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# The Alumni Resource

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Happy Holidays!

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## Thanks for Affirming Your Alumni Support

by Kelly Dufour, Alumni Outreach Coordinator

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!

An extra "thank you" goes out to 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!

The Professionally-Experienced Alumni Resource List (PEARL) is a database that includes specific job-related alumni information. This database is

used by the School of Natural Resources to network with alumni who can provide career advice, technical expertise, and recruitment assistance for new natural resource students. This database is the latest step in fostering our network of OSU natural resource professionals. PEARL is designed to provide people interested in a natural resource related profession with experience and advice from alumni in a similar field.

This database is one way SNRAS continues to provide past, current, and future members with the best resources available. We also welcome any other suggestions or comments

you may have regarding future programs or services.

We encourage everyone to send in your affirmation\*, join PEARL, and continue to be an essential part of our alumni society!

Thanks for your support!

\*EDITOR'S NOTE: The Affirmation Form is included on Page 2 for your convenience. The PEARL questionnaire will be run again in the Spring 2001 issue. If you are interested in signing up for the PEARL database, please check the appropriate box on the Affirmation Form or download the Premiere Issue (Spring 2000) at <http://snr.osu.edu/alumni> and print the questionnaire that is contained in that issue.

### President's Message- Mark Dilley



## 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 (albeit 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 Traina, 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 to see the smiles of the other Executive Council members when I tell

Michigan jokes (Q: What does the average Michigan football player get on his ACTs? A: Drool.) I serve because I feel camaraderie with other alumni of the School and wish to foster that sense of connectedness in others. I serve out of a sense of duty to current students who benefit directly and indirectly from the involvement of alumni with their school. In short, 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.

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, or through the generous donation of your time and talents. Both types of contributions are highly valued and appreciated by your society, and both will help transform our good society into a great one.

## 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 '99 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:**



Kelly (left) and Cynthia at their first Executive Council Meeting

*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.

**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.

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**Cynthia:** My parents just recently moved across Columbus to Gahanna. I have an older brother in North Carolina, he is getting his doctorate in chemical engineering. I have a younger brother in New York and he is a film major. My mother has a huge family originally from northeast Ohio. They now are all spread out. My father has one brother who lives in southern Ohio.

*Q: What did you get your degree in?*

**Kelly:** I have a B.S. in Natural Resources with distinction in Wildlife Management.

**Cynthia:** I have a B.S. in Natural Resources, Environmental Science with an emphasis on water.

*Q: Did you have a favorite class/field studies trip?*

**Kelly:** I enjoyed my Natural Resources class and the Canada Field Studies Trip.

**Cynthia:** The Canada Field Studies trip and Ichthyology.

*Q: Was college what you thought it would be?*

**Kelly:** Yes. I thoroughly enjoyed my

undergraduate career. SNR was a wonderful place to get a firm grip on natural resources and also be able to network. It gave me what I was looking for in terms of support, leadership development, and confidence.

**Cynthia:** No. It was better because most of my classes were very fun.

*Q: What are some things you liked the least about college?*

**Kelly:** Too many credits necessary to graduate. It is very difficult to finish in a reasonable time frame if you want to gain work experience along the way.

**Cynthia:** Deadlines!

*Q: What are some things you liked the most about college?*

**Kelly:** Options. Coming to college, especially OSU, gives you so many options that you have never considered before. Having the time to work through the options and really pursue your interests is what college is really about.

**Cynthia:** It helped me learn more about our world and how we interact with our environment;

and I met a lot of neat people.

*Q: If you were the President of OSU or SNR for a day, what changes would you make, if any?*

**Kelly:** I would work with the OSU Board of Trustees to help them recognize the importance of every student being required to take an introductory class in natural resources. The first few classes in the Natural Resources program are very relative to everything going in the world; it is a shame that the majority of the students at OSU do not have that information. I would also help OSU implement sound environmental planning and management on campus.

**Cynthia:** If President of OSU, I would probably put more money into the "not-so-funded" programs and take some money out of certain athletic funds.

*Q: You now realize there is life after college...what are you doing now that you do not have to be in class? (Where are you working, living, hobbies you now have time for, etc.?)*

**Kelly:** I live in Worthington with

my husband Brad. We were married in May. (I was formerly Doblair) We are very much looking forward to our two week delayed honeymoon to Alaska scheduled for next June! We figured it would be worth the wait.

**Cynthia:** I am working at the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District and am still living in the same area I did while in school. I run, fish, play on the computer and actually see my friends!

*Q: What are your goals?*

**Kelly:** I hope to learn as much as I can about the politics of planning and use my knowledge and determination to help push for smart growth and wise land use planning. I want to keep developing my outreach and communication skills and hope to someday be an effective spokesperson for those of us who take natural resources issues seriously.

**Cynthia:** I am still working on those.

## Looking for a few good buckeyes?

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 all day Saturday, you will have a chance to interview students here on campus. A registration fee of \$20 is required to cover our operating costs. Activities will take place in Kottman Hall on the main campus of The Ohio State University. We ask that potential employers visit, set up a booth, talk to students about careers in natural resources, and take advantage of the interview space to talk to potential employees.

The Career and Internship Fair has proven successful over the years in matching students with both seasonal and permanent employment. An estimated 500 students attend the event each year. We hope

you will be able to take advantage of this opportunity to promote your agency/business and find qualified candidates that fit your needs.

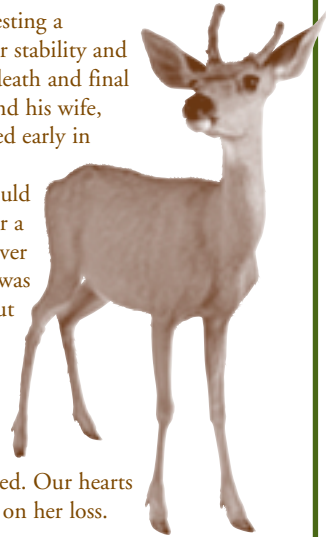
You may register for the Career and Internship Fair on-line at <http://snr.osu.edu/announce.html>. Submit the completed registration form no later than January 26, 2001. We will send you confirmation via e-mail. Please make checks payable to The Ohio State University and remit payment to: Trish Raridan Preston, 2021 Coffey Road, 210 Kottman Hall, Columbus, OH 43210.

We all look forward to visiting with our alumni and thank you for your support. If you have questions, please contact Trish Raridan Preston or her student assistant, Angel Mauder at (614) 292-2265.

## In Memoriam

A 1984 Parks, Recreation and Tourism Administration graduate, David Paisley, sadly passed away on May 31, 2000, doing what he loved to do best. David was a guide working for Quest Adventures out of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and had been leading two clients on a climb of Mt. Bona in Alaska (16,000 ft. elevation). As they descended from the peak, David was testing a marked crevasse for stability and fell 60 feet to his death and final resting place (he and his wife, Patience, had agreed early in his career that no additional lives would be risked to recover a body if a tragedy ever occurred). David was a lifelong Boy Scout and his colleagues thought him to be one of the best guides in the state of Colorado.

David will be missed. Our hearts go out to Patience on her loss.



## Director's Giving Message- "10 Bucks for a Buck!"



We are proud of our alumni from the School of Natural Resources! You have reached great heights since leaving The Ohio State University. Since our last newsletter went out, we have heard from so many of you scattered around the country from coast to coast and have enjoyed hearing of your successes. We want to continue to improve upon our successes as well, as one of the premier

institutions for natural resource education. But we need your help. It is my pleasure to "kick-off" our alumni giving campaign **10 Bucks for a Buck**. If each of our alumni contributed just \$10 in support of student services, the SNR Alumni Society could purchase a van to transport students on various field trips to enhance their academic pursuits. If you can send **20 Bucks for a Buck**, your additional \$10 will be earmarked to produce an Alumni Network Directory, award leadership scholarships, and more! As you rush into this holiday season, we ask that you will take a moment to share your success with your future professional colleagues in natural resources. In return, you will receive a small token of appreciation from the School and the knowledge that you are helping to create better learning opportunities for current students. You may mail your gift payable to the OSU SNRAS

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Along with your donation, we encourage you to enclose the Affirmation Form from the Spring (Premiere) Issue. For those of you that missed it, this form will be run again in the Spring Issue, and is also available on the SNRAS website (<http://snr.osu.edu/alumni> an Acrobat Reader [.pdf] version of the newsletter is available on this page).

Along with your financial support, we would like to call upon our alumni to be actively engaged in our recruitment efforts. As most of you know, the School of Natural Resources is a small entity in a large university. We need the help of our very own alumni to help us

spread the word of our programs. Often times, you may be told how great a job you have and people may ask, "How can I get a job like that, working in natural resources?" Please refer them to our web site at <http://snr.osu.edu> or have them contact our staff directly at 614-292-2265. It's just like the old advertising idea, if each of you tell 10 people and those 10 people tell 10 more people...you get the idea.

On behalf of the students, staff and faculty in the School of Natural Resources, we thank you for your continued support and wish you a wonderful holiday season!

Happy Holidays,

*Gary W. Mullins*

Gary W. Mullins, Ph.D.  
Director, School of Natural Resources

## Andrea Stevenson, dedicated to serving Ohio's citizens

You can say that Andrea (Sullivan) Stevenson, class of '91, is on the fast track in her environmental career. In April of this year, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) named her the new Assistant Environmental Administrator for Policy for the Office of Environmental Services. Andrea is excited about the new challenges she faces in helping ODOT prepare and manage environmental documents (Categorical Exclusions, Environmental Assessments, and Environmental Impact Statements) for the myriad of projects all over Ohio. Aside from the very technical aspects of her new position, Andrea spends a portion of her time traveling about the state. When traveling she is asking citizens and local officials about their expectations on highway projects. Andrea's main challenge in her new position is to ensure that the appropriate environmental regulations are applied to highway projects.

Andrea's many experiences



have prepared her well in her new position with ODOT. She came to ODOT from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. After participating in the summer intern program for two years, Andrea took a position in the Mobile Sources Section (MSS) of the Division of Air Pollution Control. Her main duties included working with the automotive repair industry, and disseminating public

information. In 1996, she was promoted to Environmental Supervisor in MSS. She was placed in charge of Public Involvement, Legislative Activities, and Contract Oversight for the new, and extremely controversial, E-Check Vehicle Emissions Testing Program. She was very successful in working through many complex public and legislative issues, and was

rewarded in 1998 by being named Environmental Manager of MSS. Don't think Andrea is completely focused on her career. In 1992, she married Scott Stevenson. In 1997, they were blessed with daughter Emily. Raising a toddler keeps her on the run.

When asked why she chose the path she did, Andrea said that she kept herself open to opportunities when they presented themselves. However, she did not stray far from what her parents taught her growing up on the family farm in Franklin County, where she was taught to appreciate and care for the land. She further strengthened this ideal during her time in the School of Natural Resources, as her professors exposed her to the teachings of John Muir and the conservation movement in America.

Andrea considers herself fortunate to be working in a field that allows her to serve Ohioans and maintain her ideals.

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



**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 Bismarck, 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 he and his family live on a small ranch in west Texas. "Today, I am particularly 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 Squaw 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 Wapello 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 operations and maintenance. It's like a gigantic research paper, with goals, objectives and strategies designed to last, and be 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 biosolids management industry as a soil scientist/agronomist for a private company. Over the years, he crossed paths 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 assignment project. He is also planning on beginning work on his MBA. He has his own "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

Above photo: Three of our five deserving recipients with college dignitaries: Jen Loerch, Angel Mauder, Bobby Moser (Dean, CFAES), Jeremy Scherf, and SNR Professor Dr. Bob Roth

This year's Agriculture and Natural Resources Recognition Banquet again met it's 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  
Joshua A. Stephens, Sustainable Resource Management  
Jeremy R. Scherf, Forestry  
Daniel L. Heck, Environmental Science

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 alums an easy way to submit PEARLS information to the SNRAS. This will be accomplished within the next year. Michael Kirkpatrick, Systems 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.

Another direction we want to take is to have a LISTSERV for the alums. This will allow the SNRAS to give the alums information on current events in a timely fashion. This is a great way for alums to keep connected with OSU and the SNRAS through e-mail.

Other projects will include the SNRAS Newsletter to be offered in text only format online. As some of you now know the Newsletter is currently online, but in a slow-loading .pdf format. In the near future, the web site will have gone through a major overhaul. The newer technologies I am now using will be incorporated to provide a more practical and visually-appealing web site. Please check us out (<http://snr.osu.edu/alumni>) and click on the Alumni News link!



## Membership Affirmation

*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, please mail me a copy of the 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

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## Forestry Forum 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 6,7,8. On the 28 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.113@osu.edu](mailto:schneider.113@osu.edu) with your name and address and I will send you a flyer.

The Quarter's meetings are also going to be interesting and informative. At the October 11 meeting, Dr. Jack Vimmerstadt,

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 Preserves to Kottman 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 Heiligman. He will demonstrate and show us different Silvicultural 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 [morrow.86@osu.edu](mailto:morrow.86@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 Schnieder, 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.

## 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 sundown. Guided tours will be given for groups of three or more people. Please call 247-7984 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 Dillely who has been coordinating this project for the Society. If you have not been contacted, and would like to help, please contact Mark Dillely at (614) 818-9156 or [madillely@earthlink.net](mailto:madillely@earthlink.net). You may also simply 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 <http://www.ets.uidaho.edu/winr/> 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 (CFAES) 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!