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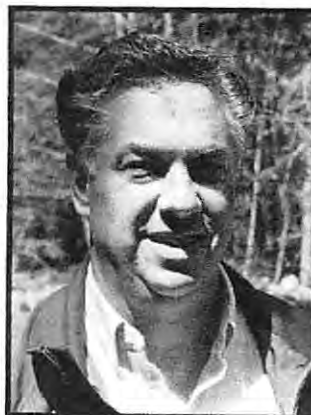
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Dr. Kenneth L. Carvell, WVU, Retired.

Dr. Carvell led a large group of Allegheny SAF members through a portion of the Canaan Valley at the Summer Meeting. Experience and history comments included: "These herbaceous plants are trying to tell us something" [about site productivity for tree species]; and "Cider or Cedar," referring to the alternate hosts of Cedar Apple Gall Rust.



Chairman's Corner

By Timothy A. Kaden
Allegheny SAF Chair

Question! What do the following people, businesses and organizations have in common, International Paper, Westvaco, Glatfelter Paper, Edgar Palpant, Nutron Nameplates, Tree Pro, Nelson Paint, Association of Consulting Foresters, and Musser Forests? If you said that they have continuously placed ads in *The Allegheny News*, congratulations and thanks for recognizing and reading our advertisers ads. I hope that if you have an opportunity to use their products or services, that you will do so, and say "thanks" for the Society – their ad dollars go a long way for us. *The Allegheny News* low advertising rates are on page 23 of this issue, consider placing your business card in this fine newsletter, or seek an ad from one of your contacts or clients.

The West Virginia SAF Division did itself proud in hosting and presenting the summer meeting at Canaan Valley State Park. What a great place for a meeting. The cadre of speakers presenting was unquestionably impressive. The speaker/author book signing after presentations was a unique way of offering continuing educational opportunities. Both meetings this year, winter and summer, brought top-notch speakers to the Allegheny membership -- it doesn't get any better than this.

Just a quick side bar, quite a few Allegheny foresters took to the golf links at Canaan Valley Resort. **Chuck Myers**, Monongahela National Forest Supervisor shot the low round, but **Mary Carol Koster**, of the Valley Forge Chapter made the "Play of the Day" on hole #18, when she rolled in a 40 foot, right to left breaking putt to close a great round (many thanks to **Zak** and **Roger Sherman** for setting up this year's event).

Take a look at Councilman **John Heissenbittel's** column in this issue and take his challenge to heart – "keep him under control" by contacting him about the SAF issues which concern you. John, Chair-elect **Mark Webb**, and I will be getting together at the national convention in Memphis. Look to **Councilman's Corner** in future issues of *The Allegheny News* for updates on national dues, natural areas, and forest certification, to name a few.

I think we can all agree that *The Allegheny News* is a first class publication, with chapter and division news keeping us all informed of happenings in the Allegheny SAF. The press release from Allegany College of Maryland (I hope we all caught the name change) in the

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Members and Views

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Summer issue, page four, got me to thinking that we are missing SAF Student Chapter news articles. I encourage student chapter chairs, and faculty advisors to work together on an article for the Winter newsletter (deadline Dec. 15). And don't forget the pictures of students in action!

Allegheny SAF (and PA SAF) election ballots are in this issue. That means that incoming Chair Mark Webb will be putting together his "cabinet." Now is the time to step forward, contact Mark (814-663-5393) and offer your services for one of the many committees listed on page 24.

Lastly, how about enlisting a new member or approaching a past member to renew their membership. You know that Chapter, Division and Society programs are first class, and the educational and social opportunities at meetings are personally and career rewarding. Do a little promotion, pass on an issue of *The Allegheny News* or *The Forestry Source*, invite them to your next local meeting or to the Winter 1998 meeting in Atlantic City. Squeamish? Then as a last resort, fill out a "Help a Colleague" card (there's one on page 19) and let the national office make an anonymous contact. △

Your SAF Voting Deadlines

All ballots in the **National SAF** election must be postmarked by **October 21** and received in the national office by **Friday, October 24, 1997**.

All ballots in the **Allegheny SAF** election (your ballot is included in this copy of *The Allegheny News*) must be in the hands of the Tellers Committee by **November 15, 1997**. Complete instructions on the ballot. Ballot returns in past elections have been shamefully low – please take the time NOW to vote **your** choice for officers that will be leading and directing **your** professional society. △

No Serengeti, But a Lot of Woods

By Gerard Hertel, Assistant Director, Forest Health and Management, USFS State & Private Forestry, Radnor, PA



Gerard Hertel (L), Assistant Director, Forest Health and Management, Radnor, PA; Karen Sykes, Watershed Specialist, Forest Resources Management, Morgantown, WV; and Seif Madoffe, Forest Entomologist, Sokoine University, Marongoro, Tanzania, at the Allegheny SAF meeting, August, 13-15, 1997.

Dr. Seif Madoffe, Forest Entomologist, Sokoine University, Marongoro Tanzania, attended the annual summer Allegheny Society of American Foresters (SAF) meeting at Canaan Valley State Park in West Virginia. While traveling through West Virginia with **Gerry Hertel**, he asked, "Where are all the people?"

Dr. Madoffe, an expert in agroforestry pest problems was beginning a three-week study tour in the United States. His first stop was the SAF meeting. At one of the Canaan Valley Lodges, he reached down to pet a "cat" – it was one of the many skunks which abound in the lodge area.

After leaving the SAF meeting, he visited the Agroforestry Center in Lincoln, Nebraska, the District of Columbia Urban Forestry Project, and on to the Allegheny National Forest in Warren, Pennsylvania.

Wood in Tanzania is most important for cooking and heating. Multi-purpose – shade, fodder, nitrogen fixing, firewood, building poles – trees are essential to the survival of Tanzanians. Much personal energy is used in Tanzania gathering wood. △

Correction

The Literature Cited and footnotes for the article, "Historical Uses of the German Forest for Related Values", by Florian Judmann in the Summer 1997 Allegheny News (Volume 6, No. 2) were omitted by mistake & follow:

Literature Cited:

- HASEL, Karl. Forstgeschichte (Forest History), Verlag Paul Parey, 1985.
- MANTEL, Kurt. Forstgeschichte des 16. Jahrhunderts (Forest History of the 16th Century), Verlag Paul Parey, 1980.
- SCHWAPPACH, Adam. Forst- und Jagdgeschichte Deutschlands (German Forest-History and History of The Hunt), 2 Bände, Julius Springer Verlag, 1886.

Also on p.12 under Glass Works., line 7, should read: *developed between the 17th and the 19th Century Germany.*

Plateau SAF Chapter Participates in First Annual Titusville Forestry Festival

By Stacy Warner, Kevin Snyder, and Howard Wurzbacher



Members of the Plateau Chapter in northwestern Pennsylvania participated in Titusville's First Annual Forestry Festival, held August 9, 1997. A diverse group of sawmillers, lumber companies, secondary manufacturers, equipment suppliers, loggers and consulting foresters welcomed crowds all day in the oil festival's salute to the lumber industry. SAF members from all parts of the forestry community became involved with the objective of increasing public awareness of the forest resource

and the local forest products industries it supports. **Rob Arnold** and **Stacy Warner** were co-chairs of the organizing committee.

Several activities were the features of the day, including woodsmen's contests, a loggers obstacle course, demonstration of loading and unloading a log truck by **Bob and Bryan Jackson**, and chain saw artistry of **Bill Drohn**. These activities were supplemented by various exhibits and displays related to

the forest industry.

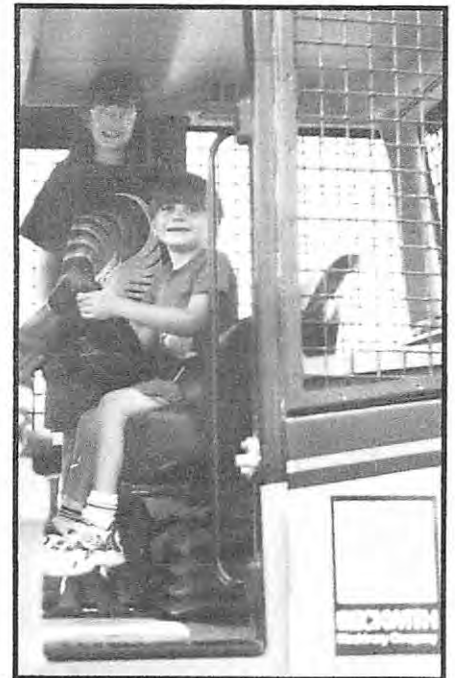
The Plateau Chapter's exhibit tent featured information on best management practices, timber sales, wildlife, SAF publications and website information. The booth was staffed throughout

the day by **Bob Bauer, Sam Roberts, Scott Seibert, Howard Wurzbacher**, and forestry students **Mark Kirkwood** of Penn State and **Jeff Deeter** from PA College of Technology. Forestry student involvement was especially appreciated, and is reflective of the importance of education and student mentoring within the mission of Allegheny SAF.

The loggers obstacle course was coordinated by **Kevin Snyder**, and consisted of a timed and scored competition including precision cutting, boring, felling and safety. **Quinn Shreve** was responsible for the organization of the woodsmen's contests, which included standing and underhand chop, crosscut sawing, chain saw events and springboard chop. Those participating in these contests included top-flight competitors from throughout the eastern US, with one Australian entrant.



Scott Seibert (L) and Bob Bauer discuss a local forestry issue with visitors to the SAF forestry tent.



It was estimated that about one thousand people attended the day's activities, and the success of this year's event offers promise for bigger and better annual events in coming years. △

Tips on How to Clarify and Specify the Media Message

By Prof. Bonnie M. Brown, P.I. Reed School of Journalism, West Virginia University

ARE YOU SEEKING MEDIA ATTENTION?

1. Have an up-to-date mailing/Faxing/e-mail list with the correct name and title of the appropriate person you need to reach within the media organization, Assignment Editor, News Director, Beat Reporter (gov't., environment, natural resources, employment, etc.), Producer (of a specialty program or public affairs segment, etc.).
2. Be as timely as possible! Get News Releases out quickly. Allow the journalists enough lead time to prepare to do their job well and you'll *reduce* the chances for mistakes caused by hastiness, lack of familiarity with the subject matter, rushing through the interview and shoot, etc.
3. Create an effective news release.
 - ◆ Have you clearly shown why this topic should be given media attention? Who/what population group is affected? What geographical area is affected? Why would voters/taxpayers care? What makes this topic newsworthy? How does this information relate to prior news? How does it relate to the country at large? Is there something novel taking place?
 - ◆ Do you provide the journalist with the five W's (who, what, why, where, when)?
 - ◆ Have you listed a contact person for further information (with phone, fax, e-mail, available hours)?
4. Are you planning a news conference?
 - ◆ Have you given the essential details? Along with the news release/news kit, include directions to the site, parking arrangements, accommodation availability, and other misc. important information to facilitate the news crews.
 - ◆ Hint: make sure the news conference takes into consideration the need for electrical outlets, space for lighting and camera equipment, audio interference from traffic, machinery, etc., and the time it will take for the news crew to return to the station and produce the story for a given newscast (evening newscasts tend to be most watched, so morning conferences are preferable).
 - ◆ Will the key people be available for exclusive interviews before/after the conference? (using exclusivity can build rapport with key journalists).

ARE THE MEDIA SEEKING YOU?

1. Within your organization, make sure there is one person designated to handle all incoming media calls... train your staff to refer these calls to that key person!!
 - ◆ This allows you to control "loose cannons" within your shop (the know-it-alls or naive folks who may give inaccurate or personally-biased information).
 - ◆ It may save time for the journalist who wants to get connected with the appropriate source ASAP.
 - ◆ This can also serve as a stall tactic if you need time to brief folks who will be interviewed or if you need to agree on a cohesive organizational response to an important issue.
 - ◆ This avoids the problem of a journalist getting a different party line from various sources selected at random.
 - ◆ It gives the organization the control it needs to put forth the desired public image.
 - ◆ You may want to supply an organizational flow chart to the media... this helps present the chain of command in a clear way and increases the chance that titles/ranks will be accurately

reported (hint: depending on the turnover or personnel history in your organization, you may opt not to include names in this chart).

2. "Mr. Jones, Mike Wallace is here to see you... shall I send him in?"
 - ◆ Be prepared for the news crew/reporter – be ready at the agreed time/place.
 - ◆ When possible, ask ahead of time what the story angle is and ask if you can mail or fax some background information to help familiarize the reporter with the facts.
 - ◆ Don't ask the reporter for a list of questions... no good reporter, will agree to this... instead, ask the reporter, "How can I help you? What would you like to talk about? What are some questions I can answer for you?" Be helpful and service-oriented!
 - ◆ Plan to offer the crew access to places where they can get "the B-roll" shots... these help depict what the report is about and avoid the dreaded "talking head" problem... show them trees, ride along in a truck or jeep to the places which are off the beaten path but which help tell the story in living color... trees, streams, forests, wildlife, etc., the reporter will love you for this and in truth, the audience will too... no one wants to look at a government employee in front of a brown metal filing cabinet translating crucial policy/funding/controversy that has to do with the great outdoors!
 - ◆ Be truthful and candid – "no comment" means "I'm lying about something" – at least answer the questions that are put to you and remember, you're talking to lay people, not your peers and co-workers!
3. TV is a visual medium.
 - ◆ Dress appropriately... this means a work uniform or it may mean business attire... if you have the option, don't wear black and white together (or very dark and very light... make sure there's not a sharp contrast between your skin tone and the color of your clothing), primary colors look great or try medium colors with complementary shirts/jackets (you want to look credible, healthy and self-assured, not pasty, reserved, inhibited, etc.).
 - ◆ If you wear a hat, be aware that it may create a bad shadow over your eyes (eyes offer about 90% of communication), and don't wear sun glasses (they inhibit the credibility and honesty your eyes will convey – if you're telling the truth!).
 - ◆ Always LOOK AT THE REPORTER and not at the camera (you are answering questions from the person interviewing you – not from the person in the home audience), try to keep a comfortable level of eye contact, looking away conveys dishonesty, deceit, discomfort (all the bad words).
 - ◆ Speak clearly! If you have to, say something like, "Let me think about how I can best answer that" and take a moment to collect your thoughts... it's better than babbling, groping for words that won't come and running the risk of the tape editor including that part of the interview in the story!
 - ◆ Don't wear jewelry, tie clips, or uniform paraphernalia that might interfere with the microphone.
 - ◆ If you think of anything the reporter has not asked you by the end of the interview, simply say, "There are a couple things I'd like to add. First off, what we hope this law will

accomplish in the long term” (sometimes you’re most articulate when you’re telling something spontaneously, without prompting, and the reporter will use this in the story).

REMINDERS:

Many reporters come from small markets with small staffs, few resources and little expertise to accomplish what they’re setting out to do, so you can help them by being open in your communication and clarifying confusing points right away.

Don’t assume the media is an enemy. Carefully consider your attitude and behavior – if you act professionally and friendly you’ll most likely garner the same in return. It’s hard to be rude to someone who’s going out of their way to be helpful and responsive. GOOD LUCK! △

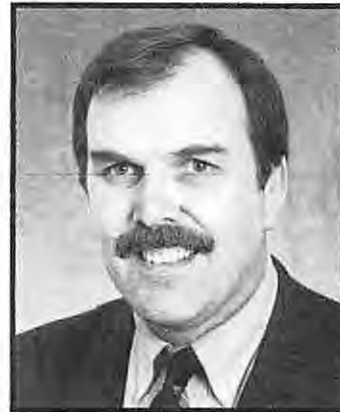
Ten Steps to Better Media Relations

By Soc Clay, Freelance Magazine Writer*

1. **Identify the media you are interested in** – learn what media most interests you and categorize them as: most important, important, less important, etc.
2. **Become acquainted with the media and media members** – Learn who to contact about a story. Have their correct telephone, fax, and e-mail numbers, and address handy.
3. **Develop personal relationships with the media and media members** – Join media organizations as an active, associate or supporting member. Be sure to attend conferences and other organized activities to become acquainted with media members “one-on-one.”
4. **Know a story when you see one** – Learn to identify a story in its infancy. The media loves a scoop. Be sure to contact your most important media first, followed with less important contacts later on.
5. **Learn to associate a story with the various media or media member** – Example: don’t call business media with an outdoor story, etc.
6. **Cooperate completely with the media** – Remember, media members are just doing their job. The easier you can make that job for them, the more they will appreciate it. It is also the best way to stir the media in the direction you would like to see it go.
7. **Do not avoid the media on sensitive issue** -- To do so will cause them to avoid you when you have a sensitive issue you want them to know about. Be sure you know what you are talking about when talking with the media. Don’t say it if you don’t know it. Never use the term “this is off the record.” Whose record? You are talking with the media!
8. **Always alert the media to a breaking story** – Again, all the media loves a scoop. Take time to make it happen. They will appreciate it later on.
9. **Keep the media informed about interesting new developments** -- Whether they concern you directly or not – the media must have something to work with daily. You can help. Make sure you are accurate in your assessment of the potential story to avoid a wild goose chase.
10. **Nurture your relationship with the media** – Friends help friends, it’s as simple as that!

*Presented at the 1997 Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting, 8/15/97

Councilman’s Corner



It’s Your Job to Keep Me Under Control!

By John Heissenbittel,
SAF District VII Council
Representative

At the outset let me say thank you for electing me to represent you as the District VII SAF Council member. I’m honored, grateful, and overwhelmed. Actually, mostly overwhelmed with the mail I now receive from the SAF National Office. The folks in the national office do a tremendous job of keeping members of the Council informed. Moreover, they really do count on the Council to make decisions about the future of SAF. For those of you that know me, you are aware that: (1) I am comfortable making decisions; and (2) even in the absence of advice and counsel, when a decision is necessary, I’ll make it based on my own views and instincts. It may now terrify some of you that I am your representative on Council.

So here’s your challenge: Keep me under control by sharing your views with me. All kidding aside, I really am committed to representing the collective views of Voting District VII. For my part I will attempt to attend as many of the SAF functions within this district as possible and with the elected officials within the district as possible and keep the members posted as to the major issues before Council. I will also keep in close contact with the elected officials within the district. It is each member’s responsibility to share their views with me (or see #2 above). I’ll try to make that as easy as possible by giving several alternatives: phone, fax, internet, and address (see numbers below).

Some key issues that were before Council this June and will be subjects of discussion with the broad membership include: dues, both structure and rates; the definition of “forester”; and alternatives to the multi-million SAF media center President Harry Wiant has proposed in recent editorials. There is something for everyone to chew on in just these three issues. Let me know what you think. △

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A Response To Professional Forester Credibility and NIPF's: Towards a Better Dialogue

By Robert H. Rumpf, 1993 SAF Fellow

I did not attend the Pennsylvania Division, SAF meeting in State College last January 9, 1997, so I read with some interest in the Summer 1997 issue of *The Allegheny News* (Volume 6, Number 2, pages 14-17), the paper that was presented at that meeting by Luloff et al.

Foresters have been buffeted from many directions lately and I would like to take issue and respond to a number of points by Luloff et al. and I would like to make the point that we really aren't as out of touch as many would have us and others believe.

Luloff et al. tell us:

1. That we are "dispassionate technicians who favor red suspenders and hard hats."
2. That we are "ignorant of our customers."
3. That most foresters are "unwilling to recognize or incorporate into plans the legitimate non-economic benefits of the forest."
4. That "new efforts are needed to enable NIPF owners to build a sense of trust for forest professionals."
5. That "foresters need to cast off their timber primacy legacy."
6. That "professional foresters are continuing to focus on meeting growing national and international demands for timber while ignoring NIPF owners."

I contend that it is the authors of this article who do not know the "customer" they are writing about - the



forester. I have been very close to the forestry scene in the Mid-Atlantic area for more than forty years, and while I can't speak for all, I believe I can speak for a significant segment of the forestry community.


I won't respond to the first point, re "dispassionate technicians with red suspenders and hard hats" other than to say it is baseless.

I graduated from forestry school in 1949 and my first job was working with private woodland owners (we were called Farm Foresters then) and right from the beginning, landowner objectives were considered and given much attention. Throughout the rest of my forestry career, whether it was purchasing timberland, promoting the Tree Farm Program, buying timber, administering our company land owner assistance program or a myriad of other activities, the desire of the landowner took precedence. Otherwise we would not have stayed in business. During just about all of my career, the purchase of timber

took place in a sellers market.


We made frequent surveys of the woodland owners who were members of our Tree Farm Family Program and at one time there was not one of the many participants who listed timber production as their primary reason for owning timberland. Though I am no longer close to that program, I doubt if the situation has changed much. We had a successful program and do you think it would have been successful if we hadn't known our "customers" and incorporated their "legitimate non-economic objectives" into the forest management plans we prepared for them? I think it is safe to say that many of the Forest Stewardship plans now being prepared are heavily weighted toward "non-economic objectives." We had a simple agreement that was entered into by ourselves and the landowner that provided for the withdrawal of either party without penalty. That meant that the only way we could be sure that a person would remain a member was to build a relationship of mutual trust. It is my contention that foresters as a class, don't have to make any excuses to anyone on matters of trust and credibility.

As for the question of timber primacy, I don't believe it is a question of primacy as much as a realization that it is the income from the sale of timber that pays the taxes and permits continued ownership of land so that all the important "non-economic" benefits can be enjoyed. If income from the timberland is not important to the owner



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it is obvious that he is then subsidizing his ownership with income from some other source.

The statement is made that "professional foresters are focusing on meeting growing national and international demands for timber while ignoring NIPF owners." I seriously doubt that Joe Service Forester, who is responsible for a several-county area, gets up in the morning and goes to the woods with the necessity of meeting international timber needs on his mind. That may sound good in an academic thesis but is not of the real world.

Finally, I would like to respond to the reference to the "overwhelming support for preservation policies." A further statement is made that "according to our data, when the follow up question, 'Should there be a similar program for Pennsylvania's forested land?' was asked, the response was even

more favorable with more than four in five indicating support. Such responses indicate overwhelming support for the idea that in Pennsylvania, the general public is ready to commit significant public resources to develop policies designed to preserve private forest land." Public resources, in some circles are known as "taxes" and I could give a lot more credence to such surveys if the next question asked was, "To support such land preservation efforts for the next ten years, how much would you be willing to pay in increased taxes each year -- \$100?, \$200?, \$300?, or More? This would then bring into perspective just how real and strong that support for land preservation really is with the general public.

Do I mean to say that everything in the area of forest management is

OK? Of course not! Do I mean to say that we don't need to continue to work hard to bring more land under management? Of course not! We must continue to actively promote state-of-the-art forest management based on sound economics for the betterment of the resource. However, we haven't been asleep at the switch all these years as some would have us believe and I am of the opinion that an article such as Luloff et al. have presented does not add much to the understanding and resolution of the question of how to get more NIPF owners to adopt proper forest management practices. △

(The Allegheny News invites and will print all reasonable responses to published articles and comments in order to effect equitable presentation and discussion of the issues of interest to the profession)

SAF Reacts to the Bryan Amendment

By Jack Winieski, Editor

Tim Kaden, Allegheny SAF Chair, and Ken Kane, Pennsylvania SAF Division Chair, became involved in the recent National Forest Service road funding considerations by the U.S. Senate Interior Appropriations Committee. An amendment to the Appropriations bill, the Bryan amendment, was being considered by the Committee in an attempt to reduce funding for forest service road reconstruction and maintenance.

Working with information from Michael Goergen, National SAF Congressional Affairs Liaison, Tim contacted staff of Senator William Roth, Jr. of Delaware, informing them of the importance of the road system in providing access for resource professionals to respond to everything from forest fires, to pest outbreaks and disease and stressing the importance of the National Forest road system for recreational pursuits.

Ken Kane, Pennsylvania Division SAF Chair, also actively responded to the amendment, providing similar information through the office of PA Senator Rick Santorum, Chairman of

the Agriculture Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization. In a letter to Colleagues, Senator Santorum stressed the importance of the information being presented through SAF sources in their consideration of the amendment. He stressed that "The Society has a long history of non-partisan, scientific and professional expertise in matters affecting forests on public and private lands."

Of course, the National SAF office was involved in providing information to key senators and their staffs. In an informational letter to Senators, National Office Executive Vice President Bill Banzhaf addressed critic's attacks on the Forest Service timber program and detailed the many important uses of the forest service road infrastructure in maintaining the forest ecosystems and providing access to the recreating American public.

The Bryan amendment was narrowly defeated on 9/17/97 by a vote of 51-49. △

WV SAF Summer Meeting Articles Available

By Kasey Russell

The media relations meeting at Canaan Valley, WV offered advice to foresters on how to work effectively with the media. If you are interested in receiving a copy of available presentations, please contact Dan Kincaid at (304) 285-1524 or Kasey Russell at (304) 285-1528. Both are at the USDA Forest Service, 180 Canfield Street, Morgantown, WV 26505. Copies of several speeches and articles are available from the meeting: "Can't See the Forest for the Trees? - Tips on How to Clarify and Specify the Media Message" by Professor Bonnie Brown; Soc Clay's presentation on "Ten Steps to Better Media Relations"; Alston Chase's article, "Searching for a Past That Never Was - the Strange Story of Ecosystem Preservation"; Robert Bidinotto's "Who's Really Communicating the Forestry Message"; and David Fish's pointers on working with the media, "National Media & Public Opinion." △

Note: The late Ernest Swift was a prominent name on the conservation scene in the United States during the 40's, 50's and 60's. He served as Director of the Wisconsin Conservation Department and later from 1955 to 1960 as Executive Director of the National Wildlife Federation. The following article was written more than thirty years ago but is just as germane in the 1990s. And the pressures of forest-based recreation have increased exponentially during that period. Swift focuses on the impact of land taxes but this thesis could be expanded to include all of the economic factors that affect the stability of long term forest management. (Contributed by Robert Rumpf, 1993 SAF Fellow)

Beware the PIED PIPERS of Recreation

By Ernest Swift (written in 1965)

The extent of forest influence on America's history, on the character of her people and on her culture and economy is almost beyond estimation. With little prejudice, it can be said that North American forests were the aristocracy of the world's sylvia, in turn austere, beautiful beyond description, warmly comforting.

Forests felt the first impact of settler invasion, and with mixed feelings the invaders felt the impact of the forests. Timber stands supplied many of the basic elements of livelihood, but also were considered an obstruction to agriculture, a place of ambush by Indians, and a barrier to western migration.

Our forests were so lush and vast that for generations they were taken for granted, thus fostering a mass ignorance of them. This ignorance was evident during much forest destruction, and also evident when many forestlands were later rehabilitated. The mass mind has never caught up with either extreme.

Forest taxation laws are one of the most important factors which influence the forest industry and the multiple-use concept, which today includes recreation.

More and more forests, regardless of ownership, are playing a dual role. Forests furnish much of the physical land area for recreation, while converted forest products supply a money surplus above daily wages so people can afford to recreate. Hunters, fishermen, hikers and all other weekend woodsmen have a big stake in equitable taxation policies on forestlands. But to pick an enthusiastic, city-bred hunter out of the barber shop and try to relate forest taxation to his favorite sport is as much a waste of time as trying to nail a custard pie to the wall. It's all so foreign to his conservation understanding that he won't even stay to listen. Millions like him can generate an emotional head of steam about their favorite sport, but won't contribute one

ounce of serious study.

Whenever a taxation adjustment related to the peculiar problems of the forest industry is mentioned, a preconceived label of some form of fast deal or special privilege peddling usually is applied. The stereotype reaction is that "big business" gets all the breaks. Many recreationists just don't approach the management of resources with economic realism. They castigate the forest industry for the well publicized abuses of the past without realizing that an unrealistic tax system was at least in part responsible, since high taxes on standing timber probably encouraged the cut-and-get-out period of history. The average urban or country dweller, bent on a few hours or weeks recreation, doesn't bother with the profundities of economics. Many have only the vaguest notion of even the ecological relation between plants, animals, soil and water. They have less understanding yet that resource management, the cornerstone of survival, is concerned with industry, standards of living, education, markets, legislation, taxes and the interrelationship of community, state and national economies.

They fail to realize that there can be no extensive recreation without a sound economy, although it seems obvious that no one can have recreation time on his hands when those hands must scratch for a living seven days a week. Neither industry nor recreation can flourish today without an intelligent understanding of forestland taxation. It is difficult to understand why the basic principles of resource management have been so long glossed over and ignored.

In my opinion, this present vacuum of understanding is due to a delinquent education system in teaching conservation and resource management; narrow, specialized interests; mental laziness and pied-

pipe leadership more interested in telling people of their constitutional rights to leisure and the outdoor experience than in insisting on an understanding of conservation precepts and citizenship responsibility.

In the midst of our leisure boom, a frantic reach for recreation is beginning to upset the base which makes recreation possible. Countless Americans are turning to the open spaces. The recreational and speculative urge to buy land is in the boom stage and has extended into nearly every corner of the nation. It is no longer a matter buying beyond the fringe of a city. Metropolitan dwellers are buying land 500 to 1,000 miles from their homes and are not quibbling over prices. A private plane can take them to their weekend retreat in a few hours.

There are many reasons for this upsurge of the desire to own land. Some buy with a hunger to own a plot of ground, a nostalgic holdover from their rural background; some simply want a hideout, if that is possible any more; some buy for investment and anticipated profit, others to soften their personal tax situation, still others as a status symbol.

Whatever the reason, land prices are booming, populations are increasing – and the amount of land area remains the same. The high prices being paid in many instances are adding confusion to the problems of the tax assessors and headaches to the land-based industries. Investigations show that people in all states are buying forest, farm and waste lands, almost helter-skelter, at prices far in excess of values justified for the usual economic use of the land.

When this happens, local tax assessors are tempted to increase the valuation of all adjoining tracts on the basis of prices paid for recreation values. Then up go the taxes on the forestland, sometimes to heights that make mill owners turn purple. These local tax developments threaten the

stability of our industry in a very real way.

Taxes are manmade. They are not nearly as dramatic, but their misdirected impact can be almost as ruinous as a runaway fire or a horde of bark beetles. One Pacific Coast assessor is suggesting that bare forestlands in his county be assessed at triple their present average value. In 1963 the Oregon Tax Commission increased forestland values in five western counties from 30 to 100 percent over the 1962 level. In one county, values of \$50 an acre were established. Owners protested bitterly and presented much evidence that the proposed values were too high. The tax was rescinded in this case, but similar tax approaches are appearing in other areas where the reach for recreation is making its impact.

When an assessor sees fantastic prices paid for recreation or residential lands, he is tempted to hike all land taxes regardless of use. If he does not recognize the difference between quick development for recreation or residential and long-term crop use, an assessor could run a farmer or timber operator out of business.

The land-based industries are only media to convert raw material to finished products for our demanding consumer society. But the same city hunter who flies to his weekend plot and points his motorized canoe into the wilderness is the last person to see the connection between timber cutting and the milk cartons and newspapers made from wood fiber which he enjoys at home. Recreationists are not well grounded in the economic issue. They promote their own special interests in fish, game and various aspects of picnic-table conservation. The tragedy is that much of their recreation success depends on an intelligent land tax system and they do not realize it. For if our basic industries are taxed to the breaking point, fewer lunch buckets will be carried into the mills and fewer paychecks will be carried out to the sporting goods stores.

There is no element of resource management which so sharply delineates realism or lack of it between land-based industries and millions of free-wheeling recreationists as the general subject of taxation. In the case of the forest

industry there must be assured an equitable taxation base or it could be faced with the specter of destructive practices or bankruptcy. Uncertain future tax levels are a sure deterrent to any long-range forest management and allied investment.

Intensive study is needed to classify lands for their proper long-term use and to establish a tax base which will guarantee long-term land productivity. Action in this area is so vital to the nation's future that we cannot afford any casual decisions nor can we afford any more delays.

A new law in Connecticut is aimed in the right direction. It provides for the valuation and taxation of farms, forestland and open space lands on the basis of actual use rather than a valuation based on the yardstick of a probable "highest and best use." This kind of intelligent awareness is what we need in evaluating forestlands on the basis of use.

The man who really needs to know the facts is Mr. Average American, who knows little about land-use problems or land ownership. His only contact is through recreation. We must start the job of educating Mr. Average to at least a minimum understanding of the basic economics of land-based industries which convert resources to products and paychecks. The job of education will have to start with driving home the fact that his recreational opportunities are tied to the economy of the land. Less pied-piper talk of the right to leisure and more awareness of the basic productive resources which make leisure possible is needed in these coming decades of the recreation boom.

We must successfully communicate that the nation will prosper only as land productivity is increased and that the forest industry can prosper only with an equitable and guaranteed tax system. Tax valuations of forestlands cannot be allowed to skyrocket every time someone pays 10 times commercial land value for a weekend cabin site.

The power to tax still has the potential power to destroy. Taxes are not just something for the other fellow

to worry about. For the recreationist, they are part of the complex system which makes his weekend outing possible. △

Caption Contest!

Add your caption to this picture of SAF President Harry Wiant and snapping turtle taken at the Allegheny summer SAF meeting at Canaan Valley, West Virginia, August 14, 1997 (photo by Jim Pflieger).



- "Some extremists are best kept at arm's length."
- "I told you compromise is not always wise!"
- "One tough and uncompromising fellow." (who said, "which one?")
- "With one hand tied behind my back to make it fair"
- "I can't do this job alone fellows -- help!"
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Allegheny SAF 1997 Candidates for Office

Detach and mark the appropriate ballot(s) found in the centerfold of this Allegheny News. Fold, seal, stamp and post mark by November 1, 1997. We have competition ... a healthy sign. Your vote can make the difference!

Chairman Elect:

Lester, Michael B. District Manager, Wood Supply, Procter & Gamble Paper Products Co., Mehoopany, PA.

BS Forestry 1985, Colorado State Univ., MF 1988 Duke Univ., MBA 1993 State Univ. NY, SAF Certified Forester, SAF member, 1985, attended 1997 National SAF Leadership Training Program. Chair Pinchot Chapter SAF; Chair 1997 Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting; PA Forestry Assn. Tree Farm Chair, NE PA; Member PA SAF Statewide Task Force on Local Timber Harvesting Regulations; Allegheny SAF Committee on Forest Health & Productivity; Chair Alpha Student Chapter SAF, Colorado State; member Xi Sigma Pi Natural Resource and Gamma Sigma Delta Agricultural honor societies.

Siefert, Roy A. Forest Program Specialist, Division of Forest Fire Protection, PA DCNR, Harrisburg, PA.

BS Forestry, Penn State 1976, USFS Certified Silviculturist 1989, SAF Certified Forester, SAF member, 1985. Past Chairs PA SAF Division, and Northern Hardwoods Chapter; Committee member, PA SAF Timber Harvesting Ordinances, and Forester Licensing & Registration; Past Chair, Pa Forestry Association Finance Committee; Steering Committee, Ben Roach Forum Series; Board of Directors and Treasurer, Tau Phi Delta Grand National Fraternity.

Steiner, Kim C. Professor, Forest Biology and Assistant Director of Academic Programs, School of Forest Resources, Penn State University, State College, PA.

BS Forest Biology, Colorado State Univ., MS & PhD Forest Genetics, Michigan State Univ., SAF Member, 1970. Chair, SAF Rothrock Chapter 1990-91; Chairs, Allegheny SAF Tree Improvement, and Student Coordinating Committees 1991-94, Organizer 1992, Student Quiz Bowls and Chair, Allegheny SAF Quiz Bowl Committee 1993-present; member Executive Committee 1995-present; organized a national conference on forestry education, co-sponsored by SAF 1996; as IUFRO Working Party Chair, currently organizing an international conference on "Diversity and Adaptation in Oak species"; served on numerous regional and national research committees.

Secretary/Treasurer:

Lacy, Susan E. Forest Management Specialist and Program Manager of Forest Stewardship for USFS NE State and Private, Radnor, PA.

BS Forest Management, Colorado State Univ., MS Forest Resources, Economics Major, Univ. New Hampshire, SAF member 1980. Forester, Clearwater Nat'l. Forest, Idaho; South Dakota Dept. of Game, Fish and Parks; Boise Cascade Corporation, Louisiana; Financial Analyst, three years in the banking industry. Forest Inventory and Analysis Project research on private forest land ownership in NE US; Program Chair, Valley Forge SAF Winter Meeting 1990; Allegheny SAF Science & Technology Coordinator, 1994-95.

Executive Committee:

Gottschalk, Kurt W. Research Forester, USFS NE Forest Experiment Station Insect and Disease Research, Morgantown, WV.

BS Iowa State Univ., 1974, MS & PhD in Silviculture, Forest Ecology & Physiology, Michigan State Univ. 1976 & 1984, SAF member 1979. Project Leader, Silviculture Options for Gypsy Moth Impacts, Hazard Ratings and GIS Applications; research on oak regeneration and management of oak-dominant forests. SAF activities include: SAF Committee Chairs -- C6 Physiology Tech. Working Group; Allegheny Forest Research, Forest Health & Productivity. Allegheny SAF Executive Committee 1992-97; Secretary, Forest Ecology Working Group 1993-94; Editor, Northern Journal of Applied Forestry 1996-98. In addition, active membership in a number of other allied professional societies.

Gribko, Linda S. Asst. Prof. Forest Management, WV University, Morgantown, WV.

BS Forestry & Wildlife, VPI & SU, PhD Integrated Resource Management, WVU, SAF member 1991. Previous employment: USFS NE Forest Experiment Station. Book Review contributor, The Allegheny News; professional organizations: the Wildlife Society, American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, Sigma Xi Honorary.

Jolly, Kenneth W. Southern Regional Forester, Maryland DNR Forest Service, Annapolis, MD.

BS Forest Management, NC State Univ., currently 90% completed in MGA program, Univ. of MD, SAF member 1982. Previous experience as MD DNR Program Supervisor, Public Land Stewardship; USFS national forest technician positions, Tahoe Natl. Forest; forester with Honduras Forest Development Corporation/US Peace Corps. Past MD/DE Division Secretary; member, several SAF meeting planning committees; member-at-large, Allegheny SAF Executive Committee; Allegheny SAF Tellers Committee; Assist Allegheny SAF Awards committee chair, MD/DE Newsletter Editor.

Kane, Kenneth C. Vice President, Keith Horn, Inc., Consulting Foresters, Kane, PA

BS Forestry, Penn State, 1982, SAF member 1984. As VP of Keith Horn, Inc., responsible for all aspects of forest management activities for private landowners, public relations and landowner education. Former Assistant Manager, Baillie

Lumber Co., and acid precipitation Research Technologist at Penn State University. Presently Chair, Pennsylvania SAF Division, Vice Chair Penn Chapter, Association of Consulting Foresters, former Chair Northern Hardwood SAF Chapter, member of Joint Plateau/Northern Hardwoods Chapters Deer Management Committee. Member Penn State Agriculture Advisory Council, member and past President Kane Area School Dist., Board of Directors.

Mires, Richard B. President, Consolidated Eastern Corporation (Retired 1994), Vineland, NJ.

BS Forestry Penn State 1950, SAF member 1954. Retired as president of Consolidated Eastern Corporation, founded in 1971 as a company involved in applied forest management, forest product sales, and forestry consulting; Chief Forester, NJ Operations, Georgia Pacific Corporation 1965-1971; various forestry and management positions with American Timber Products Co. in NC, VA, MD, DE, PA, and NJ 1950-64; Past Chair, NJ Forest Industries Committee on Timber Valuation and Taxation; Past Chair, NJ Tree Farm Committee. Member, SAF Committee on Forest Health & Productivity; Currently a member of the Vineland NJ Environmental Commission.

Parker, Daniel M. Owner, Tillinghast & Neely Foresters, Danville, WV.

BS Forestry, WV Univ. 1973, SAF member 1977. Previously worked with J.P. Hamer Lumber Co., WV Division of Forestry, USDA Forest Service. Currently serving third term on WV SAF Exec. Council (two immediately preceding, and following term as WV SAF Division Chair and one term in the early 1980's); As WV Chair, organized two joint meetings with the WV Fisheries and Wildlife Biologist Societies and another joint meeting with the WV and Ohio SAF and Wildlife/Fisheries Societies; another organized meeting brought foresters, large land owners, mining companies, and WV DEP personnel together in a study of forest disturbances beginning 17,000 years ago till present to demonstrate that surface mined areas can be reclaimed back to forest.

Stout, Susan Project Leader, USFS NE Forest Experiment Station, Warren, PA.

AB Radcliffe College 1972, MS SUNY ESF 1983, PhD Yale Univ. 1994, SAF member 1981. Research Forester with the USFS NE Forest Experiment Station since 1981, Project Leader at Warren, PA since 1991. Research interests include: crowding and diversity in forest stands, silvicultural systems, and development of practical guidelines for sustainable forest management. First facilitator of NE Forest Exp. Station's Science Advisory Team; member of PA's Timber Harvesting Assessment Advisory Team; PA DCNR Bureau of Forestry Ecosystem Management Advisory Committee. Plateau Chapter member 1983; co-developed "Woodswalk" Plateau Chapter meeting format; Secretary and Chair-elect of national SAF Silviculture Working Group; Science and Technology rep to Allegheny SAF Board; served on planning committees for several chapter and society meetings.

Allegheny Society of American Foresters 1997 Election Ballot

*Report of the Nominating Committee
Mark Vodak, Chair*

Chair Elect (Vote for one)

_____ Michael B. Lester (Pinchot/PA)
 _____ Roy A. Siefert (Keystone/PA)
 _____ Kim C. Steiner (Rothrock/PA)

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Secretary/Treasurer _____ Susan E. Lacy (Valley Forge/PA)

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Executive Committee (Vote for four, but no more than two from one state)

_____ Kurt W. Gottschalk (WV)*
 _____ Linda S. Gribko (WV)
 _____ Kenneth W. Jolly (MD/DE)*
 _____ Kenneth C. Kane (PA)
 _____ Richard B. Mires (NJ)
 _____ Daniel M. Parker (WV)
 _____ Susan Stout (PA)

**Completed ballots must be received by the Tellers Committee by November 15, 1997.
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*Incumbent

Pennsylvania Division SAF 1997 Candidates

Chair Elect:

Bauer, Robert W. Assist. Regional Forester, Northwest Region, Pennsylvania Game Commission Associate Degree, Forest Technology, Penn State 1966, BS Forest Management, Penn State 1969, SAF member 1972. Employed as Forester, PA Game Commission 1969 to present. Past Chair, Vice-Chair, Sec/Treas., SAF Plateau Chapter; summer meeting committees; SAF "Walk in the Woods 1995-97; Plateau & Northern Hwds. Chapters Deer Committee; Sustainable Forestry Initiative of PA; currently "Ben Roach Forestry Forum" Chair; Charter member, PA Council of Professional Foresters. Vice-Chair, Crawford Co. Coop. Extension Board of Directors; Crawford Co. Fair Building Committee and Livestock Executive Committee; 4-H Leader, Centerville, PA Wranglers.

Berst, John P. Chief, Division of Forest Fire Protection, Bureau of Forestry, PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources, Harrisburg, PA

BS in Forestry, Penn State 1968, SAF member 1972. U.S. Army 1968-70, PA Bureau of Forestry service forester and State Forest timber management 1971-80; Division of Forest Fire Protection Prevention (FFP) Specialist 1980-86; Chief Service Section, FFP 1986-96; FFP Division Chief 1996-present. Past Chair, SAF Western Gateway Chapter; member SAF Keystone Chapter.

Piper, Robb District Manager, Cambria County Conservation District, Ebensburg, PA

BS in Forest Science, Penn State 1976, SAF member 1976. Seasonal employment with US Forest Service, PA Bureau of Forestry and National Park Service; forest management activities and Department head, Kimball Forestry Consultants, Ebensburg, PA, 1977-84; Cambria County Conservation District employee and District Manager 1984-present. Registered Professional Forester in West Virginia #153, North Carolina #506, and Maryland #228. Past Chair, SAF Western Gateway Chapter; PA Forestry Association Director; PA Tree Farm Committee Chair; Southern Alleghenies Conservation & Development Area Landuse & Resource Committee Chair; Cambria Co. Economic Development Hardwood Task Force Subcommittee; past cubmaster, Pack 204, Jackson Township. 1987 SAF CFE & Professional Development Award.

Secretary/Treasurer:

D'Amore, Douglas Program Specialist, Division of State Forest Management, Bureau of Forestry, PA Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources

A.A.S. Degree, SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry, BS Forestry University of Michigan, SAF member 1984. Previous seasonal employment with the USFS; Forestry Consultant staff forester; procurement forester, and Service Forester with the PA Bureau of Forestry. SAF activities: Past Secretary/Treasurer, Valley Forge Chapter, present Secretary Treasurer, PA SAF Division, Arrangements Co-chair 1992 Winter SAF Meeting.

Pennsylvania Division SAF 1997 Election Ballot **PA Division Members Only**

Report of the Nominating Committee
Roy A. Siefert, Chair

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Chair Elect (Vote for one)

A two-year position — assumes the Chair position in two years

_____ Robert W. Bauer (Plateau Chapter)

_____ John P. Berst (Keystone Chapter)

_____ Robb Piper, Jr. (Western Gateway)

Secretary/Treasurer

_____ Douglas D'Amore (Keystone Chapter)

Return completed ballot by November 15, 1997.
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"Media Relations" Highlights of Summer Meeting

By Dave McGill, Research Scientist, Westvaco Corporation

The Summer Meeting of the Allegheny Society of American Foresters titled "Media Relations for Foresters: We Know What We're Doing; Why Doesn't Anyone Else" was held August 13-15 at the Canaan Valley State Park, Tucker County, West Virginia. **Barbara Breshock**, (West Virginia Division Chair; West Virginia Division of Forestry) formally opened the meeting, greeting the 105 attendees and a special guest, **Dr. Seifi Modoffe**, from the Sokoine University of Agriculture's Department of Forest Biology in Tanzania.

The meeting began with an overview of the natural history of the Canaan Valley by **Dr. Ken Carvell** (Professor of Silviculture, WVU Retired). Early access by explorers was difficult as thickets of rhododendron guarded the entrance to the valley, but trails were eventually established opening the valley to settlers and industry. In the early part of the 1900s, Babcock Lumber Company cut one billion board feet from mountains that surround the valley. While the cut fed a growing country on the eastern seaboard, it reduced the productivity of the higher elevation spruce forests as the exposed 4-5 foot deep organic soils eroded to bedrock in many places.

Robert J. Bidinotto, noted freelance writer, gave his perspective on "Who's Really Communicating the Forestry Message?" He opened by suggesting that while foresters report objective and dispassionate findings, extreme environmental groups contest natural resource issues on moral grounds leading to impassioned and lively arguments. Natural resource management interests should offensively address the moral issues raised by environmentalists using examples and stories of damage to forest ecosystems due to "benign neglect."

In the meeting's first "Tips on Working with the Media" panel, Chris Lawrence (WAJR Radio News Reporter, Morgantown), John Smith (WDTV-5 News Director, Bridgeport), and Mariwyn Smith (Parsons Advocate Editor), gave pointers regarding ways to be effective in media relationships.

Bonnie Brown (WVU, P.I. Reed School of Journalism) made the point that there is a shift in communication when one goes from speaking to colleagues to speaking to the media. She suggests having up-to-date Fax, mailing, and E-mail lists and titles of all media contacts.

Dr. Ken Carvell, Dr. Ed Michael, and Bill Grafton led afternoon field trips to identify herbaceous plants as diagnostic indicators of site productivity, monitoring snapping turtle populations through trapping and tagging, and identification of wetland wild flower plant species indicators.

Matt Bennett (Vice President, Emmet Vaughn Lumber Company, Knoxville, TN) was the banquet speaker addressing "Current Issues on the Forestry Scene." He presented an overview of "The Wildlands Project", a private project aimed at preserving a large network of land in North America with core areas, buffer zones, and corridors connecting National Parks and Forests. These proposed buffers and corridors shown in the presentation were quite extensive and included large areas of private property—an alarming proposal to private property owners.

At the banquet, **Dr. Harry Wiant** presented a 50-year SAF membership plaque to **Tom Clark**. Tom has been a consulting forester for over 40-years and has worked for the Forest Service, been a State Delegate to the West Virginia Legislature, and is an SAF Fellow.

Speaking on the theme "Are the Media an Environmental Problem?", **Alston Chase** (nationally syndicated columnist, author of "Playing God in Yellowstone," and "In a Dark Woods") insists, "...the media have become the single biggest threat to Democracy and the environment. Ninety-eight percent of Americans say they get their information from 'the media'. However, the average American is not aware that these big environmental issues are hypotheses -- issues to be settled. Through reliance on government-furnished information,

the media have lost their identity as watchdogs of the politicians." Chase feels that industry is buying too much into the doublespeak of environmental groups and has not been effective in getting out their side of the story.

David Fish (Communications Director, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee) shared his inside perspectives on the media. His tip – "the forestry profession needs to talk to the media and "play the game because it will be played with or without you. It's easier to score if you're playing."

In the second "Tips on Working with the Media" panel, **Amy Silverman** (Charleston Daily Mail Editor), **Dan Page** (Communications Director for Governor Underwood), **Jack Bell** (Morgantown Dominion Post), and **Soc Clay** (Freelance Magazine Writer) reiterated some of the suggestions that had been set forth by previous speakers. Some of these recurring suggestions were: know the media, develop personal relationships with key reporters, and cooperate with the media (but never assume confidentiality and say "this is off the record").

Dr. Harry Wiant (Society of American Foresters National President) wrapped up the meeting, giving it a "AAA" rating. He sees the forestry profession at an important point where its survival and viability are in question. To promote the practice of forestry, Harry suggested that all State Foresters climb up into the tops of trees and proclaim that they will come down only when legislatures pass laws enabling the *management* of forests for their "health" and values.

Dr. Robert Shipman (Professor of Silviculture, Penn State, Retired), in a post-conference letter to **Dan Kincaid** (Program Chair), expressed his "thanks to all who helped make this meeting a milestone and a challenge for future ones." **Barbara Breshock**, **Dan Kincaid**, **Eldon Plaugher** (Meeting Chair) and all those who contributed, made the 1997 Allegheny Society Summer meeting an informative and rewarding event for all that attended. △

(6 Category I, CFE Credits have been assigned to the 1997 summer meeting)

Allegheny Society of American Foresters

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

February 12, 1997 Matamoras, PA

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the second-floor conference room of Grey Towers, Milford, PA. In attendance were: Tim Kaden, Mark Webb, Susan Lacy, Charles Barden, Jack Winieski, Roy Siefert, Doug D'Amore, Doug Ostergard, Howard Wurzbacher, Ken Jolly, Craig Kane, Harry Wiant, Mark Vodak, Merl Waltz, John Jastrzembki, Bill Banzhaf, Chris Nowak, Mike Lester, and Gary Sheridan.

Chair Tim Kaden asked for an update from the committee chairs. Bill Corlett and Ron Sheay are working on the updated Allegheny SAF history and need better record keeping of activities from chapters and divisions.

Tim called for additions or deletions to the agenda. The agenda was amended to include chapters and divisions comment on the SAF Annual Report.

Last years minutes were distributed and reviewed. No recommendations were made to amend the minutes. Susan Lacy read the Treasurer's report: 1996 Income, \$23,478.89; 1996 Expenses, \$18,468.40; Net Income, \$5,010.49; Certificate of Deposit, \$10,000.00; Endowment Savings Acct., \$4,293.40. Susan also made a recommendation to ensure that the books are audited each year and an audit should also occur prior to a change in Treasurers. Tim Kaden concurred.

Mentoring Program

Divisions and Chapters were asked to provide an update on activities to establish local mentoring.

- 1) Keystone Chapter – some students have been contacted. All students requesting a mentor have been assigned to a forester.
- 2) NJ Division – students have been contacted.
- 3) Western Gateway Chapter – Seven students have been matched with mentors.
- 4) Pinchot Chapter – no activity yet.
- 5) Valley Forge Chapter – some students contacted.
- 6) Plateau Chapter – sent letters to students contacted.
- 7) MD/DE Division – 45 students at Allegany Community College (Allegany College of Maryland) contacted. By March 31, students will be matched with mentors and summer activities planned.

Bill Banzhaf offered his experience with mentoring. Set guidelines for initial meeting between student and mentor, establish objectives and get to know each other.

John Jastrzembki suggested a status report to ensure program continuity and to document how well it is working. Mark Webb suggested having one person other than the chair to oversee mentoring. Tim Kaden volunteered.

Special Foresters Fund Grant – Dennis Ringling

Proposal for a forestry summer camp for teachers. Request is for \$100 from each chapter in Pennsylvania. This is a one-time event with a one-time contribution. Doug D'Amore and Roy Siefert motioned to table this issue until the PA Division Breakfast for further discussion; Mike Lester seconded the motion (passed).

Roy Siefert motioned to continue supporting the West Virginia University Forestry Club by purchasing an advertisement for \$150 in their yearbook; Jack Winieski seconded the motion (passed).

The assessment for the House of Society Delegates (HSD) will rise from \$.20 per member to \$.34 per member. This will affect the expenses of the Allegheny SAF; our assessment of \$240/year will increase to approximately \$420/year (+\$180/yr.).

Executive Director's Report

Three issues of *The Allegheny News* will be printed this year. In the past, four issues have been printed, but we are trying to save money for printing of the Allegheny Society 75th Anniversary History Update (*money for printing & mailing of the new history was petitioned for & approved from the Education Endowment Fund. Ed*).

Discussion followed on the Director's contract, expenses, and newsletter. Current contract expired on January 1, 1997.

Current expenses included:

New phone line for e-mail & web page	\$146
Estimated:	
Annual phone bill	638
1 st Class newsletter & other mailings	546
Travel	767
Supplies	700

The newsletters have been printed using a paper donation from International Paper Co. We have been soliciting donations from International, Westvaco, and Glatfelter; these generous donations are valued in the neighborhood of \$1,000 each – for four issues. It was noted that Westvaco is to be solicited next by Tim.

Some of the duties and accomplishments of the Executive Director include:

- 1) Acting as a clearinghouse for intervening in local harvesting ordinances in PA
- 2) Providing CFE Contact Hour Notices and Certified Forester Applications to members
- 3) Listing SAF in PA Conservation Directory for the first time

- 4) Committee work with this 1997 Winter meeting and the PA Registration/Licensing efforts
- 5) Coordinating video loans for Career Days
- 6) Coordinating & collecting information from National staff for members
- 7) Developed (son Mark did) a title web page for the Allegheny SAF (<http://www.paonline.com/ansaf>) and established e-mail (ansaf@paonline.com)

Harry Wiant suggested putting The Allegheny News on the web page. Doug Ostergard and others complimented Jack on the excellent quality of The Allegheny News.

Motion was made, seconded & passed to extend Jack's contract as Executive Director for another two years.

National News

Bill Banzhaf commented on the National SAF web site. It is up and running and hyperlinked to State Societies.

Harry Wiant commented on his concern about members getting enough scientific information. Also a need to review textbooks in use; he has noticed incorrect information about forestry in print.

Other Business

Doug Ostergard volunteered to be the new Program chair, replacing Steve Jones.

Roy Siefert motioned to support the Student Bowl winner with \$500 to assist in attending the National SAF Convention in Memphis. Doug D'Amore seconded. Motion passed.

Ken Jolly volunteered to assist Bob Shipman on the Awards Committee.

Status of the 1997 Winter Meeting – 211 participants, including pre-registration and walk-ins. A press conference for local television is scheduled for 3:15 p.m. on Thursday to highlight the 75th Anniversary of the Allegheny SAF.

The West Virginia Division will be hosting the Allegheny Summer meeting at Canaan Valley State Park, August 13-15, 1997.

The Valley Forge Chapter will be hosting the 1998 summer meeting, August 17-18, at the Holiday Inn, King of Prussia, PA.

The Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 9:05p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan Lacy, Secretary/Treasurer

Business Meeting Minutes Allegheny SAF

February 13, 1997

Chair Tim Kaden opened the business meeting with a call for a reading of the Treasurer's Report. Secretary/Treasurer Susan Lacy reported that during 1996, the Allegheny Society had \$23,478.89 in income and \$18,468.40 in expenses. The net income was \$5,010.49. In addition, the Endowment fund has a total of \$14,293.40.

John Heissenbittel was introduced as the new District VII Representative to National Council. John emphasized three areas that will be issues for SAF in the coming year:

- 1) Follow-up to the Seventh American Forestry Congress
- 2) Operating in the Global Economy
- 3) Communications

The Executive Committee endorsed supporting Student Bowl participation at the National Convention in Memphis, Tennessee.

Harry Wiant, National President of SAF, offered some thoughts on needed actions within SAF:

1. There is a need to get more forest science to foresters on the ground. Regional SAF journals of applied forestry are good vehicles but currently they are not sent to all members. Can we find another way to make this information available?

2. Establish a Textbook Committee to review and recommend textbooks for students at all levels. Too often students are receiving incorrect information about forestry and natural resources.

3. Create an independent Media Center for Forestry.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Lacy, Secretary Treasurer

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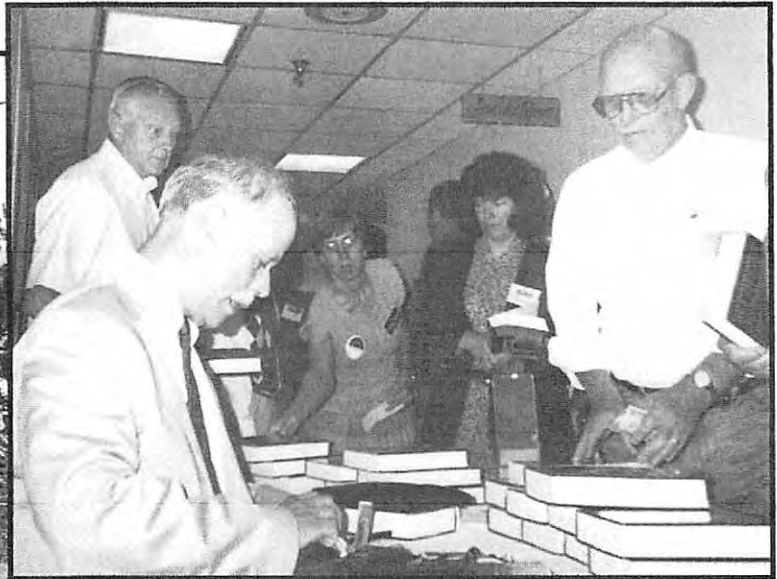
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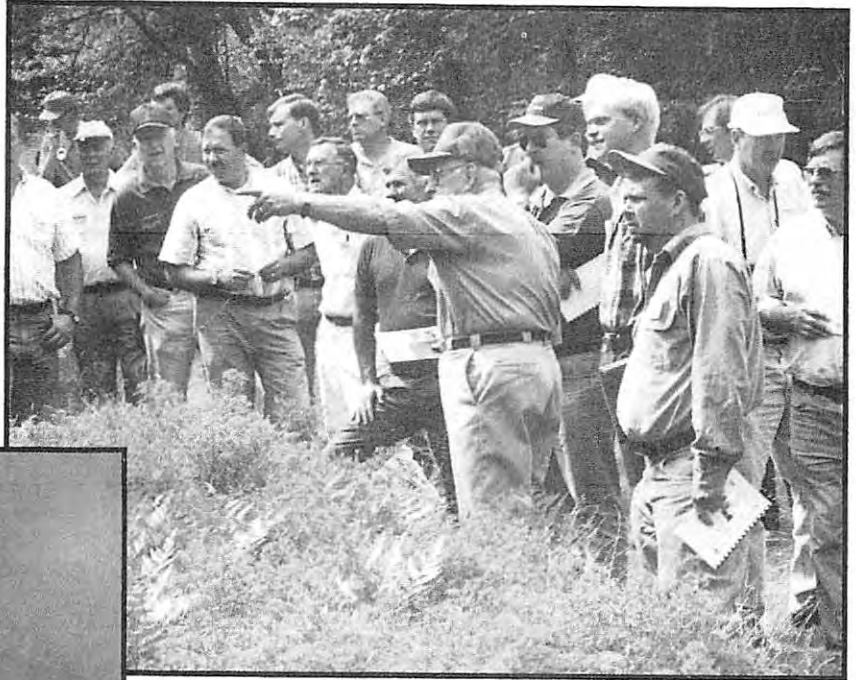
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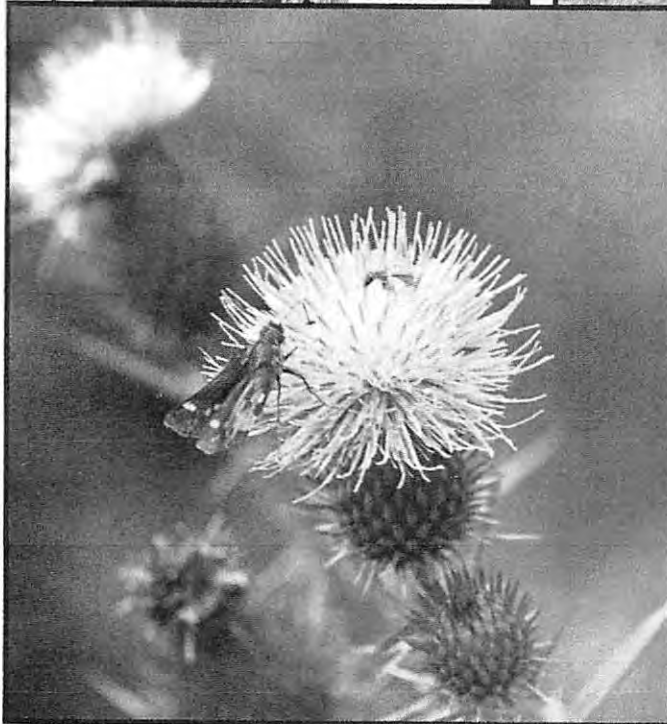
Alston Chase autographs "In a Dark Wood" for Al Knox and others



Tom Clark, recipient of 50-year SAF member certificate



"These herbaceous plants are trying to tell us something" says Dr. Kenneth L. Carvell



Help a Colleague . . . and Help Yourself

Many of us find it difficult to approach a colleague and ask him or her to join the Society of American Foresters. In our daily contacts, we meet individuals working in the profession who we are proud to be associated with, and yet for some reason are not members of SAF. Perhaps they have even expressed an interest in joining or renewing membership at some future date, but fail to ever "get around to it."

Well, there is an easy way for all of us to help in recruiting these valuable professionals. Over the years the "Help a Colleague... and Help Yourself" cards have been quite effective in member recruiting efforts. The national office will make contact with suggested members with no revelation as to what prompted an invitation to join. In the absence of a card, send the following information about your suggestion to: SAF at 5400 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814, FAX it to (301) 897-8720 or e-mail it to mckernoc@safnet.org

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Pennsylvania Forestry Camp - A 21st Century Initiative

By Dr. Dennis F. Ringling, Prof. Of Forest Technology, PA College of Technology, Williamsport, PA

The impetus for this article comes from Dr. Gordon's presentation of "21st Century Forestry: Let's Get on With It" which was delivered at the 75th winter meeting of the Allegheny Society of American Foresters (SAF) on February 13, 1997 at Matamoras, PA.

Dr. Gordon stresses that we foresters, and the profession, need to constructively engage a broader range of the public. Concurrent with his presentation I was developing a proposal to engage one such public. What follows is a summary of that proposal.

It is my intent to offer in the Summer of 1999, a forestry camp at the Pennsylvania College of Technology for primary and secondary science teachers. The purpose of this forestry camp will be to promote not only general environmental awareness, but more specifically to expose the teachers to forest land management principles through active involvement. Teachers will be required to document how such knowledge and activity will find its way into their curriculum. With the help of local SAF members, teachers will be requested to inservice additional teachers within their respective school districts based on their newly acquired awareness.

Each SAF Chapter of the Pennsylvania Division of the Allegheny SAF will sponsor two to three teachers who will be housed and fed at Penn

College. Between the hours of 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., they will receive intensive and structured, hands-on activities in: dendrology, botany, surveying, mensuration, silviculture, harvesting, recreation, primary and secondary processing and wildlife. All activity will be related to an over-all forest land management theme.

It is anticipated that SAF Chapter members, by serving as guest speakers, on-site school visitors, assisting with local in-servicing of additional teachers, etc., will become more involved in their communities.

At least two field trips will be scheduled utilizing the local wood industries and businesses, stressing the economic aspect of forest resources. Several evenings during the week the teachers will participate in discussion seminars, stressing some of the complexities of issues involved in forest land management. Penn College forestry faculty and Advisory Committee members will serve as instructors and coordinators during the week; SAF Chapter Chairs and their constituents are invited to get involved during the week.

All Pennsylvania SAF Chapter Chairs and members will be involved in the recruitment and screening of the teacher participants, developing their own criteria for the selection process. An incentive for teachers to attend the forestry camp, besides the

opportunity to broaden their natural resources knowledge, will be the receipt of three PA Department of Education inservice credits.

The media resources of Penn College will insure publicity for the College, SAF, and the teacher's school districts. Potential benefits of this and similar camps are numerous, and educational institutions are not the only potential host site to "house" a camp (state and private parks, environmental centers, etc.).

It is my intent to submit a proposal for the Pennsylvania SAF Foresters' Fund Special Grant allocation for \$5,000 to match some of the overall costs of this 1999 forestry camp. I ask the members of PA SAF to think seriously of becoming involved in this opportunity to engage this segment of the public. Begin to think about a system of selecting teachers from your locale, offering your unique knowledge for the instruction and activities to be presented, and think about sources of matching funds from local sponsors of teachers. Please put this item on the agenda of your next chapter meeting and appoint a contact person to relay concerns, issues and comments. △

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SAF Continuing Forestry Education Contact Hour Credits

March 21, 1997 1.0 Category I	"Socio-psychological Attitudes of NIPFs in Germany and Pennsylvania" PA Division SAF Keystone Chapter, Mechanicsburg, PA.
August 13-15, 1997 6.0 Category I	"Media Relations for Foresters: We Know What We're Doing, Why Doesn't Anyone Else?" Allegheny Summer Meeting, Canaan Valley, WV.
August 28, 1997 2.0 Category I	"Scrub Oak Management for Wildlife" Tuscarora State Forest, New Germantown, PA.
October 14, 1997 1.0 Category I	"Forest Fragmentation & Corridors: Regional Landscape Considerations" Benjamin A. Roach Forestry Forum, Kane, PA. △

Francis (Frank) Kennedy, well-known active member of SAF and former Pennsylvania District Forester in the Bureau of Forestry at Williamsport, is temporarily recuperating from recent surgery. I'm sure a card or note would be appreciated from those of us who worked with and appreciated his many contributions to the profession, the Society and the resource.

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A Lesson for Life

The following was taken from the internet, dated 8/4/97, from a sender to many e-mail addresses ending in .edu>. Supposedly it was the author Kurt Vonnegut's commencement address at MIT!???

Ladies and gentlemen of the class of '97:

Wear sunscreen.

If I could offer you only one tip for the future, sunscreen would be it. The long-term benefits of sunscreen have been proven by scientists, whereas the rest of my advice has no basis more reliable than my own meandering experience. I will dispense this advice now.

Enjoy the power and beauty of your youth. Oh, never mind. You will not understand the power and beauty of your youth until they've faded. But trust me, in 20 years, you'll look back at photos of yourself and recall in a way you can't grasp now how much possibility lay before you and how fabulous you really looked. You are not as fat as you imagine.

Don't worry about the future. Or worry, but know that worrying is as effective as trying to solve an algebra equation by chewing bubble gum. The real troubles in your life are apt to be things that never crossed your worried mind, the kind that blindsides you at 4:00 p.m. on some idle Tuesday.

Do one thing every day that scares you.

Sing.

Don't be reckless with other people's hearts. Don't put up with people who are reckless with yours.

Floss.

Don't waste your time on jealousy. Sometimes you're ahead, sometimes you're behind. The race is long and, in the end, it's only with yourself.

Remember compliments you receive. Forget the insults. If you succeed in doing this, tell me how.

Keep your old love letters. Throw away your old bank statements.

Stretch.

Don't feel guilty if you don't know what you want to do with your life. The most interesting people I know didn't know at 22 what they wanted to do with their lives. Some of the most interesting 40-year-olds I know still don't.

Get plenty of calcium. Be kind to your knees. You'll miss them when they're gone.

Maybe you'll marry, maybe you won't. Maybe you'll have children, maybe you won't. Maybe you'll divorce at 40, maybe you'll dance the funky chicken on your 75th wedding anniversary. Whatever you do, don't congratulate yourself too much, or berate yourself either. Your choices are half chance. So are everybody else's.

Enjoy your body. Use it every way you can. Don't be afraid of it or of what other people think of it. It's the greatest instrument you'll ever own.

Dance, even if you have nowhere to do it but in your living room.

Read the directions, even if you don't follow them.

Do not read beauty magazines. They'll only make you feel ugly.

Get to know your parents. You never know when they'll be gone for good. Be nice to your siblings. They're your best link to your past and the people most likely to stick with you in the future.

Understand that friends come and go, but with a precious few you should hold on. Work hard to bridge the gaps in geography and lifestyle, because the older you get, the more you need the people who knew you when you were young.

Live in New York City once, but leave before it makes you hard. Live in Northern California once, but leave before it makes you soft.

Travel.

Accept certain inalienable truths: Prices will rise. Politicians will philander. You too, will grow old. And when you do, you'll fantasize that when you were young, prices were reasonable, politicians were noble, and children respected their elders.

Respect your elders.

Don't expect anyone else to support you. Maybe you have a trust fund. Maybe you'll have a wealthy spouse. But you never know when either one might run out.

Don't mess too much with your hair or by the time you're 40, it will look 85.

Be careful whose advice you buy, but be patient with those who supply it. Advice is a form of nostalgia. Dispensing it is a way of fishing the past from the disposal, wiping it off, painting over the ugly parts and recycling it for more than it's worth.

But trust me on the sunscreen! △

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- 14 **Ben Roach Forum "Forest Fragmentation & Corridors: Regional Landscape Considerations,"** Kane Country Club, 6:00 p.m. Advance registration \$14, Steve Wingate (814) 776-6172.

November

- 6-7 "National Disaster Planning, Preparing, Responding, & Regreening Within the Rural, Community, and Urban Forests", Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference, Sheraton Fontainebleau Hotel, Ocean City, MD. Katie Kause, (410) 543-6745 (5 SAF CFE credits; 8.5 International Soc. of Arboriculture CE credits).

December

- 15 **Deadline for articles and photos for Winter 1998 issue of *The Allegheny News*.**

February 1988

- 11-13 **Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting, "Ride the Wave... The Changing Tides of Forestry."** Tropicana Hotel & Casino, Atlantic City, NJ. Learn the trends for technology, utilization, legislation and resources. Contact John Benton (908) 928-0029.

March

- 15 **Deadline for articles and photos for Spring 1998 issue of *The Allegheny News*.**

May

- 6-16 **Study Tour to Norway & Sweden.** Contact Dick Reid at (941) 488-2467 or e-mail: rreid6651@aol.com

June

- 15 **Deadline for articles and photos for Summer 1998 issue of *The Allegheny News*.**

August

- 17-18 **Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting, Holiday Inn, King of Prussia, PA "Forestry on the Edge: The Urban/Rural Interface."** Topics include: Water, Weeds, Wildlife, Land Use" sponsored by Valley Forge Chapter... mark your calendar

September

- 15 **Deadline for articles and photos for Fall 1998 issue of *The Allegheny News*.**
- 19-23 **National SAF Convention, Traverse City, Michigan**

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