

# SNRAS Spring Gathering 2003



SNR Alums look over literature on the Metro Parks following John O'Meara's presentation.



The Dilley boys (sons of SNRAS President Mark Dilley) study aquatic life from the Olentangy River.



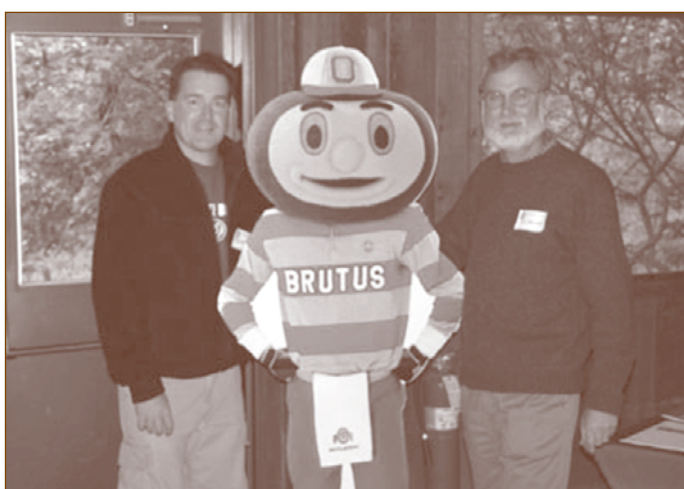
GradRoots members heat things up at the Spring Gathering.



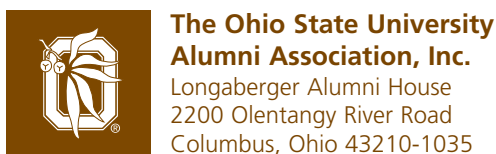
Hungry participants take a lunch break.



Sunfish collected by Tim Peterkoski and Michael Lee (ODNR Scenic Rivers Program) from the Olentangy River.



Executive Council member Bruce McCoy and Dr. Don Burton, a featured speaker, pose with OSU's famous mascot.



# The Alumni Resource

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## SNRAS Spring Gathering 2003



Over 60 SNR alumni, friends, and family attended the SNRAS Spring Gathering 2003 on May 3rd at Highbanks Metro Park. The program featured presentations by John O'Meara, Director of Metro Parks (top left), Don Burton, DVM and Director and Founder of the Ohio Wildlife Center (top center), and Gary Mullins, Ph.D. and Director of SNR (top right). Demonstrations and activities were held throughout the day, including a morning warbler walk, atl-atl throwing (a prehistoric Indian hunting tool), fly-fishing, an earthworks hike, and a hands-on stream quality monitoring activity (bottom row). A cookout lunch was provided and the alumni were joined by members of the SNR Eco-Explorer Post. All who attended had a good time. If you missed this fun and unique event this year, be sure to watch for it next year!

More photos of this event can be found on page 2.

## Welcome to the Executive Council



Josh Stephens is a native Ohioan, having lived in North Canton, Cincinnati, Oxford, and Columbus. He enrolled in Ohio State in 1996 and completed his BS in Sustainable Resource Management in 2000. As an undergraduate, he was active in Forestry Forum, Union of Natural Resources Students, Student Leadership Forum, and the Agriculture and Natural Resources Council. His work lead him receive the Lee Johnston Leadership Award in 1999. Josh and fellow SNR alumnus, Jamie Smialek, were wed in September 2002. Currently he is a graduate student in the School of Natural Resources in Environmental Policy and will be graduating in June 2003. Josh became active in SNRAS in 2002. After graduating, he and Jamie plan on moving to Cleveland.

Welcome to the Executive Council Josh!



Pete Lane, New Executive Council Secretary, is originally from Springfield, Ohio and now lives near New Carlisle. Pete graduated from the School of Natural Resources in 1972 with a B.S. in Agriculture. Pete worked the summer after graduation as a seasonal naturalist for Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Pete then decided his draft number was low enough and joined the Army. He did a three year tour. During that same time Pete married.

While on active duty, Pete earned his Masters Degree. Completing his service to our country, Pete decided to work for Ohio State as an Extension agent in the Dayton area.

Pete likes to keep himself young by spending a week each year at Kelley's Island teaching the Ohio Boaters Education course and Canoeing to 4-H er's from all around the state.

Welcome to the Executive Council Pete!



# Membership Affirmation

**Yes, I wish to affirm my support of and membership in the School of Natural Resources Alumni Society.**  
(Note: Membership is free, but donations are encouraged. Please use form on Page 4 to make a contribution. Thanks!)

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## At a Glance

### Global

Interested in environmental affairs outside of the United States? Check out environmental projects that are occurring in other countries through the United Nations Environmental Programme, as well as the state of global environmental issues <http://www.unep.org/>.

Agroecosystems, what are they? To find out more about this emerging perspective on agricultural management and where this biodiversity savvy technology is being implemented see [http://www.fao.org/biodiversity/agroeco\\_en.asp](http://www.fao.org/biodiversity/agroeco_en.asp).

### North America

The USGS hosts a warehouse of information from experts working on restoration techniques and solutions called the Place-Based Studies (PBS) Program. Several websites are available that review scientific information restoration projects:

National Place-Based Studies Program .....<http://sofia.usgs.gov/pbs/>  
South Florida .....<http://sofia.usgs.gov/>  
San Francisco Bay and Delta .....<http://sfbay.wr.usgs.gov/>  
Chesapeake Bay .....<http://chesapeake.usgs.gov/chesbay/>  
Mojave Desert .....<http://geology.wr.usgs.gov/MojaveEco/>  
Greater Yellowstone Area .....<http://www.mesc.usgs.gov/gyl/>  
Platte River .....<http://mcmweb.er.usgs.gov/platte/>

### In Our Backyard

The Ohio State University might have a large scale riverine restoration project located on campus! View what OSU students, including Natural Resources Students, have designed for the Olentangy River, <http://campushed.osu.edu/DamRemoval.html>.

### For Fun

Looking for something to keep the kids or yourself occupied on rainy days? The USEPA has some fun activities for the younger soul at <http://www.epa.gov/students/fun.htm>.



Russ "Lucky" Fish was the raffle grand prizewinner at the SNRAS Social Gathering held on Saturday, May 3rd at Highbanks Metro Park. The prize was a laser-engraved wooden football commemorating OSU's perfect 2002 football season.

**The September 6 meeting will be at Highbanks Metro Park in the nature center.**

## Five SNR Top Students selected to Receive Lee Johnston Leadership Award

From a slate of seven qualified and deserving nominees, the School of Natural Resources Alumni Society awarded the Lee Johnston Leadership Award to 5 top School of Natural Resources students at the May 2003 annual College of Agriculture recognition banquet. Each student received a \$200.00 check from the Lee Johnston Fund. The Lee Johnston Leadership Award is presented to undergraduate students who demonstrate outstanding student leadership and involvement in the School of Natural Resources.

Congratulations to these five awardees for a job well done! The following students are this year's recipients:

**Marne Arina** is a senior majoring in Wildlife Management. Marne is active in the Ohio State Student Chapter of

the Wildlife Society, Forestry Forum and Ag and Natural Resources Student Council.

**Victoria Barto** is a senior majoring in Wildlife Management. Vicki served as the 2003 president for the Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society and chair of the Student Leadership Forum.

**Ellen Crivella** is a senior majoring in Environmental Science. Ellen is active in many on campus organizations including Ohio Staters, Inc. She has contributed greatly to the School of Natural Resources as a university ambassador and telecounselor for Ohio Staters, Inc.

**Heath Eisele** is a senior majoring in Human Dimensions in Natural Resources. Heath served as the 2003 president of the Collegiate Farm Bureau

at Ohio State and is active in fund raising for an endowment for the Collegiate Farm Bureau.

**Sara Grillot** is a senior majoring in Wildlife Management. Sara is active in many on campus organizations including Forestry Forum, Outdoor Recreation and Parks Association, Ag and Natural Resources Council, Student Leadership Forum and the Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society.

Alumni Society board members Josh Stephens, Steve Goodwin, Mark Dilley and Cynthia Smith served on the awards selection review team for the School of Natural Resources Alumni Society.

## Conrad's Purchase Program

Conrad's Gift Store has announced a new purchase program to provide support to alumni groups. For those of you who want to purchase Buckeye paraphernalia, here's how the program works: Simply stop by Conrad's or order online ([www.conrads.com](http://www.conrads.com)) or through the mail, and use the SNRAS participation code 535. Enter this code in Special Instructions or Comments field on their website, or write it on your mailed-in order. Conrad's will track purchases made by our members and will periodically cut SNRAS a check for a generous 15% of the total purchases. This will be deposited in our general account.

*Try it today and help out your Society!*

### SNRAS Endowment Fund Donation

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Please make your check payable to:  
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Endowment Fund

*Note: There is currently about \$3,000 in principal in this fund, but we must reach \$25,000 to begin to grant scholarships.*

### SNRAS General Fund Donation

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*Note: Remember for a donation of \$10 or more, you will receive a removable decal of our new logo. See Page 5.*



The Ohio State University  
**School of Natural Resources  
Alumni Society**

Our new logo is now available as a removable (electrostatic) decal. This handsome, four-color decal will be mailed to you for any donation of \$10 or more to the SNRAS General Fund. Simply complete the form on Page 4 and send it along with your check (payable to SNRAS) to our Treasurer, Dave Heffner.

## Attention Alumni

To save some of the cost of printing the newsletter, we now offer an electronic newsletter. We will continue to print and mail the newsletter, but we hope to gradually transition it to an electronic format.

If getting an electronic copy of the newsletter suits your fancy,

please visit our website  
**<http://snr.osu.edu/alumni>**  
and sign up.

You will need to give us your e-mail address and your mailing address so we can stop sending paper copies to you. We will notify you by e-mail when the next issue is posted and you will be able to download it as a pdf.

*Have a great summer and enjoy the newsletter!*

## THANK YOU!

We would like to thank

**Bill Bazler, Daniel and Patricia Collins, Mark Dilley, Jim Dowdy, Steve Goodwin, Pete Lane, John O'Meara, Cynthia Smith, Ray Zehler/Izaak Walton League of America**

for making their generous donation to the Alumni Society.

Please join these generous alumni in supporting the SNRAS General Fund and the SNRAS Endowment Fund (forms/instructions for making contributions are provided on page 4).

*\* Note: these are donors who made contributions since our last newsletter.*

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