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Dr. Bob Shipman satisfies part of his "Mission Possible" commitment on Arbor Day, April 24, 1992 (see page 3).



## Silviculture Revisited!

Have you noticed the disappearance of articles in our SAF and Forest Service publications demonstrating the positive results of clearcutting? It appears that such research is not politically correct today, and unfortunately forest scientists must be cognizant of political realities. Perhaps the problem could be resolved if we revisited our terminology. My suggestion for common reproduction methods follow.

### THE "LET'S-BE-HONEST" METHOD

With this method, all trees are removed from the site. Not very pretty, you say. Well, you should see how Mother Nature does it with devastating fires, terrible storms, or floods. (Face it, as a new-born baby you weren't much to look at, but look at you now!) This method produced most of the productive pine forests, and many other species that have furnished our timber needs since settlement. It encourages sun-loving, fast growing species.

### THE "PLEASE-DON'T-REMIND-ME" METHOD

Here we take all the trees except for a few, theoretically to furnish seed, but often to meet the requirements of some ill-conceived state law. With many species there is no real need to leave seed trees. I suspect they serve mainly to remind non-foresters of the size of the trees that were harvested, making them even more antagonistic toward our profession.

### THE "AM-I-LOSING-MY-MEMORY" METHOD

This one is real sneaky. We slip in one night and take about half the trees, hoping you won't notice. After regeneration is established and we have a stand of young trees, we hurriedly remove the rest. When you come by on your next outing, you'll probably say, "I would have sworn there were big old trees here."

### THE "LET'S-PRETEND" METHOD

With this one we pretend we are starting with an uneven-aged stand (which is almost never the case), that we want to reproduce with slow-growing, tolerant species (a rare occurrence), and that we have the expertise and money to collect the field data and keep the records necessary to do all this (don't we wish?). Again, we assume you won't see us grab a tree every now and then.

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## Members and Views

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If a change in terminology won't help, maybe we should just keep insisting that we use the system that is best from an ecological and economic standpoint. We may be forced to utilize less desirable alternatives, but when a roll of toilet paper cost \$20 a roll, we can always say, "I told you so!" ♠

*Harry V. Wiant, Jr., Chairman  
Allegheny Society of American Foresters*

### New Jersey Tree Farm Day -- Wet & Soggy!

*by Ron Sheay*



*Foul-weather officers of the NJ Tree Farm Committee, 1992:  
(l to r) Ron Detrick, Secretary; Doug Tavella, Vice-Chair; Mark  
Vodak, Chair; Dick Goodenough, Treasurer.*

The 50-acre Housedorf Tree Farm was the site for the annual N.J. Tree Farm Day sponsored by the N.J. Tree Farm Committee. One hundred thirteen registered land owners braved the wet weather with **Duke Grimes** leading the group through a review of 30 years of numerous TSI operations and three harvest cuts.

After a semi-dry lunch, the group braved the rain again to watch a portable band sawmill demonstrated by **Chris Lutz** of Stockton. **Greg McLaughlan**, Rutgers Extension Service, showed landowners how to earn extra income by growing shitake mushrooms on firewood size oak bolts.

Chairman **Mark Vodak** of the N.J. Tree Farm Committee called the annual meeting to order and a Tree Farm certificate and sign was awarded to New Jersey's newest member, **Greg Daly**, with **Dennis Galway** his consulting forester looking on. **Ron Sheay** was awarded a certificate of appreciation from the American Forest Council (National sponsor of the Tree Farm Program) for his work as chairman of the Tree Farm Committee in 1990-91. ♠

### PA Bureau of Forestry Promotes

Following "early-out window" retirements in the PA D.E.R. Bureau of Forestry in late 1991, several promotional appointments have been made at the managerial level. **Anthony Cardwell**, **Gabriel DePietro**, **Joseph Fiedor**, **Gary Grecco**, and **Amy Griffith** have advanced to District Forester line positions. In the Harrisburg office, **Warren Ely**, **Art Creelman** and **Dick Croop** have been appointed Division Chiefs of Forest Management, Forest Fire Protection and Forest Advisory Services, respectively, while **Dave Gregg** was promoted to Section Chief of Stewardship and Education in the Division of Forest Advisory Services. ♠

### Dr. Paul Kersavage Retires

At the spring meeting of the Keystone Kiln Drying Association (KKDA) in Carlisle, PA, a special presentation and recognition plaque was given by Gregory Lutter, President, KKDA, to Dr. Paul Kersavage, following the announcement of his retirement from the position of Executive Director of the Association. Dr. Kersavage has been active in the KKDA for over 20 years and played a major role in the formulation and growth of the Association. He plans to remain an active member of the Association and will continue to provide assistance in areas of his expertise.

The KKDA is currently supported by over 100 companies with some 400 individual members from Pennsylvania and a portion of New York. The primary objective of KKDA is to encourage and promote more efficient air and kiln drying practices to decrease waste and more fully utilize our natural timber resources. ♠

### Supervisor Leaving Allegheny National Forest

Forest Supervisor **Dave Wright** will be transferring from the Allegheny National Forest in Warren, PA to the Idaho Panhandle National Forests headquartered at Coeur d'Alene, ID. No successor has been named.

Wright has supervised the Allegheny since August 1987. During that time he received one Department of Agriculture Superior Service Award (SSA) for innovative management of mineral operating procedures, and a second SSA Award for developing an outstanding cooperative prison work program between the Allegheny Forest and the Federal Bureau of Prisons (he served on the FCI-McKean Prison Advisory Board). ♠



## NJ Forestry Association Elects

by Ron Sheay

**Tom Bullock**, attorney, was recently elected a Director of the New Jersey Forestry Association for a three year term. Since 1972 he has been an active partner in Lenape Farms, Inc., a 4500 acre wooded tract in Atlantic County. Lenape Farms has been under professional management for over 32 years and has been certified in the New Jersey Tree Farm program since 1963 — an excellent example of the compatibility of forestry practices and wildlife management.

Mr. Bullock deals with environmental law in practice, having drafted a number of municipal land use ordinances in the pinelands area and has served clients in farmland tax appeals pertaining to woodlands. He has been a member of SAF since 1987. ♠

## Westvaco a "National Tree Bank" Partner

Westvaco Corporation, which has an extensive forestry program in West Virginia, is part of the National Tree Trust effort to plant trees in urban areas and along American highways. Westvaco will grow about 30,000 hardwood trees for the campaign.

The National Tree Trust is a non-profit environmental organization designated by President George Bush to be a catalyst in the growing, planting, and maintenance of trees in urban areas and along the nation's highways through the use of volunteer groups.

In addition to Westvaco, other forest products companies participating include, Champion International, Georgia-Pacific, International Paper, Louisiana-Pacific, Mead, Mill Creek Farm Potlatch, Simpson Timber, Temple-Inland, and Weyerhaeuser. These companies have committed to provide approximately one million hardwood seedlings of varying species in 1992 and 1993.

The seedlings, along with pots and soil, will be granted by the Trust to organizations who will pot and care for them until the trees are planted in their communities. ♠

## Arbor Day Acorns to Oaks!

As part of his "Mission Possible" commitment, **Dr. Bob Shipman**, emeritus professor at Penn State presented an Arbor Day program to 200 first- and second-grade elementary students in State College, PA. He showed the students some germinating acorns and made the connection between them and the tall red oak on their Radio Park Elementary School grounds. He also demonstrated how to plant the seedling that each student took home, compliments of Giant Food Stores.

**Alan Sam**, State College Arborist, arranged this Arbor Day program. **Ralph Heilig**, PA Bureau District Forester presented to State College Mayor **Arnold Addison** a "Tree City U.S.A." flag, recognizing the Borough's tree planting and care of street and park trees for the eighth year in a row. The National Arbor Day Foundation, the U.S. Forest Service, and the National Association of State Foresters sponsor "Tree City U.S.A."

The students ran to their classrooms as a brief squall interrupted the planting of a 20' red oak tree, donated by Narber Brothers Agway. They watched from inside, as two workers and a giant tree spade finished the job. (A Mission Possible contact with the community by three Allegheny SAF members!) ♠

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## Valley Forge Chapter Donates \$\$

The recent winter meeting of the Allegheny Society SAF was a success in many ways. Membership was attracted, a sound program presented, and — a tribute to the host members involved — it was a financial success. The \$500 raised through the major raffle at Lancaster was donated by the **Valley Forge Chapter** to support the Allegheny Society's new Executive Secretary's position. The National Foresters' Fund also received a donation and the local Chapter treasury was fattened.

In the initial financial planning for the Executive Secretary's position, the Executive Committee budgeted the major income-producing activity at the Winter meeting to be applied to help finance the new position. The Foresters' Fund has committed to contribute \$1500 in each of the first two years to support the position, while the rest of the annual expenses come from the general budget. ♠

## Rothrock Chapter Field Trip/Meeting

Fifty-one members, Penn State University students, and an area "Tree Farm" couple joined in a combination field trip, business meeting, and steak fry May 28 at Penn State University's Stone Valley Experimental Forest near State College, PA. Almost 7000 acres in size, the experimental forest is operated as a self-supporting auxiliary enterprise and managed by faculty and staff in the School of Forest Resources. Host **Joe Harding**, Forest Supervisor, conducted the field tour, Chapter Chair **Ellen Manno** the meeting, and everyone cooked their own steak (no complaints)!

The tour included stops at clearcuts with plantings of red oak and larch with and without tree shelters; a shelterwood cut with six-wire electric deer fencing about to be installed with a "Spin Jenney" for deer protection; 60-year old deteriorating conifer plantations, and vistas with erected informational signs about the management activities for the visiting public.

**Dr. Margaret Brittingham**, assistant professor or wildlife resources at Penn State, introduced the group to a new woodcock management, demonstration, and trail area. The self-guided trail includes nine stopping points with signs and descriptions about woodcock and their habitat requirements.

Highlight of the Rothrock business meeting was the motion passed accepting the 1994 Allegheny Society Winter Meeting for State College, PA! Other business included financial discussions to sponsor *Journal of Forestry* subscriptions to local libraries, and Chapter representation at the local Conservation District. Members voted unanimously to help with an International Forest

Inventory Conference to be held in State College in June 1993. Member **Steve Fairweather** is chairing the conference.

Visiting Executive Director **Jack Wineski** reviewed both the "Mission Possible" and "20,003 in '93" National programs and provided postcards and membership applications respectively. He also relayed information that the 1995 National SAF Convention would be in Bangor, ME, October 28 through November 1.

**Harold Mitzel and Jane Madsen**, 1992 PA Tree Farm of the Year area finalists, joined in the Chapter activities. Active tree farmers, they have hosted field trips on their Tree Farm in Center County for groups from kindergarten through college, and have arranged for the permanent transfer of their farm to Penn State University for forest experimentation and education. Jane is also a Pennsylvania Project Learning Tree facilitator!

Good food, continuing education, capped with sunny spring weather and good fellowship! ♠

**John Michel**, retired employee of Maryland Forest and Park Service, died June 22, 1992.

## Carl Sagan to Keynote 1992 National Convention

Astronomer **Dr. Carl Sagan** will deliver the keynote address at the SAF National Convention in Richmond, Virginia, October 26, 1992. He will speak about the future of forests, foresters, and forestry on a changing planet.

Dr. Sagan played a leading role in the Mariner, Viking and Voyager expeditions to the planets, for which he received the NASA Medal for Exceptional Scientific Achievement. He is the David Duncan Professor of Astronomy and Space Sciences and Director of the Laboratory for Planetary Studies at Cornell University.

In addition to his recognition as an accomplished scientist, Dr. Sagan has translated science into an understandable form for the public at large. He is author, co-author, or editor of over twenty books, and produced the Emmy and Peabody Award winning television series "Cosmos", which became the most widely watched series in the history of American public television. ♠

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Initiated in 1980 by the Deer and Forest Management Committee of the Plateau and Northern Hardwood Chapters of the Allegheny SAF, this major study has attempted to determine what level of deer density was compatible with successful natural regeneration of hardwood forests. The study controlled known deer densities inside 16 fenced enclosures in four different locations.

The meeting will take place in Warren, PA, heart of northwestern Pennsylvania's beautiful Kinzua country. Research reports will be presented at the Holiday Inn Wednesday beginning at 1:00pm: the all day field trip Thursday will take us to plots on the Allegheny National Forest and PA State Gamelands #30.

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## N.J. Woodlands... Part of Municipal Planning?

by Ronald J. Sheay

New Jersey is called the "Garden State" and its forest resources make up a good part of the "garden" and open space. In fact, 42% of the state is classified as forest land by the U.S. Forest Service survey, Forest Statistics for NJ-1987. Since the first survey in 1956 however, New Jersey has lost a quarter million acres of woodland to other uses (12% in 30 years).

In the present recession there is a lull in the building industry, allowing a reprieve from the unprecedented growth New Jersey has recently experienced, but this will reverse with the economy in due time. For the most part, local governments and the State have comprehensive plans, zoning, and sub-division ordinances to direct development of the land in their jurisdiction.

Interpretations of existing ordinances by newly elected and appointed officials and the update or initiation of new ordinances related to development and woodland sites, however, often leads to the demise of woodland acreage - mainly because of a lack of understanding of values. The most significant influence on the land use patterns, negative or positive, is at local levels, where pressures for expansion is always the greatest.

Examples of the misunderstanding of the value of

woodland, both for their commodity products (wood and fiber production) and non-commodity products (recreation, wildlife, aesthetics, etc.) are evident in many existing priority scales and ordinances. For example, some State planning recommendations have indicated saving prime agricultural farmlands by directing development into adjacent woodlands: which in effect results in nuisance ordinances which restricts the agricultural operations! In one municipal zoning ordinance, "timbering, lumber and tree farming" were prohibited while other agricultural uses were allowed (fortunately, this ordinance was struck down by the courts). The concept of forest products, their production, and harvest is not likened to that of corn and cantaloupe by the average citizen or public official.

The NJ Bureau of Forest Management, NJ Forestry Association and the NJ Tree Farm Committee, with seed money from the U.S. Forest Service, have initiated a project to acquaint municipal planning officials and commissioners with the many contributions woodlands offer to local economies and "quality of life." Four counties, Burlington, Cumberland, Hunterdon, and Warren, have been selected for the initial effort to show



these benefits with visits to examples of: watershed protection, wildlife habitats, wetlands, recreation and hiking trails, windbreak and buffer plantings, and of course, forest product harvests and secondary product manufacture.

With knowledgeable leaders, Tree Farm visits with demonstration projects will be primary sites for these educational field trips. There isn't a better classroom learning experience than hiking through a privately owned, tax paying woodlot to see how proper forest management activities contribute to increased forest values for all.

The first project Tree Farm visit will be this month, with all costs covered by the Forest Service underwriting with supplemental volunteer assistance from members of the three sponsoring groups. Local governmental officials have been alerted to this opportunity and invited to join one of several scheduled social/educational forays into the woods. ♠

## You Were Afraid to Ask...

### Challenge your leaders with your questions

**How does SAF policy get established at the national, state and chapter levels?**

Forest policies are always arrived at through membership referenda and are principles against which issues and positions are measured.

National, State and Chapter level position-taking procedures are similar: issue identification, study, discussion, drafting, acceptance (reports) and adoption (positions). Council-identified issues are assigned to task forces, national committees or other SAF units for study. Following internal review, then acceptance by Council, a report may be published and utilized to prepare a position statement. If subsequently adopted by Council, the position statement lasts for three years.

The same process applies to State Societies and Chapters, but their positions must be reviewed by National prior to adoption to ensure consistency with existing positions, form and style. Generally, Council deals with national issues, State with regional or state issues and Chapters with local ones.

Emergency, or one-year positions, are adopted by the Council, its Executive Committee or a minimum of two national officers. For states and Chapters, a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee is required.

The position-taking process (Bylaws II-D) encourages units to express themselves while exercising care and professionalism.

*Lawrence W. Hill*

*Director of Resource Policy, SAF*

Have a question concerning the SAF? Contact the Executive Director, Jack Wineski, P.O. Box 699, Dillsburg, PA 17019-0699, (717) 432-3646.

## The Female Asian Gypsy Moth Flies!

by Jack Wineski

Kurt Gottschalk's Committee report in the Spring *Allegheny News* introduced us to the Asian strain of the Gypsy Moth (AGM) which has been introduced to western U.S. and Canada. Unlike the European strain, the female AGM is reported to be able to fly 20 miles or more, and has a broader appetite which includes some conifers. Combine this with our west to east movement of weather systems and the AGM has potential for rapid spread and impact on natural ecosystems, not to mention the possible introduction of flight to the European strain through hybridization.

AGM preferentially feeds on larch in Siberia, eastern Asia/China and Japan. If larch and other western conifers prove to be susceptible hosts, there is an almost unbroken food source from the West Coast to the Great Plains.

Control and the cost of control of AGM poses many challenges to forest managers and researchers. The Forest Service has assigned the NE forest Experiment Station lead responsibility for research on this insect, in cooperation with the Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). ♠

*Note: Most text extracted from 2/14/92 paper prepared by U.S. Forest Service State & Private Forest Pest Management Washington, DC and Portland, OR in consultation with USDA APHIS, Hyattsville, MD.*

## More Moth

by Alan Sior

Much of the current method of ballooning gypsy moth spray blocks for aerial spraying dates back to the early 1970's. In 1992, the Division of Pest Management in the PA Bureau of Forestry tested the use of "real time" aerial photographs to further assist pilots in identifying and confirming spray blocks.

"Real time" aerial photographs of spray blocks are taken in advance of spraying with a 35mm camera at about 2000'. They show new houses, current roads, recent clearcuts, billboards, and many other features which can help the pilot confirm, "I'm in the spray block."

Spray aircraft on the gypsy moth suppression projects in PA are now required to have a Loran receiver to assist in navigation. Once in the block area, however, many of the topo maps and aerial photos used for identification are out of date. This is where the "real time" photos help the pilot better orient himself for spraying.

If successful, this program modification will eliminate the heavy reliance on ballooning manpower and increase accuracy of spray applications. Certain blocks may still need to be ballooned because of on-the-ground features (or for certain pilots!). If all goes well, a report on this study will be in the October issue of *Allegheny News*. ♠

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## Penn State Forms Student SAF Chapter

At the April meeting of the Penn State Forestry Society (PSFS), the membership voted to become a student chapter of the Allegheny Society of American Foresters. **Steve Jones**, Faculty Advisor, is working with Student President **Mark G. Rickenbach** and the By-law Committee to complete the transition by the upcoming Fall semester.

This will be the eighth SAF chapter in Pennsylvania, and a welcome addition. Anyone present at the recent "Student Quiz Bowl" competition knows what an inspiration these and other students are to many of the long-term SAF members. Welcome new blood! ♠

## A Student's View

### Foresters Must Tell Their Story

by *Daniel B. Hedderick*,  
Penn State University  
Student of Forestry

Educating the public and improving Foresters' reputations as good resource managers is one of the many challenges to Foresters in the 1990's.

At Stone Valley Experimental Forest managed by Pennsylvania State University, School of Forest Resources, a good example of educating the public has been established by the Forest Supervisor **Joe Harding**. Along the roads and trails throughout the forest, there have been informational signs established to explain the different management practices within the forest. This has been done with the hope of providing the public with a source of information to educate them on forest management.

During a recent tour of the Stone Valley Experimental Forest at the SAF Rothrock Chapter Meeting on May 28, 1992, Mr. Harding stated, "We want the public to see what is taking place and to explain the management practices in terms they can understand."

With the increase in information to the general public and a good opportunity for Foresters to tell their story, I believe that this is an important step in raising the reputation of Foresters as good resource managers and educators. It will be important for Foresters and other resource managers to work together to continue educating the public. ♠



## PLT, Grey Towers & The Bronx!

by Diane Boucher-Appel

The Pinchot family lived and worked out of New York, but would have been surprised Saturday, May 2, 1992, to have 35 drop-in visitors from New York's Bronx at their home in Milford, PA. On this occasion however, these elementary school teachers were expected by the hosts at Grey Towers National Historic Landmark.

They were there for a six-hour **Project Learning Tree (PLT)** Workshop conducted by facilitators **Diane Boucher-Appel**, Interpretive Assistant for Conservation Education at the Towers; **Karen Matthews**, National Park Service Interpreter; **Robert Hobbes, Jr.**, Forester for Proctor & Gamble Paper Products Co.; and **Jack Winieski**, retired forester of the PA Bureau of Forestry and former co-coordinator of PA PLT. Additional support was provided by **Kimo Kimokeo**, U.S.F.S. Interpretive Specialist at the Towers and **Student Conservation Association** volunteer **Clare Brewster** of Leeds, England.

Except for a few 'gnats,' the weather and the grounds around the Towers provided a perfect springtime atmosphere fit for "The Tree Factory," "Birds & Worms," and several other outdoor activities.

This PLT workshop is one of several collaborative projects planned with the Bronx School District #11 in New York City and the USDA Forest Service Pinchot Institute for Conservation Studies at Grey Towers. **Miriam "Mikky" Weiss**, Director of Science and Technology at District #11, a strong supporter of PLT in the Bronx School District, planned and coordinated the District participation. ♠

## Ben Roach Forum -- The Urban Perspective



(l to r) SAF members Lou Auchmoody and Don Dorn with Dr. John Dwyer, Jr., speaker at the Ben Roach Forum in May.

"It's important that we don't stereotype and ignore urbanites," **Dr. John Dwyer Jr.** told the gathering at the Ben Roach Forum at the Kane Country Club on April 9, 1992. "They're not all dumb and emotional people who lack ties to the land. Urbanites are very interested in learning about the environment."

As Project Leader for the U.S. Forest Service North Central Forest Experiment Station, Dr. Dwyer lives and works within the city limits of Chicago, IL - giving him a unique perspective on the urbanite view of rural woodlands. Ninety-four SAF members and non-member guests representing government, industry, education, and the general public attended the forum in northwest PA.

Dr. Dwyer's message stressed the need for forest managers to recognize the diversity of our forest customers' perspectives and values in our planning and operations, just as we recognize the diversity in our ecosystems. "We need to develop strategies in partnership with our customers, owners and other stake holders." He emphasized educational efforts in place of confrontation.

The next Ben Roach Forum will be at the Kane County Club, October 15, 1992. Bill Tickner, formerly of Mead Paper, will examine "Industrial Forestry in the 21st Century." Contact Ned Karger, (814) 837-6941. ♠



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# National SAF Forester Certification Study

On May 15-16, 1992, the National SAF Certification Study Group met at Wild Acres to review the status of certification and accreditation in SAF. Members present were Victor Musselman (Portland, OR), Timothy French (Jefferson City, MO), Gail Vaillancourt (Rochester, NH), Charles Burkhardt (Mississippi State, MS), and Gregory Smith (SAF). William Banzhaf, SAF Executive Vice President, and Paul Brouha, Executive Vice President, American Fisheries Society (AFS), were also present for part of the meeting.

Staff liaison Smith provided a few comments on the past accomplishments of the 1984-86 Forester Certification Task Force: the 1985 SAF Council vote to endorse the proposed certification program, but to delay implementation; the current discussion with the SAF Educational Policies Committee on revisions to the accreditation program (and implications to a proposed national certification program); and the financial climate within SAF in relation to start up of a capital-intensive certification proposal.

Members presented general comments on the continued viability of establishing a national forester certification program, such as:

- Now, perhaps more than ever, certification is needed by the public, the profession, and as a service from SAF
- Leadership in certification needs to come from SAF and the profession, before it is forced upon us by outside legislation
- Certification is still needed within states where registration/licensing (R/L) exists (proposed program should complement existing state R/L programs)
- Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) needs to be strengthened, at national and local levels, whether or not certification is implemented (but especially with implementation)
- Legal liability, especially if requiring an examination, is a continuing concern of certification. Examination and certification procedures need to be reliable, valid, and fair

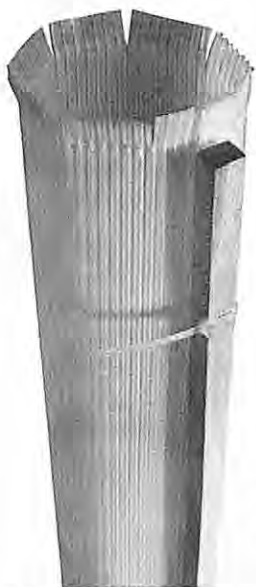
Paul Brouha was invited to describe the AFS Certification program. Approximately one quarter of their membership is certified (1,700 individuals). Federal/state employment opportunities may be influenced by an individual's certification, and Arkansas gives a 3% pay differential to AFS-certified individuals. AFS is also considering certification for subspecializations within fisheries, and is conducting a "Professional Initiative" among members to include awareness of the Society's continuing education and certification programs.

SAF Working Group members considered the results of a February 1992 forester certification survey (mailed to approximately 10% of SAF membership as well as to a number of SAF non-members), compared to those from the 1985 survey, and found little significant difference. Members agreed that the Study Group should recommend to the SAF Council at its Fall 1992 meeting that, based upon survey results and the current climate calling for increased attention to providing quality, professional forest resource management services:

1. SAF should institute a national forester certification program with eight suggested elements
2. SAF should provide overall administration of the program, but investigate regional assistance for such items as testing, grading, continuing education, and other essential program features
3. Council should establish a task force to fully investigate items #1 & #2, to provide a detailed financial analysis of start-up expenses and continued program financing and administration.

The Certification Study Group will pursue National Forester Certification based on SAF Council action this Fall. ♠

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## V.P. Banzhaf Testifies on "Biodiversity...Act of 1992"

On June 16, 1992, SAF Executive Vice President **William H. Banzhaf** presented testimony on H.R. 1969, "Forest Biodiversity and Clearcutting Prohibition Act of 1992" before the United States House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Forests, Family Farms, and Energy.



Banzhaf explained that clearcutting, when properly applied by forest management professionals, is an accepted and proven method of managing many of the nation's hardwood and softwood species. He also explained that clearcutting is the proper method, with science to back it up, for managing shade-intolerant species such as Douglas fir and black cherry, for improving forest health, for maintaining and improving biological diversity under some conditions, and for providing other forest benefits.

After discussing some of the more technical information pertaining to clearcutting, Banzhaf concluded, "There are two extreme positions about clearcutting that are not appropriate. One, that clearcutting always results in environmental devastation and ruin. The other that clearcutting can be practiced anywhere and any time. Between these two extremes we can find logic and reason in the use of this harvesting method." Δ

*Note: For a copy of the testimony call Sarah Zollman at (301) 897-8720.*

## SAF • PLT • SIS

Your *Allegheny News* editor, along with other SAF members and teachers from across the United States, presented Project Learning Tree (PLT) Teacher Workshops in Sweden, June 10-16, 1992.

PLT Forester/Teacher facilitator teams were hosted at six different geographical areas for two days of workshops and then joined the Swedish National Conference of "Skogen i Skolan" ("Forest in the Classroom") at Rattvik in Central Sweden. A full report on these two similar Environmental Education Programs will be covered in the next issue of *Allegheny News*.

Just a reminder... I need articles, news of meetings, local forestry related issues, changes of personnel and comments (and black and white glossy photos) from all five states in order to keep this communications network up and current. See you at the summer meeting!

Editor Jack Δ

## SAF Election this Fall

Members will have the opportunity to vote for one of two well qualified candidates for Vice President of SAF in October of 1992. **John W. Moser, Jr.**, Professor of Biometry at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana and **James B. Hull**, Associate Director (Deputy State Forester), Texas Forest Service at Texas A&M., College Station, TX will be on the ballot. Check the *Journal of Forestry* and ballot information for background to help you make your decision. Δ

## SAF and UNCED in Brazil

A lot of media coverage has been given to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in Brazil this June. SAF was there! We were granted accreditation from the U. N. as an official Non-Government Organization at the preparatory meeting (Prep Com) in New York, and were among other professional societies recognized as part of the U.S. delegation by the State Department.

SAF member **Howard Heiner** was designated an "Official Observer" to the U.S. delegation and represented SAF as well as the Wildlife Society, American Forestry Association, and the International Society of Tropical Foresters. Heiner is well known in international forestry circles and has been a member of SAF for 35 years. Δ

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### August

- 7-9 Timber '92, York Fairgrounds, York Pa., Hardwood Lumber Manufacturers Association (HLMA) of PA, contact HLMA in PA, 1-800-232-4562, or (717)236-8936
- 9-12 "Resource Management in a Dynamic World," The Soil & Water Conservation Society 47th Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, Bill Hahn (410) 666-1188 or Royden Powell (410) 758-2578
- 16-18 Ag Progress Days, Rock Springs, PA, Forest Stewardship Trail (woodlot management practices), (814) 865-2081
- 17-20 North American Forest Biology Workshop, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, David Deyoe (705) 945-6636 or Dennis Joyce (705)945-6720
- 27-30 The Coverts Project in MD, Forest wildlife education for landowners, Univ. of MD Extension, Jonathan Kays at (301) 791-2298.

### September

- 11-12 ESF Homecoming & Annual Alumni Reunions, Syracuse, NY, Classes of '47, '52, '57, '62, '67, '72, '77, '82, '87, SU vs Texas football, (315) 470-6632.
- 16-17 Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting, Holiday Inn, Warren, PA, Susan Stout (814) 563-7587.
- 19 FY-94 Informational and Hearing Meetings for Annual Work Plans for the Savage River (9 AM - Noon) and Potomac Garret State Forests (1-4 PM), Garret Community College, Eric Schwaab (301) 974-3771.

### October

- 15 Ben Roach Forum: "Industrial Forestry in the 21st Century," Kane, PA, Bill Tickner, retired, Mead Paper Co., advance registration required, Ned Karger (814) 837-6941.
- 25-28 Society of American Foresters National Meeting, Richmond, VA, Richard Reid (301) 897-8720.

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