Welcome New Council Members!

The SNRAS Executive Council would like to introduce our newest members. Kelly Dufour and Cynthia Smith joined SNRAS during our June 22, 2000 quarterly meeting. Cynthia graduated in Spring ’98 with a BS in Environmental Science with an emphasis on Water. Kelly graduated in Winter ’98 with a BS in Natural Resources with a distinction in Wildlife Management. Cynthia and Kelly have become incredible assets to SNRAS in a very short period of time. They have jumped right in and taken on responsibilities with enthusiasm and energy that is an inspiration to the group. We are so happy to have them aboard! Please read on and learn a little more about Cynthia and Kelly. An Interview with Kelly Dufour and Cynthia Smith:

Q: Where are you from?

Kelly: Originally from Maple Heights, OH. I have lived in Columbus for the past 6 years. Cynthia: Central Ohio.

Q: Tell us about your best vacation/trip ever (non-school related).

Kelly: It was my graduation trip. I went to the Crystal River area in Florida and went snorkeling with manatees. (continued on page 2)

Cynthia: Every other year our family goes out west to spend time in the outdoors. It is hard to say what the best vacation was, they were all good.

Q: Tell us about your family, where do they live?

Kelly: My parents live in Macedonia, OH.

Send in your affirmation*, join PEARL, and continue to be an essential part of our alumni society!

Of course, I cannot dictate reasons that I think each of you should have reaffirmed your membership with SNRAS, and in a donation. Of course, I cannot dictate reasons that I think each of you should contribute to your society. You must consider your own experiences and identify your own personal reasons to affirm your membership. The way I see it, even negative experiences may provide the impetus to get involved and offer constructive criticism, although I certainly hope and expect that it will be your fond memories and current relationships or experiences that influence your decision. Look deep enough and I’m convinced you’ll find these reasons. And when you do, I hope you will choose to contribute to your society financially, to alumni who can provide career advice, technical expertise, and recruitment assistance for new natural resource professionals. SNRAS is one way to network with alumni who have selected to be included in the PEARL database. We had over 75 people fill out the questionnaire with an array of professions ranging from federal and state agencies to independent consultants and teachers. More than 40 of the 78 respondents hold multiple or advanced degrees, and graduating classes ranged from 1952 to 1999. Thanks, everyone, for making us such a diverse and dynamic group!

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“Kelly and Cynthia at their first Executive Council Meeting”

SNRAS would like to thank those of you who have recently updated your membership information. We were excited to see such a diverse group of alumni! We received affirmations from over 100 members in 20 states across the country. We appreciate your support and your participation in helping to shape the future of The Ohio State University’s School of Natural Resources Alumni Society. By updating your membership with SNRAS, you have reaffirmed your commitment in helping to make your alumni society the best it can be!

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Why “Affirm?”

Over the past several months, I’ve frequently found myself thinking about why I’m serving as the President of SNRAS, and how, or if, my reasons provide the grounds to encourage other alumni to “affirm” their (free!) memberships. The first answer I tend to give regarding my presidency is a simple one: I missed the meeting when officers were nominated, and therefore was a hapless (sort of willing) target for the Executive Council! However, the real reasons I’m involved with SNRAS are of a more serious and personal nature.

I serve because I feel that I have been and continue to be well served by the School of Natural Resources. I serve because my undergraduate advisor, Dr. David Johnson, always had good advice for me; and my current advisor, Dr. Sam T raina, and the rest of my graduate committee have been patient but encouraging as I pursue a Ph.D. in Environmental Science on a part-time basis. I serve because I care about the school, its people, and its mission. This is the primary reason I have accepted my role with SNRAS, affirmed my membership, and sent in a donation.

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Looking for a few good bucks?

SNR Alumni, you are invited to the 11th annual School of Natural Resources Career and Internship Fair. The date for this year’s event has been set for Wednesday and Thursday, February 7-8, 2001, and we would be delighted to have you attend. Friday evening and Saturday, you will have a chance to interview students here on campus. A registration fee of $20 is required to cover our operating costs. Andrea Stevenson (serving as your host) will offer you the opportunity to present information, answer questions, and network with peers. Please contact her at (614) 292-2265 or e-mail her at andrea@snr.osu.edu.

To all our current alumni,

Andrea Stevenson, dedicated to serving Ohio’s citizens

You can say that Andrea (Stevenson) has a knack for seeing the future. In 1991, she was one of the first to recognize the potential of an alumni campaign to raise $10 for a Buck. Each of our alumni contributed $10 to help support of student services, the SNR Alumni Society could purchase a van to transport students on field trips to enhance their academic programs. If you can send 10 Bucks for a Buck, your additional $10 will be earmarked to produce an Alumni Network Directory, and your $20 will support scholarships, and more! As you ride into this holiday season, we ask that you will take a moment to share your success with your future professional colleagues in the natural resources fields. In return, you will receive a small token of appreciation from the School of Natural Resources. Andrea considers herself an advocate of the School of Natural Resources in helping to create better learning opportunities for current students. You may mail your gift payable to the OSU SNRAS to:

Andrea Stevenson, 180 ND, 1070 Southwest Hall
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### Alumni Spotlight!

In each newsletter, we will “shine the spotlight” on three of our alumni to give you an opportunity to catch up with old classmates and expand your network of colleagues.

This issue, we are proud to introduce or re-introduce to you Terry Dudley, Amy Sprunger-Allworth, and David Wanucha.

#### Terry Dudley

Terry Dudley is a 1973 graduate in Natural Resources (he also has an MS in Environmental Management from the University of Texas at San Antonio in 1985) and is a lifelong naturalist originally from Fremont, Ohio. Terry says that he became “alarmed with many stories of environmental deterioration” during the late 60’s and the “crowning blow was when the Cuyahoga River caught on fire in Cleveland”. Terry decided to attend OSU and “the rest is history,” he says. Since graduating from Ohio State, Terry has worked in the private sector. His first position was as an Environmental Specialist in Biomark, North Dakota working with environmental compliance for a surface mining company. Terry next worked for a company out of Boise, Idaho, and Austin and San Antonio, Texas. Terry worked mostly in environmental consulting on projects dealing with a variety of mines, high speed transportation, and some overseas work. As busy as Terry was, he did watch the Buckeyes beat Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl in 1987! Terry is married with a 14-year-old son and is interested in working on conservation issues that affect us. Many of the same environmental challenges are still with us today, as we put even more pressure on our natural resources. I feel that it is now time for me to start giving back by volunteering my help with environmental causes that I so deeply care about.”

Amy Sprunger-Allworth just recently celebrated her eighth wedding anniversary to husband Ed with a job promotion. A 1990 graduate in Wildlife Management, Amy has taken over the reins as Refuge Manager at the Desert National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) in Las Vegas, Nevada. Amy has worked for the US Fish and Wildlife Service since she was a student at Ohio State, working in a co-op position and then upon graduation, began as a Manager Trainee at Spooner Creek NWR in Missouri. She has had various assignments in locations that also include Seney NWR in Michigan, Ecological Services in Green Bay, Wisconsin and the Waxahachie District of the Mark Twain NWR that extends over 500 miles of the Mississippi River. Amy recently completed a major comprehensive conservation plan for the Mark Twain covering “all aspects of refuge management from habitat to public use to refuge operations and maintenance. It’s like a gigantic research paper, with goals, objectives and strategies designed to last, and he implemented over the next 10 to 15 years for each refuge.” Amy came to OSU looking for a second career and credits Dr. Tom Stockdale and Dr. Tom Townsend for helping her through. Amy says, “most importantly, the influence of God in my life has been essential to achieving what I have accomplished to date.” She wished to say “hello!” to all those she graduated with and hopes you all are well.

The story of the Love Canal influenced David Wanucha to pursue a degree in Natural Resources. Growing up with a grandfather who would take him and his brothers fishing and hunting in Mobile, Alabama along the Mobile River and bayous throughout the region also gave him an early interest in the environment. David has spent the last 15 years working in the bioscieds management industry as a soil scientist/agronomist for a private company. Over the years, he bonded with Dr. Terry Logan from OSU (who retired in 1999 to go back into the private sector) who sparked his interest in working with “sludge.” David recently has changed gears and is now working for the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources as an Environmental Specialist on a special watershed management project. He is also planning on beginning work on his MBA. He has an “alumni society” going in his family, as his wife, brother and sister-in-law are all OSU grads. David has two teenage daughters, “hopefully budding scientists,” he says, and they enjoy North Carolina that is “blessed with a variety of natural resources from the mountains to the ocean of which we experience as often as we can through hiking and camping.”

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### Recognition Banquet

This year’s Agriculture and Natural Resources Recognition Banquet again met its own high standards for elegance, intrigue, and good food. The banquet, themed “A Night to Shine,” was held on May 11, in the Ohio Union ballrooms. An unqualified success, this night was all about achievement: honored at the banquet were many of the best students, faculty, and staff of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences and School of Natural Resources. Faculty and staff were awarded for their service to students, and students were recognized for academic prowess and exceptional leadership. The SNRAS again presented a suite of awards to the student leaders of the School of Natural Resources. This Student Leadership Award was presented to five of the exemplary students nominated by School faculty, staff, or alumni. This year’s field of 11 impressive nominees made narrowing the field to five very difficult for the SNRAS selection committee. The five awardees, which also received a check for $200 from the Lee Johnston Scholarship Fund, were:

- **Angel L. Mauder**, Wildlife Management
- **Jennifer A. Loerch**, Environmental Science
- **Amy Sprunger-Allworth**, Environmental Science
- **Joshua A. Stephens**, Sustainable Resource Management
- **Jeremy R. Scherf**, Forestry

Congratulations, as well as thanks, go out to these leaders for making the SNR a great place to be.
Our Technological Future by Geoff Guthrie, SNRAS Webmaster

When I joined the SNRAS, they asked me to help on computer-related projects, including the PEARL database and an alumni web site. At the time I was working in UST (underground storage tank) remediation, but I was planning on going back to school for web development. As a result, I was chosen for the job. I then created a web site for the SNRAS. At first, I was only able to create a basic web site; more advanced web design was beyond my capability at the time. As a result, I started the first web site in pure HTML. (Hyper-text markup language) code. It was a little rough, but it contained pertinent information on the SNRAS, and was an acceptable starting point for an always-evolving website. By the time you read this, I will have finished my schooling and acquired a graduate degree in Web Development. As a result, I am now capable of taking the SNRAS web site to new heights. The SNRAS has envisioned making the PEARLs database accessible online (with controls to restrict use by outside parties and commercial interests). The idea is to provide the alumni an easy way to submit PEARLs information to the SNRAS. This will be accomplished within the next year. Michael Kirkpatrick, System Specialist for the SNR, is allowing the SNRAS web site to be hosted on the SNR server. Michael is currently switching over to a Linux-based Apache web server. When this occurs, I will be able to write the code for online registration for the PEARL database. I also will be able to post other forms on the site, such as questionnaires.

Our Quarterly Newsletter Update by Stephen M. Schneider

The Forestry Forum has kicked off another year at Ohio State. This fall quarter for the Forum is a busy one.

To start off the year we attended the Paul Bunyan Days in Nelsonville October 6-7. On the 28th of October, we participated in a wood sports conclave in Illinois. If anyone has any extra equipment we could use it would be appreciated. In November we are planning to send five members of the Forum to the national society of American Foresters (SAF) convention being held in Washington D.C.
December 1 and 2 mark the return of our annual Christmas tree sale at the Waterman Farm on the Columbus Campus. The sale will be held at the corner of Lane Avenue and Fyffe Road at Dakan Hall. If you would like directions and the location (when we find out) send me an e-mail at schneider.11@osu.edu with your name and address and I will send you a flyer.

The Quarter’s meetings are also going to be instructive and informative. At the October 11 meeting, Dr. Jack Ziemerstadt, the upcoming President of the Ohio Chapter of the SAF spoke and gave us the update on what the state chapter is doing this year. On October 25th Steve Cothrel, the Urban Forester for Upper Arlington, gave us an overview of what it is like to be a Forester in the city.

November 8 Mike Bowden the Fire Coordinator at the Division of Forestry gave a seminar on fire and how this year was the worst year for fire in 20 years. November 29 brings Steve Goodwin the Technical Services administrator from the Division of Natural Areas and Preserve to Kortmann Hall to talk about the Division and the Politics of being in natural resources. Winter and Spring should also be interesting. We have the New Annual Raffle of Ohio State Home Football tickets that will take place spring quarter. All proceeds from the raffle go to the endowment fund we are establishing. Information is still coming on this event and will be obtainable from the e-mail address above.

The endowment is a $15,000 account that we have approximately $5,000 towards. If you would like to make contributions directly to the endowment along with your raffle ticket money please contact me and I will forward you that information.

April holds a conference for the Forum and The Wildlife Society given by Dr. Randy Heigleman. He will demonstrate and show us different Subcultural practices used in the State and how Foresters actually affect wildlife habitat and populations. If you have any questions about what we are doing or would like to stop in and say hi please feel free to contact me at the e-mail address above or Carl Morrow at morston.88@osu.edu.

Editors Note: Some of our alumni have asked about the Forestry Forum, a student organization in the School of Natural Resources. The above article was prepared by Steve Schneider, club officer and senior majoring in forestry at OSU. Steve is also employed as a college intern at ODNR for the Division of Natural Areas and Preserves.

Membership Affirmation by Steve Schneider

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

Name (first, m.i., last) ________________________________
Address (Home) __________________________________
City ____________________________ Zip ____________
State ____________________________ Country (if other than USA) __________ __________
Home Phone (______-______) __________________________
Work Phone (______-______) __________________________
Job Title _________________________________________
Employer __________________________________________
E-mail address(es) __________________________________

I would like to be included in the PEARL database:
☐ Yes, please mail me a copy of this questionnaire
☐ 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

☐ Check here to note address change

At a Glance

Olentangy River Wetland Research Park
The Olentangy River Wetland Research Park is designed to be one of the most comprehensive wetland research and education facilities in the nation at a major university. The park gate is open daily to the general public from 9 a.m. until sunset. Guided tours will be given for groups of three or more people. Please call 247-78984 for more information. Log on to http://swamp.ag.ohio-state.edu/ORW.html for additional information and directions to the park.

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,” explained SNRAS President Mark Dilley who has been coordinating this project for the Society. If you have not been contacted, and would like to help, please contact Mark Dilley at (614) 318-9156 or mdilley@earthlink.net. You may also complete the form on the back of the membership Affirmation Form (run in the Spring issue each year, and available on our website) to be automatically added to the database. This form may also be used to notify SNRAS of address changes, career moves, etc.

For Women!
Check out our http://www.ets.uidaho.edu/wins/ for some interesting reading on women in natural resources.

We’re on the Net!
The School of Natural Resources has included us in their web pages. Updates on projects, membership applications, and a list of Council members can be found at http://snr.osu.edu/alumni. Many more features are planned for this site in the future; please be patient with us during our “construction phase.” Also, don’t forget the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CPAES) Job Search Database! (http://cfaes.ohio-state.edu/career/jobsearch.html)

Send in Your Newsletter Contributions!
The SNRAS Executive Council would like to make all alumni aware that THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER! If you have a suitable 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.