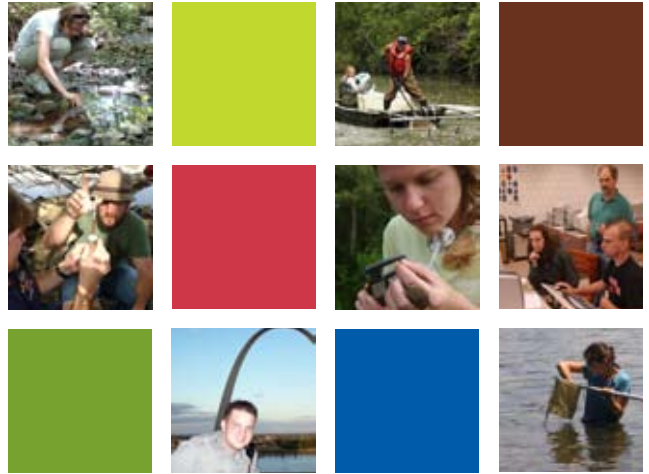


The SENR Alumni Resource

Winter/Spring 2009

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We create and maintain connections among OSU SENR students, faculty, and alumni, and advance natural resources professions and education throughout the state of Ohio, and beyond.



Student Spotlight

The SENR Alumni Society welcomes **Brittany Smith** as the new student representative on the SENRAS Council. An environmental science student and music minor, Brittany Smith joined the Ohio State family from Detroit, Michigan. She first discovered her passion for environmental science when she took an AP Environmental Science class during her senior year in high school. Throughout her career at Ohio State, Brittany has participated in Alpha Zeta Partners, Undergraduate Student Government, Leadership Ohio State, University Symphony Orchestra, and Buckeye Friends of Stone Laboratory, where she currently holds the title of Vice President. Brittany chose to study at a large university because she wanted to have many opportunities to get involved. In the future, she hopes to bring change to the environment that will benefit others and society. As student representative, Brittany will assist in fostering stronger connections between alumni and SENR students.

2009 Career Expos

Is your company looking for a few good buckeyes? The School of Environment and Natural Resources in conjunction with the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences will be hosting several career fairs throughout the 2008-09 school year. Please contact Trish Raridan Preston (raridan-preston.1@osu.edu) with your company contact information so that we may send you a personal invitation to attend the next event. For more information, visit <http://senr.osu.edu/current/career> or call 614-688-5665.



Get LinkedIn with SENRAS!

LinkedIn is a professional networking site used by more than 25 million users. Connect with business associates, classmates, clients and more. You will find this site to be a great place to connect with other SENRAS members as well as find out about job openings and advertise your own business services. Find SENRAS on LinkedIn at <http://tinyurl.com/7x4eqd>.

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Mark Your Calendar!

January 28

SENR Winter Job Fair (KH)
11a.m. - 4p.m.

March 4

CFAES Career Expo (AA)
11a.m. - 3p.m.

April 16 (tentative date)

SENR Spring Recognition Dinner

May 7

CFAES Recognition Banquet



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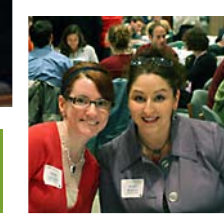
Alumni Society

SENR Dinner

By Mark Dilley, SENRAS Council Member

The Student Leadership Forum hosted the first Annual SENR Recognition Dinner, Wednesday evening, April 30th. The event, attended by 190 SENR students, alumni, faculty and staff, was held in the Agricultural Administration Building Auditorium. Master of Ceremonies, Kenton Garwood, led an enjoyable program, which included several undergraduate and graduate student presentations highlighting the educational and service programs of the School. Jerry Bigham recognized recently-retired professor Dr. Neil Andrew for his years of service to the School and its students.

The SENRAS, represented by President Leighland Arehart, also recognized students who had received scholarships or awards. The Lee Johnston Awards were given to Justin Walter and Amy Rether. Ed Meifert, father of Nikki Meifert who died in a car-bicycle collision on campus several years ago, shared wonderful memories of his daughter and introduced the Nikki



Dinner Guests, Renee and Angel, Leighland speaking

Meifert Memorial Fund. He thanked the Ohio Division of Wildlife (where Nikki had worked as an intern) for helping to establish and grow the fund with a generous contribution. Attendees were treated to a wonderful meal catered by City Barbeque while being entertained by the music of the Bluehounds, a bluegrass band that includes an SENR staff member.

The evening was topped off by keynote speaker, Dr. David Maehr*, University of Kentucky and SENR alumnus, who presented "Restoration and Recolonization of Large Mammals in the East-

ern U.S." The event was a great success and provided a wonderful opportunity to network and bond with colleagues and friends from SENR. Be sure to watch for announcements of the 2009 SENR Recognition Dinner and plan to attend!

*Sadly, this presentation was among his last: Dr. Maehr's life ended tragically in a helicopter crash, as he was continuing his valuable bear research. More details and a brief tribute to the life of this fellow alumnus are provided in the President's Message on page 4.

SENR Enters the World of Online Social Networking

By Trish Raridan Preston, SENR Student Services Staff

In the past, when important information would come across my desk to share with our students, I would send it out via email. Responses were few and far between, and it became apparent that the mass e-mail method was not working. But how else could I convey important information to them? I went to the experts. I asked a group of 18, 19, and 20 year olds about the best way to reach them with information. The answer: the internet and social networking sites.

At a college leadership conference I attended last year, other college staff from across the eastern U.S. shared

their success with using Facebook. After consulting an expert in Facebook – one of our students – I set up an account for SENR. Within three days of setting up the page, we had one-third of our student population logged on as "our friend." Success!

Our Facebook page is used to announce jobs, academic announcements, and special events. I get responses almost immediately every time I post something new, which tells me that the information is getting out there. Log on to Facebook and search for "OSU School of Environment and Natural Resources" to add SENR to



your friend list. Tell us what you think, and look for another new "friend" to appear on Facebook soon - the School of Environment and Natural Resources Alumni Society.

SENR on Facebook:
<http://tinyurl.com/9m5ggs>

Not into Facebook? Check out our blog! SENR on Blogspot:
<http://senrosu.wordpress.com>

2008 Lee Johnston Award Recipients

As a student of the then School of Natural Resources, Lee Johnston wasn't just involved, he was a leader. He participated in the Parks and Recreation Administration Association, the Wildlife Society, and the Agriculture and Natural Resources Council. By the time Lee graduated from Ohio State, he had left a positive influence with the College, the School, and its members. Lee passed away just months after his graduation in September of 1991, from injuries that he sustained in a motor vehicle accident.

In the wake of this tragedy, Lee's parents, Lance and Elaine, moved to establish an endowment fund to provide scholarships that are awarded to students in memory of their son.

Recipients of the Lee Johnston Scholarship Award have the outstanding character and exemplary leadership that Lee, himself, had shown. As such, recipients of this award are not merely chosen; they are recognized as leaders amongst their peers.

The 2008 Lee Johnston Award recipients were Justin Walters and Amy Rether. They were recognized at the School of Environment and Natural Resources (SENR) Spring Dinner and were given their awards at the College of Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Sciences Banquet.

Justin graduated spring quarter 2008 and is pursuing a graduate degree in fisheries at Ball State University. He

was instrumental in putting together the first SENR Recognition Dinner, served the Wildlife Society as President, Vice President and Secretary. He also served as Secretary of the Forestry Forum and was active in restarting the Student Leadership forum.

Amy is a senior with a major in Parks, Recreation and Tourism Administration. She played a key role in restarting the Environmental Education and Parks Society. She was serving as the Vice President of the society when the President unexpectedly stepped down. Amy then assumed the duties of President and helped to revitalize the society.

Mentor Program

SENRAS is kicking off its first ever mentor program for Spring Quarter 2009. The Alumni Society will be offering a variety of services to students regarding their chosen professions including:

- Time to discuss career
- Contacts and Networking
- Job Shadowing
- Presentations at Student Club Meetings
- Job Interview Guidance

In today's job market, networking and first hand knowledge of a job or profession may be invaluable when applying for a position. Our society would like to provide that opportunity to the students of the School of Environment and Natural Resources. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, please contact Leighland Arehart at leighlandka@hotmail.com. A list of mentors and services will be available at 210 Kottman Hall for students interested in the program.

OSU Entomology Professor Earns President's Volunteer Service Award

by Kurt Knebusch, OSU Extension

Ohio State University entomology professor Roger N. Williams has received a 2008 President's Volunteer Service Award for teaching environmentally friendly farming practices in the Himalayas of northern India. The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation created and issues the award "to thank and honor Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service." Williams is a scientist at the university's Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC) in Wooster, where he studies and develops better insect-management practices for Ohio small-fruit growers.

Read more about Roger N. Williams: <http://extension.osu.edu/~news/story.php?id=4665>

2008 CFAES Alumni Award

SENR Alumnus, James Given, received the 2008 Meritorious Service Award on Mar. 1, 2008 at the Fawcett Center. Jim received his degree in Natural Resources in 1974, and was a student employee of the Farm Science Review. Following graduation, he went to work for ODNR, Soil & Water Conservation Districts. Jim maintained close ties to FSR after his graduation and held a major role in establishing a grant used to construct the interpretive cabin at the Gwynne Conservation Area. He also established and endowed the James H. Given, Jr. Endowment to benefit conservation demonstrations and practices at the Farm Science Review.

Give Until It Helps

The School of Environment and Natural Resources Alumni Society (SEN-RAS) is a non-profit society affiliated with the Ohio State University Alumni Society. Our society is comprised of School graduates and promotes the following:

- Advancing the professions in the field of natural resources;
- Augmenting the educational and career development of graduates, students, and others associated with the School; and
- Promoting the growth and development of the School as well as its students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

Anyone who has graduated from the School of Environment and Natural Resources is automatically a member of the Society. Simply put, if you received this newsletter, you are probably a member of SENRAS!

Even though membership is free, we encourage donations. Your donation to the general fund helps support Society activities and outreach efforts to alumni. A tax-deductible donation to the SENRAS Endowment Fund will help support future students with scholarships, once the fund is fully endowed. I know that there are many worthy causes to which you can give. I understand that times are tight right now. However, I assure you, this is worthy of your help. Your donation gives back to the School you came from and to the Society of which you are a part. To borrow a concept from former SENRAS President Mark Dille: Don't give until it hurts; instead, you should strive to give until it helps.* You'll be glad you did.

Thank you for your consideration,

Leighland K. Arehart
President, SENRAS

*The Alumni Resource, Fall 2001

Message from the President

By Leighland Arehart, SENRAS President

It was with great sadness that I received news of the passing of Dr. David Maehr. His tragic plane crash on June 20th, 2008 occurred within two months of his speaking at the OSU School of Environment and Natural Resources Spring Dinner about his black bear research. While I had never before met with or spoke to Dr. Maehr, I was enamored by his work and articulation during his presentation. As I listened, I was taken by his sharp humor and love for his research and family.

During the dinner's program, several of the speakers noted a common thread among alumni, students, and the field of natural resources; we are family. As such, Dr. Maehr was a member of our family and he will be dearly missed by all who knew him, worked with him, and especially those closest to him. I offer my deepest condolences to his family and to the profession. Indeed, this is a great and tragic loss.



Dr. David Maehr

In the brief time that I spoke with Dr. Maehr, I was captivated by his enthusiasm. It was this passion that inspired many others to follow in his footsteps. His legacy and his work will continue to live on through his students and colleagues. As such, our alumni society is proud to contribute to the Dave Maehr Memorial Fund to continue the advancement of wildlife conservation and management.

If you are interested in making a donation to the David Maehr Memorial Fund, please make checks payable to the University of Kentucky and send them to:

Dave Maehr Memorial Fund
University of Kentucky Office
for Advancement
College of Agriculture
E.S. Good Barn
1451 University Drive
Lexington, KY 40546-0097

SENRAS Endowment Fund Donation

This fund was created to establish perpetual scholarships for deserving SENR students. Donations are fully tax deductible.

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