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What is SNRAS? - A Re-Introduction to Your Alumni Society

The School of Natural Resources Alumni Society (SNRAS) is the constituent alumni organization of The Ohio State University School of Natural Resources. As a nonprofit organization comprised of School graduates, SNRAS is organized for the educational and professional purposes of:

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



Standing (left to right)- Drew Todd, Suzan Jervy, Sam MacDonald, Steve Goodwin, John Logan, Mark Dilley, Bruce McCoy, Geoff Guthrie, and John Yablonski. Seated (left to right)- Mark Giese and Russ Fish.

The SNRAS provides an excellent opportunity for all graduates to keep updated on the current School curriculum and activities, maintain contact with fellow graduates, help students by sharing practical knowledge, and much more.

Who is eligible for membership?

All who have graduated from The School of Natural Resources Alumni Society are automatically members.

What are the benefits of membership?

- Members of the SNRAS enjoy the following benefits:
- FREE membership
 - Networking opportunities
 - Twice-a-year newsletter

- Opportunities for social gatherings, including outdoor experiences and sporting events.

How can I join?

Complete and return the Membership Affirmation form on page 4 of this newsletter and return it to the address indicated on the form. There are no dues. Instead, members are asked to make a tax-deductible contribution to the organization.

All SNRAS members are also encouraged to join (if not already members) our parent organization, The Ohio State University Alumni Association. Through membership with OSUAA, our members receive many additional benefits, including borrowing privileges at

Ohio State libraries, the *Ohio State Alumni Magazine* (nine issues annually), and various other social opportunities and discount programs. The SNRAS benefits, too, from the effective alumni management services of OSUAA, which helps our Alumni Society stay current with address changes and other pertinent information on its members. Membership information for OSUAA is available on the web at www.ohiostatealumni.org, or you can call the membership hotline at 1-800-762-JOIN (5646).

Please see article on page 6 for related news on the changes to our society.

2000 Calendar

Remaining Alumni Executive Council meetings*:

- July 22 •
- November 11 •

*Please note that all alumni are welcome to attend these sessions to meet the Council, provide input, or sit back and observe. Meetings run from 9:30 a.m. until noon, and are held in the Arizona Room of the new Longaberger Alumni House on Olentangy River Road, across the parking lot from Fawcett Center.

SNR Director's Message



Welcome to the School of Natural Resources Alumni Society for the new millennium. As the Director for the School of Natural Resources, I invite you to join us as we continue to strive for a bright and strong future for natural resource professionals as well as link to the past that began your career. Our alumni from the School of Natural Resources have been all over the world working diligently to care for the earth's ecosystems and educate others on land stewardship. Some of our alumni have even returned to the School to become part of our support staff or teach in the classroom as part of our distinguished faculty. Wherever you fit into the picture, we are proud to count you as part of our alumni family. This newsletter marks a new relationship between the School and the SNR Alumni Society which will provide each of you improved services as well as access to information. As we enter the Internet age of instantaneous information, society as a whole will have greater opportunities to stay connected with ecology and natural resources "virtually". We will be challenged to provide our students, alumni, and stakeholders with the latest information and technology. We look to each of you, our alumni, today's professionals, to network with the School to offer our future professionals and society as a whole, the support necessary to achieve a sustainable future.

-Gary Mullins, Ph.D.

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Student Leadership Awards

Each year, the Alumni Society recognizes five upperclassmen for their leadership within the School and their major. These students are recognized at the annual College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences Awards Banquet in May. The students were each presented with a framed certificate and a check from the Lee Johnston Scholarship Memorial Fund.

Last year, the students chosen were:

- Eric Martin*
- Raymond J. "RJ" Maccani, Jr.*
- Marcia Whisler*
- Cynthia Smith*
- Cari Hornbeck*

Congratulations to these deserving student leaders.

This year's recipients (to be announced) will be honored at the Agriculture and Natural Resources Recognition Banquet on May 11th.



President's Message by Mark Dilley



"network" in business circles, this array of connections is crucial, but oftentimes elusive. You may find, as have I, that you routinely discover new connections - connections that have existed all along, but were unknown to you.

As an example, during my work as a college intern at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Natural Areas and Preserves, I had the good fortune to work with a fellow SNR alumnus, Steve Goodwin (whom also serves as an Executive Council member for your alumni society). Then, more recently, I became Vice Chair of the Shade Tree Commission in my hometown of Westerville, serving as second-in-command to Bill Hegge, an employee of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. During a lunch visit with my former co-workers at ODNR, it came up

in conversation that Steve and Bill were friends and had graduated from OSU in the same year. I never knew of this connection, but had known both of them for some time! These are the kinds of potentially beneficial connections which are often missed by graduates of the School of Natural Resources. With the new direction for your Alumni Society (described in the cover article and on page 6), and our new, stronger working relationship with SNR, we are working toward the development of a better mechanism to allow our alumni to get in touch and stay in touch. But we will need your help. Your Alumni Society can only be as effective in connecting its members as each of you are at keeping us informed of your whereabouts. I ask that each of you complete the enclosed membership

confirmation, and make a commitment to keep your Society apprised of changes of address, career moves, and other important developments in your lives.

The ultimate goal of your Executive Council is to create a means for you, as an SNR alumnus, to discover your connections more easily, for the mutual benefit of the School and all of its alumni. After all, quality relationships do not exist without such connections, and a strong network of friends and colleagues will certainly be an invaluable "natural resource" for you and others who share a central connection with The Ohio State University School of Natural Resources.

School of Natural Resources UPDATE

by Mark Giese, SNR Secretary

As we enter the Year 2000, the School of Natural Resources now has a new look to both its undergraduate and graduate programs. Earlier this academic year, the School of Natural Resources received University approval for both its revised undergraduate curriculum and the long-awaited Doctoral Program in Natural Resources.

The new curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources degree officially took effect Winter Quarter, 2000. Within the undergraduate curriculum, the nine undergraduate programs were consolidated to four major programs of study. Cosmetically, the curriculum looks quite different; However, the core components of the nine original undergraduate programs remain intact. As part of the curriculum development, the School revised its General Education Curriculum requirements to better reflect changes which had been made to the University's General Education Curriculum over the past few years. Many other academic programs within the university have been undergoing similar curriculum changes. The new curriculum structure provides students with more flexibility in the planning of their majors and university requirements. Also, the total number of required credits was reduced from 197 to 190 consistent with university guidelines for the Bachelor of Science programs. The new

undergraduate curriculum represents a coming together of compatible academic disciplines and programs of study that have common educational and career paths in the natural resources and environmental fields. The new curriculum also encourages more collaboration among the faculty in the different academic disciplines represented in the School of Natural Resources.

The four new undergraduate program areas are: Environmental Science, Fisheries & Wildlife Management, Forestry & Urban Forestry, and Human Dimensions in Natural Resources. Each of the four majors allow students to break off into specific option areas. The Environmental Science program merged with Soil Science and now has four option areas that students can pursue in Land, Water, Soil Science and Waste Management. The Fisheries Management and Wildlife Management programs merged together as a single program of study. Students majoring in Fisheries & Wildlife Management now take a common core of course work and then can branch off into either an option focusing towards the Fisheries Management or the Wildlife Management specializations. The Forestry and Urban Forestry had originally operated as separate programs as well, but now also have merged to form the Forestry & Urban Forestry Program. This program provides

students a common core of course work and then allows them to develop a focus towards an option in forestry or an option in Urban Forestry. The new program title, Human Dimensions in Natural Resources, puts a new face on some long standing areas of study within the School by merging three undergraduate programs together. Students majoring in Human Dimensions in Natural Resources can pursue options in Ecological Communications & Education; Integrated Resources Policy & Planning; or Parks, Recreation & Tourism Administration.

Besides changes in the undergraduate program, changes have occurred at the graduate level as well. With the reorganization of the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences several years ago, the Soil Science faculty had joined with the School of Natural Resources. The undergraduate soil science major was assimilated into Environmental Science. However, the Soil Science Graduate Program remained intact and autonomous within SNR. In recent years, the School had been operating with only the Soil Science PhD and the University's One-of-A-Kind PhD Program to serve natural resources graduate students seeking to continue their scholarly studies and research at the Doctoral level. The need for a PhD program in Natural

Resources to serve the State of Ohio had long been over due. At the end of this past year, the School of Natural Resources finally received approval for the Natural Resources PhD Program. The success in establishing the Natural Resources PhD Program culminates over 10 years of work by the SNR Graduate Faculty. This accomplishment ensures that The Ohio State University will continue to serve as the flagship institution for both undergraduate and graduate students pursuing careers and research professions in natural resources, soils and the environment long into the future.

For more information on the School's undergraduate programs or to refer prospective students, inquiries should be directed to Mark Giese, the SNR School Secretary, (Giese.1@osu.edu). For more information on the Natural Resources Graduate Program, inquiries should be directed to Dr. Craig Davis, the Natural Resources Graduate Studies Chair, (Davis.80@osu.edu). For more information on the Graduate Soil Science Program, inquiries should be directed to Dr. Warren Dick, the Soil Science Graduate Studies Chair, (Dick.5@osu.edu). All these contacts can be reached at the OSU School of Natural Resources, 210 Kottman Hall, 2021 Coffey Road, Columbus, OH 43210-1085, phone: 614-292-2265.



School and Alumni Society Strengthen Ties

The Ohio State School of Natural Resources and the School of Natural Resources Alumni Society are working together to improve their partnership for the benefit of the School, its students, and alumni.

The School has long realized the importance of keeping in touch with alumni. Many SNR alumni provide financial and professional support to the School. Alumni speak to classes, provide student internships, and participate in planning and advisory committees. For this reason, the tracking of alumni is a School priority. This priority, of course, is shared by the SNRAS. This need led to an on-going dialogue between SNRAS and the School regarding an arrangement whereby both groups could obtain their mutual goals. This discussion has spawned the Professionally-Experienced Alumni Resource List (PEARL), and a new working relationship with the School that has resulted in some considerable changes in membership policies. These key developments are described in the following sections.

PEARL Database

The Alumni Society's parent organization, the OSU Alumni Association (OSUAA), tracks names and addresses of all alumni. While this information is helpful, the School recognized the need for additional information and turned to the SNRAS for help.

To obtain more useful information regarding its alumni, the SNRAS assisted the School in the development of the PEARL database. Alumni who choose to become PEARL members share job titles, employers, job descriptions, membership in professional organizations, and other pertinent professional information. The database is used by the School to network with alumni who can provide career advice, technical expertise,



Meeting of the SNRAS Executive Council in the "Arizona Room" of the new Longaberger Alumni House.

job shadowing, internships, and student recruitment assistance. PEARL will continue to be an important tool in the future, and alumni are encouraged to be listed in this database by checking the appropriate box on the enclosed Membership Affirmation form and completing the brief questionnaire (page 4 of this newsletter).

Alumni Membership

Membership in the SNRAS has averaged around 80 for the past ten years, a very small fraction of our more than 3,000 alumni. For the past several years, the SNRAS Executive Council has discussed its membership structure and strategies to enlist, serve, and retain members. In the past, the Alumni Society has depended on the \$10 membership fees. The money collected has been used to sponsor awards, student recognition programs, lecture series, and pay administrative costs. The major membership benefit was the opportunity to purchase tickets to the alumni football game held in September. For the past two years, the OSU Athletic Association has not been able to guarantee tickets to alumni groups, with little hope for future tickets. With this

activity reduced or eliminated, the SNRAS began to look at other options to keep our membership strong.

Because the School and Executive Council see the value of keeping in touch with all alumni, membership is now free to all alumni of the School. All that is requested is that you complete and return the Membership Affirmation found in this newsletter. This will ensure that you will be contacted throughout the year about School and alumni activities. In lieu of annual dues, the Executive Council asks that you consider making tax-deductible contributions to the Society in the future. Donations will be used to support your Alumni Society's awards, social functions, and other specific projects. A future mailing will be sent with further details on established goals and opportunities to give.

The School is fully supportive of the no-dues policy and will assist the SNRAS in covering administrative costs associated with promoting Society activities. The first result of this improved partnership is this newsletter. The School, with assistance from the Executive Council is committed to publishing this newsletter twice

each year, to keep you updated on School and SNRAS programs and activities and the accomplishments of our alumni.

In addition to completing the Membership Affirmation, you are strongly encouraged to join our society's parent organization, the OSUAA. By joining OSUAA, you receive a variety of membership benefits. You also help your Alumni Society simplify the task of keeping our address lists current, by taking advantage of the database and membership management capabilities of OSUAA. If you are not currently a member of OSUAA, please consider this option. If you choose not to join, please make a personal commitment to keep the SNRAS informed of any address changes.

In the future, alumni will be learning about more joint projects between the School and the SNRAS. These efforts will be of value to students, staff and alumni. In the meantime, please complete the Membership Affirmation and don't forget to say "yes!" to be included in the PEARL database. Your Alumni Society looks forward to your involvement!

Career Services, Naturally!

Welcome to the School of Natural Resources Career Services page! Let me introduce myself...my name is Trish Raridan Preston and I am the Career Counselor for the School. I am a '94 graduate of the Parks, Recreation and Tourism program and a liaison to the SNRAS. I came to work here at Ohio State in the Fall of '98. My job is to serve our current students and alumni in preparing for and securing employment in the field of natural resources. I often review and provide guidance on resume development, introduce students and alumni to our jobs database online as well as other web-based resources, give interview tips, conduct an annual Career and

Internship Fair, and serve as a liaison between our stakeholders and the School. My goal is to help every student who seeks my counsel to find the right job to start their careers or advance them forward. We invite you to use our services at any time you find yourself in need of career advice.

Networking

The old saying "It's not what you know it's who you know" often rings true, especially in natural resources. Approximately 70% of the people find jobs through networking. It really does work. We are privileged to have at our disposal over 3,000 living alumni to add to our list of networking contacts. Our current students greatly depend on alumni for networking contacts to guide them in securing internships and those coveted first jobs. The Alumni Society would like to nurture this relationship between our current students and alumni. Please be sure to return the form on page 4 with your current information so that we may include you in our PEARL database.

Jobs Database Online

Looking for a job? Daily, we receive job announcements from agencies all over the world looking for natural resource graduates. We post these announcements to our web site under our Career Pages. Please check it out at www.cfaes.ohio-state.edu/career/jobsearch.html. If you are looking to hire a natural resources graduate or undergraduate and would like to advertise here, please fax me a full job description and details to (614)292-7432. This is just one of the many services available to you, our alumni!

Trish Raridan Preston, Career Counselor



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Membership Affirmation

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 _____ State _____ Zip _____ 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, I have completed the questionnaire (below)
 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

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PEARL Questionnaire See page 6 for more information

(please complete this section in addition to the membership affirmation form if you wish to be listed in the PEARL database):

Address (Work) _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country (if other than USA) _____
 Preferred location for correspondence
 e-mail regular mail PHONE CALLS: Work Home

Academic & Career Information (attach additional sheets, if needed)

Academic Degrees at Ohio State (indicate each degree and year received) _____
 Academic Degrees at other institutions (indicate location, degree, year received) _____
 Brief "keyword" description of your job and professional experience (these keywords should illustrate your daily responsibilities, personal interests, and areas of expertise) _____

 Years of professional experience _____
 Companies, agencies, or organizations with which you are familiar (through frequent interaction or previous employment) _____

Activities and organizations in which you are currently active (volunteer or professional: related to Natural Resource Environmental Sciences) _____

At A Glance

Alumni Football Day

The SNRAS received a limited number of tickets to the Ohio State vs. UCLA football game last fall. With the increased demand for football tickets alumni groups are no longer guaranteed getting tickets for an alumni event. In fact, the tickets received last year were obtained at the very last minute. The SNRAS Executive Council has been working with the College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences to establish an annual event for alumni to come together, possibly at another Ohio State sporting event. More information will be available in the future.

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 Resource 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 at (614) 818-9156 or madilley@earthlink.net. You may also simply complete the form on the lower portion of your Membership Affirmation to be automatically added to the database.

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 www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~natres/ just click on the "alumni" link. Many more features are planned for this site in the future; please be patient with us during our "construction phase."

Support for School Activities

This past year, the Alumni Society provided financial support to the following activities and projects:

- SNR Festival
- College Awards Banquet
- College Senior Toast
- Tickets to the College Alumni Award Banquet (for students and officers)

Football Ticket Raffle

The OSU Forestry Forum is a student club serving School of Natural Resources students. Many of the students are forestry and urban forestry majors and are interested in promoting enrollment in natural resources, forestry, and urban forestry. On March 8, 2000, the students voted for the club to become an Ohio State Presidents Club member with \$2,000 going toward the establishment of an endowed scholarship and \$500 dollars going to support additional fund raising activities for the scholarship. The scholarship now has about \$4,000 in the account of the \$15,000 needed to establish the endowed scholarship.

The club will purchase a pair of Presidents Club Football Tickets for each home game of the 2000 Football Season. The tickets will be raffled with the proceeds going to support the endowed scholarship. The Forestry Forum will conduct two raffles. Raffle 1 will have five

winners with winners #1-5 getting a pair of Presidents Club tickets to the Fresno State game (#1) through the Michigan State game (#5). The single winner of Raffle #2 will get a pair of Presidents Club tickets to THE MICHIGAN GAME (#6). All games are at the Ohio Stadium. All of our winners will get to view the changes in the Ohio Stadium first hand. Prices for tickets to Raffle #1 are \$2.00 each or 6 tickets for \$10.00. Raffle #2 for the Michigan tickets is \$10.00 each or \$20.00 for 3 tickets. REMEMBER ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARD AN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FOR NATURAL RESOURCES. Deadline for raffle tickets is May 26, 2000 with the drawing to be held on May 31, 2000. Simply complete the form below and mail it and your check payable to the Forestry Forum to the School of Natural Resources; 2021 Coffey Rd, c/o Forestry Forum, Rm. 210 Kottman Hall; Columbus, Ohio 43210. Winners will be notified by mail in the first week of June.

Saturday Date.....	Ticket #	Opponent	Time	Raffle
Sept. 2.....	1	Fresno State(Alumni Band Game)	TBA	1
Sept. 16	2	Miami (OH) (Hall of Fame Game)	TBA	1
Sept. 23	3	Penn State	TBA	1
Oct. 14.....	4	Minnesota(Homcoming)	TBA	1
Nov. 4	5.....	Michigan State	TBA	1
Nov. 18	6	Michigan	TBA	2

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Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State and Zip Code _____
 Phone Number Day (_____) _____ Evening (_____) _____
 Number of Tickets Desired Raffle 1 _____ Raffle 2 _____