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

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.

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.
As an ecologist, I have developed many 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 a college intern at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources). 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. Cosmically, 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 new four 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 P&D 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 overdue. 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.10@osu.edu). For more information on the SNR Graduate Programs, inquiries should be directed to Dr. Craig Doss, the Natural Resources Graduate Studies Chair, (Doss.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.
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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 your address list 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!

Executive Council

Mr. Mark Giese, President

Ms. Trish Raridan Preston, Career Counselor

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, 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).

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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 required 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.

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

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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, mi., last) ____________________________
Address ____________________________
City ______________________  State _______  Zip _______  Country (if other than USA) _______

Home Phone (_____)  Work Phone (_____)
Job Title ____________________________
Employer ____________________________
Home 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.

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 area of expertise)

Years of professional experience

Companies, agencies, or organizations with which you are familiar (through frequent interaction or previous employment)

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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 Dilley 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.osu.edu/~natres/

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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, 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. 9 ..........................2........Ohio State ..................................................TBA .........1
Sept. 16 ........................2........Michigan (OH) (Hall of Fame Game) ............TBA .........1
Sept. 23 ........................3........Penn State ..................................................TBA .........1
Oct. 14 ..........................4 ........Minnesota(Homecoming) ......................TBA .........1
Nov. 4 ..........................5 ........Michigan ..................................................TBA .........1
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