maintain continuity during this transition and to continue to serve the Society, I will seek to renew my term on the council. For this reason, my "farewell" is not really goodbye. In the coming years, I will continue to work with our Society's leadership and SNR to improve outreach to our alumni and service to our School. I ask that you join me in this effort, to further the goals of the Society and the School (of Environment and Natural Resources! – see article on page 1), and support natural resources and environmental career fields throughout Ohio, our nation, and the world. We must all remember that we are ambassadors of the School and SNRAS and must act accordingly. Anything you can contribute, no matter how big or seemingly small, makes the SNRAS more viable, vital and vibrant. Please stay involved—I know I will.

ATTENTION SNR ALUMNI: Wildlife Officers Needed



The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife will be seeking 15-20 highly qualified and diverse candidates for the position of State Wildlife Officer.

Applications will be accepted in Spring 2006 for the next wildlife officer training school. This is an excellent opportunity for SNR alumni who are interested in a career in wildlife law enforcement, with great potential for promotion and future leadership in Ohio's wildlife conservation agency. There are numerous OSU SNR graduates who began their career or are currently serving as a State Wildlife Officer. Many are now in leadership roles as supervisors and administrators, including the Chief of the Division of Wildlife, Steve Gray. All consider their OSU SNR education as having been a big part of their success.

Potential officers must be at least 21 years of age; have majored in wildlife, fisheries, natural resources management or related fields, criminal justice or environmental law enforcement; have a valid driver's license; be able to successfully pass a physical fitness test, swim test, drug screening and psychological and background checks. Successful applicants who have passed the civil service examination, interviews and pre-employment evaluations will be invited to attend the Division's wildlife officer pre-service training school, lasting about six months, as a wildlife officer cadet. Cadets will study wildlife law enforcement, fish and wildlife management techniques, and information and education skills. Upon receiving their commission, wildlife officers may be assigned anywhere in the state.



For information packets on the position and more details, you can contact 1-800-WILDLIFE (945-3543), visit the Division of Wildlife website at www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife or write to ODNR-Division of Wildlife, Attention: Human Resources, 2045 Morse Road, Bldg. G-3, Columbus, OH 43229. You may also contact Division of Wildlife Law Enforcement Training Administrator Jim Quinlivan (1994 SNR graduate in wildlife management) at 614-265-6314.

Honoring A Great Friend of Our Society

Steve Goodwin



It's with pleasure and gratitude that SNRAS congratulates Steve Goodwin on his years of service to our society. After more than 30 years of active SNRAS service, Steve has stepped down from an "official" seat on the executive council, but has agreed to continue involvement in an advisory capacity.

Steve has been one of the most active SNR graduates in both our school's and College's alumni association. He has been involved almost since the formation of the SNR alumni society in the early 1970s. Steve has contributed significantly to the leadership and continuation of SNRAS; he served several terms as President of SNRAS and multiple terms in other officer and committee chair positions.

Steve was instrumental in the formation and maintenance of the Honorary 100—a select group of accomplished SNR alumni giving back to their disciplines and their communities—and is an H100 member himself. Steve has also been active with the football day planning, newsletter, marketing efforts and our Spring Rendezvous.

Although currently enjoying retirement with his wife Kit, Steve remained active in our society for more than 30 years while pursuing a fulfilling professional career at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Even during "retirement," Steve continues to offer advice and support to land conservation groups such as the Land Trust Alliance, Owl Creek Conservancy and the Appalachian Ohio Alliance.

Of course we are all saddened to see him step down from an official role, but we know how much he cares about our society and that he will never be too far from our activities. As Mark Dilley, our current SNRAS President explains, "Steve has been a backbone of the SNRAS for many years and continues to play invaluable roles as the keeper of our 'institutional memory' and a most trusted advisor." Thanks for all your years of service, Steve—SNRAS wouldn't be the same without you!

Keep The Drive Alive

Please consider an end-of-year donation to the SNRAS endowment. Once we meet our \$25,000 goal we can begin providing scholarships to deserving SNR students. What better way to support our school than by helping students make their mark. Please send your tax-deductible donation today! (A donation form is provided on page 5.)

Future students thank you for your support!

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SNRAS Endowment Fund Donation

*This fund was created to establish perpetual scholarships for deserving SNR students.
Donations are fully tax deductible. There is currently \$3,690 in this fund,
but we must reach \$25,000 to begin granting scholarships.*

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