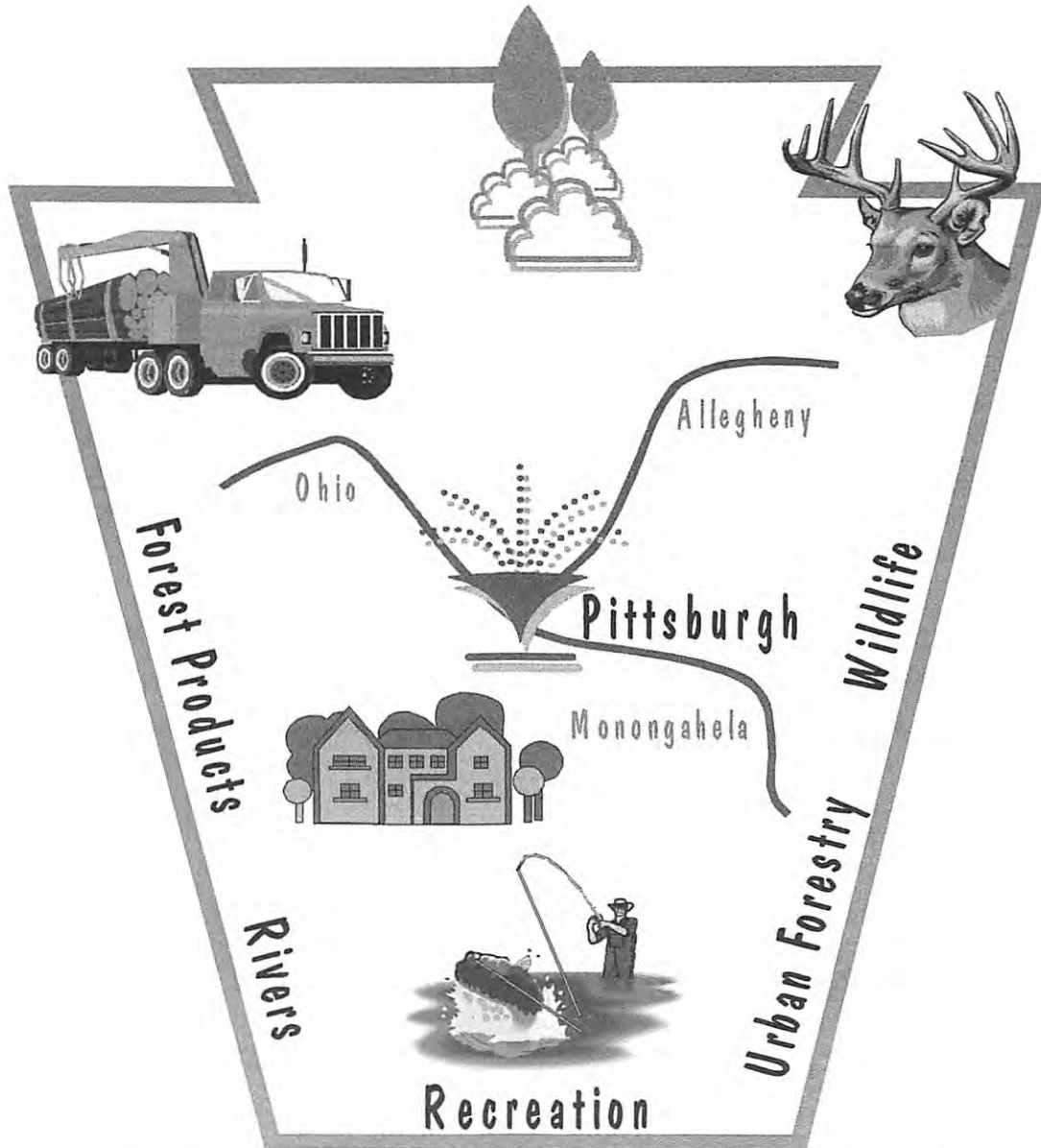


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The Allegheny SAF 2001 Summer Meeting will be hosted by the Western Gateway Chapter and held in Pittsburgh, PA on July 11-13, 2001.

See page 7 for full details.



## Chairman's Corner

By Mike Lester  
Allegheny SAF Chair

As a culture, we seem to have this overwhelming desire to break things down into smaller categories. In our profession this can be helpful, for example, looking at genus and species. However, when we break down our profession into categories, the result can sometimes be divisiveness and wasted energy.

Some divisions don't seem to cause many problems, and actually help us when we need to consult specialists (for example silviculturalist or forest economist). Occasionally, we will look at regional differences. If we're careful, this can lead to insights about issues that are regionally specific. For example, issues regarding plantation management tend to be more important in the South than the Northeast.

However, the most frequent categorization I see is by employment category. You usually see this break down into industry, public, consulting, and academic. Everyone doesn't fit neatly into these categories, and there are other segments that are growing, such as the land management foresters for large investment concerns. However, it is in this area of employment categories that friction seems to occur.

Certainly, there are challenges that are somewhat unique to each of these categories. Perhaps I'm particularly sensitive to these changes because I've moved from the industry to the public sector in the last two years. However, I think it is important that we recognize and understand what are the challenges that face us as professionals. Moreover, I think we need to be sensitive to the particular challenges experienced by foresters in employment sectors different from our own. As Stephen Covey says, "seek first to understand".

However, as a profession, we have serious challenges to confront. And all of these challenges are vastly more important than the distinctions of employment. What are these challenges? We all have a list, but here are a few at the top of my list.

First, there is an ever-growing segment of our population that has lost its connection with the land.

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# Members and Views

## New Supervisor for the ANF

Contact: Dale Dunshie, Nadine Pollock, 814-723-5150

Bob Jacobs, Regional Forester for the Eastern Region of the USFS has announced the selection of **Kevin Elliott** as the new Forest Supervisor of the Allegheny National Forest. He fills the position vacated by John Palmer, who recently transferred to the Intermountain Region, Ogden, Utah as Director of the Vegetation Management staff.

Elliott has held positions in three forest service geographic regions and in the National Headquarters in Washington, DC. Most recently he has served as Deputy Forest Supervisor of the Mark Twain National Forest, headquartered in Rolla, Missouri. He possesses a strong background in the forest planning process, forest plan implementation, NEPA compliance, appeals and litigation, and building effective community and legislative relations.

He has degrees in recreation resource management, and zoology and botany from the School of Forestry at the University of Montana. As a research associate at U of M, he participated on the wolf ecology project, performing food habitat analyses on wolves and grizzly bears.

Married, with two children, Kevin enjoys fly-fishing and has two black belts in tae-kwon-do. He is scheduled to report to the ANF on April 9, 2001. ☺

## James Mallow Receives Outstanding Service to Forestry Award

By Kenneth Jolly, Chair, Awards Committee

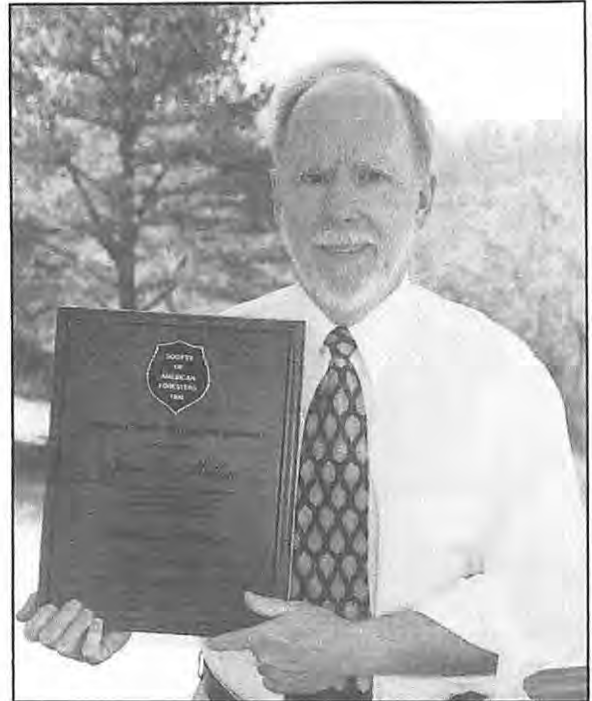
**James Mallow**, MD-DE SAF, was the recipient of the 2000 Allegheny Society of American Foresters "Outstanding Service to Forestry Award", which was announced at the Allegheny Winter Meeting held in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

In January 2001, Mallow retired from the position of Director/State Forester with the Maryland DNR Forest Service, capping off a 38-year career in the field of forestry and natural resources management. The Allegheny award recognized his many achievements in advancing the profession of forestry and his dedication and commitment to the SAF throughout his exemplary career.

A few highlights include: spearheading an effort to establish a new Bachelor Degree Program at the University of Maryland College Park in Urban Forestry - which will commence in the Fall of 2001; providing the vision to create an alliance of nearly 20 forestry/natural resource organizations in Maryland who work together on common forestry related issues; providing leadership for a \$1.5 million replacement/upgrade of Maryland's forest fire suppression heavy equipment fleet; and successfully obtaining gubernatorial support and commitment to funding 10 new positions for the 50,000 acre Chesapeake Forest Land acquisition on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

Jim has served as President of the NE Area Association of State Foresters and Secretary/Treasurer of the National Association of State Foresters. As State Forester, he strongly supported state employees attendance at SAF meetings and continuing education workshops and was heavily involved in a series of SAF/USFS-sponsored roundtable discussions on forest fragmentation trends.

For these and many other career achievements, Jim's recognition as the Allegheny SAF 2000 Outstanding Service to Forestry Award is well deserved. ☺



Jim Mallow displays his Outstanding Service Award

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The irony is that our land base is largely responsible for the standard of living enjoyed by the citizens of this country. However, some might say that this disconnection is the underlying problem for many of the challenges we face as professional foresters. At a minimum, it makes it hard to get people's attention when we are trying to convey our messages about sound forestry. This lack of understanding is one of the precursors for the list below.

A partial list of challenges that we continue to face include sustainable management of public land, acceptable silviculture on private land, water quality issues (TMDLs haven't gone away), fire (fuels) management, research directions and funding, a slew of forest health issues, and the need for more accurate inventories.

We will need commitment, energy, and focus to successfully address these challenges. Can we succeed? I believe that we can. I think the debate on the TMDL issue illustrates what we can accomplish if we pull together. As is usually the case, this boils down to choices.

We can choose to focus on our differences. After all, we do have legitimate differences of opinion on the precise direction of our profession. This isn't necessarily bad, as it proves we're paying attention. Moreover, it is gratifying

to see the passion our profession can instill in us. But you notice I said precise direction. I believe that our differences are more about fine-tuning than our general direction. I contend that if you ask a random sample of foresters, without regard to employment category, what their role is in our society, they will tell you their role is to manage our forests sustainably. That is our direction. The rest is fine-tuning.

On the other hand, we can choose to focus on our common goals. This is where our strength lies. We can only succeed by closing ranks around the many significant issues that face our profession. If we can harness the energy and drive that we started to see with the TMDL debate, we will move this profession forward. If we don't, we will end up reacting to whatever comes our way. This is not to say that we have complete control of our destiny. More articulate individuals than myself have pointed out that we exist to serve society. When we fail to recognize this simple fact, we will cease to be relevant. However, I believe that we do serve society when we seek to address the issues I've mentioned previously. These questions have a significant impact on the forest productivity our society relies on.

One another topic, thanks to the members of the New Jersey Division for hosting an excellent winter meeting. In particular, I

would like to thank Jeff Worrell, Dennis Galway, Greg McLaughlin, Heather Gracie, and John Benton. And my thanks to the many other members of the New Jersey Division who helped make this meeting so successful. And while we're on the subject of the Winter meeting, congratulation to Mike Kay for Forester of the Year and to Jim Mallow for Outstanding Service to Forestry. It looks like not only did Maryland sweep the awards, but also the Maryland DNR-Forest Service. And Jim, we hope that you are on the mend. Finally, congratulations to West Virginia for capturing the Student Quiz Bowl title for the third time in four years.

And for events to put on your calendar, the next SAF National Convention will be in Denver, Colorado from September 13-17, 2001. As a former resident of Colorado, I would suggest spending some extra time there, as September is the finest time of the year (in my humble opinion) to be in the high country. Also, the Pennsylvania State Tree Farm Committee is hosting the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual National Tree Farmer Convention in Hershey, Pennsylvania from November 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. It should be a great event and they are looking, please call Gary Gilmore at 814-849-7463.

Carpe Diem! ☺

## **In Memoriam**

David S. Nace, of Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, died at the age of 85. He was an elected Fellow in the Society of American Foresters, and a Golden Member, having joined the SAF in 1938. Nace retired from the PA Department of Environmental Resources, Bureau of Forestry as Assistant Chief, of the Division of Advisory Services. He received a BS in Forestry from Penn State, and was a disabled Army veteran of WWII. ☺



## Sportsmen Unite to Defend Wildlife Habitat Management

LANSING, MI. - Three of the country's leading conservation organizations have joined forces to fight a lawsuit, the results of which could have disastrous effects on wildlife management programs and its funding in Michigan and across the country.

The Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC), the Ruffed Grouse Society (RGS) and the Wildlife Conservation Fund of America (WCFA) became involved in a lawsuit in late January in support of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and the US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS). This action was in response to a suit, filed in early October by the Sierra Club against the MDNR and USFWS, which could halt wildlife habitat management practices on state lands in Michigan.

Commercial timber sales are regularly used to provide dense, young forest habitats required by ruffed grouse, white-tailed deer, and many non-game wildlife species. The Sierra Club alleges using forest management practices to create these habitats is destructive. The suit further contends the MDNR and the USFWS have violated federal law by using monies collected from sportsmen through excise taxes on firearms and ammunition to fund these habitat management projects.

MUCC Executive Director, James Goodheart explains, "The Sierra Club's lawsuit is a deliberate attempt to stall the pace of wildlife management. Wildlife within our forestlands have been successfully managed for decades first by the Department of Conservation and then by the MDNR. We do not need to federalize management of our natural resources."

Adam Bump, Regional Wildlife Biologist for the RGS in Michigan, stated, "We are concerned that this lawsuit may impede the development of critically important wildlife habitats on state lands in Michigan. By proactively managing our state forests, we can ensure the proper balance between young and old forests, and provide habitats for all forest wildlife."

The WCFA echoed these sentiments. "WCFA and it's partners will continue to fight to ensure that every dollar made available from sportsmen is used to the benefit of wildlife and the management programs that support it." •

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## Allegheny SAF Recognizes Golden Members



Stan Walton of Mechanicsburg, PA accepts congratulations and certificate from Chair Mike Lester

At the 2001 Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting banquet, six, fifty-year members were acknowledged as SAF Golden Members. Besides public recognition, each will receive a framed certificate and letter of appreciation from SAF President **John Heissenbittel**, and their membership dues is waived in perpetuity.

Recipients include: **Robert "Max" Coy**, **Raymond M. Miller**, **Robert D. Shipman**, and **Stanley A. Walton** of Pennsylvania; and **George P. Howard Jr.** of New Jersey. •

## Butter's Better

"Choose the Best Pitch Remover," Steve Wilent\*

If you happened to miss this article in the February *Forest Source*, check it out. It seems that pitch on your hands, tools, etc., is most easily removed, and skin-friendlier than most other methods, by rubbing with butter or margarine.

However, SAF Past President **Bob Bosworth** says, "Real men here in 'Idyho' never remove pitch from anything. Hands, pants, hard hats, cruiser vests, steering wheels, ax handles, and crosscut saw handles serve as standing evidence of this!" A word of caution: If you use butter, watch out for animals. The landowner's dog and cat can become very interested in you hands - and avoid using your favorite spread in bear country. •

\**Forestry Source*, February 2001, Vol. 6, No. 2, p11

## Councilman's Report

By Tim Kaden, SAF District VII Representative



The first page I turn to when my copy of the *Journal of Forestry* arrives is the last page - "Perspectives." After that, I read the "Letters to the Editor." Both of these reflect member points of view, reactions, and new thinking. Three recent issues of JOF had "Perspective" columns that made me steps back and quietly meditate on the significance of the authors' words.

Jim Finley, et al's March 2000 "Perspective" makes the point that our profession's jargon and use of certain words, left to interpretation by the public, reflects on how they view our nation's forests and their owners. Jim's example of our use of "NON-industrial private landowners" is right on. No one likes to be a NON of anything. We all hold ourselves up as some one, or something of value. I agree with Jim that the use of "Non-industrial" to identify private forest landowners leads to a public interpretation of two different types of forestry practices - that of the NONS and the NOT-NONS (I may be digging a hole here, but Jim's point is very clear in the article). Let's slip back into referring to private forest lands as PFLs.

In the February JOF Andrew Egan's "Perspective" talks about "Scientists, Truth and the Media: A Clearcut Issue." If you have not read the article take a moment to do so. Egan's is expressing the point that, "Often the default assumption on the part of the general public to interviews of 'experts' is that the expert must be right." How many times in your every day forestry activities have you had to explain to a private forest landowner that media quotes normally promote a personal agenda or editorial board philosophy - not the science or practicality of the implementation?

Eugene L. Donati, In the April JOF "Foresters and the Four 'Cs' of Journalism," states that, "...journalist's first instinct in preparing a story is to find conflict and or contradiction." He goes on to say that we foresters have disappointing encounters with reporters because we speak in a way that is far removed from the way reporters think. He concludes that as a profession we need to turn information into news to advance our agenda; if we do not, we will be left standing in the shadow of the newsmakers that understand journalism.

Reading these three different perspectives as a unit, three connected points of view jump out. One, the profession and our forestry practices needs a vocabulary/language that the public associates with positive feelings. Second the information must be science based without personal or political agendas. Public confidence is our responsibility. Third, we need to learn to be prepared to advance our story using as Donati calls "the anthropology of journalism."

These three articles came out within six months of each other. Coincidence? Maybe, maybe not. Are the JOF editors subliminally trying to change our way of thinking? Maybe? I hope so!

One last comment. In recruiting past members to return to SAF and you hear the same old song that the journal is all I got out of my membership. Show them a few past issues; point out the "Perspective" page, talk about new thinking and positive forestry agendas. If all they get out of their membership dues is the journal, then today's journal is worth the price of admission. ☺



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## MFA "Logger of the Year" is Clyde B. "Stevie" Stevenson

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Grantsville, MD January 11, 2001 - "It can be argued that a logger has two clients, the landowner and the mill. 'Stevie' Stevenson of Ota Stevenson, Inc. serves both extremely well." With those words, Dan Rider, nominating forester, submitted the winning Maryland Forests Association "Logger of the Year" for 2000.

The guiding philosophy of the Stevenson success is the quality of the harvest within the framework of the landowners future goals, combined with adherence to erosion and sedimentation standards, inclusion of protective buffers and aesthetic considerations, equipment maintenance and appearance, disciplined and courteous employees, and always, personal protective equipment and training - Ota Stevenson, Inc. has not had a lost time accident for over 10 years.

In addition to the laser engraved hardwood plaque, Stevenson also received a chainsaw donated by J.P. Fuller, Inc. of Glen Burnie, MD, and a Governor's Citation presented by State Forester Jim Mallow.

The entire Stevenson crew includes wife Suzanne, "Aunt Nina," Donald Ball, John Smith, Curtis Kennedy, and Levin Layfield.

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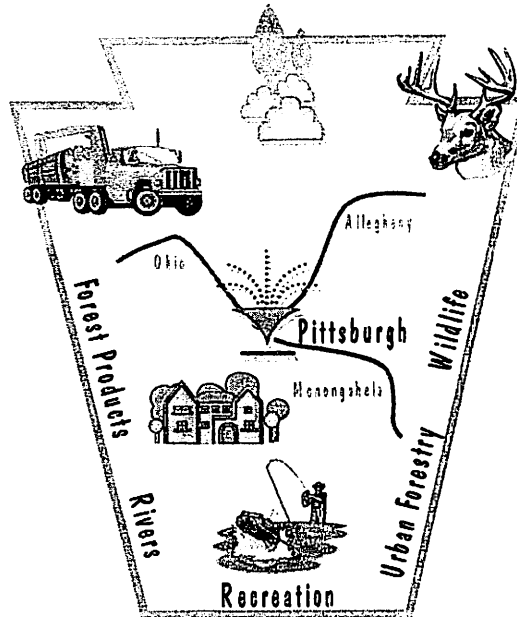
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*Wednesday, July 11, 2001*

The fun begins at 1:00 p.m. with an optional tour "It's Alive," aboard the Carnegie Science Center adventure ship *Voyager*. The tour features the river ecology of the Allegheny River. At 5:00 p.m., join us for a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres and visit with old friends and make new ones.

*Thursday, July 12, 2001*

The general session begins at 9:00 a.m. with welcomes from **Tom Murphy, Mayor of Pittsburgh** and the **Pennsylvania State Forester, James Grace**. The Keynote Speaker will be **The Honorable John C. Oliver, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources**.

**Vernon Ross, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Game Commission**, will discuss cooperative opportunities in wildlife management. **Brad Clemenson, Communications Director** for Congressman John Murtha, will discuss urban recreation along the Great Allegheny Passage: the trail that links Pittsburgh to Cumberland, MD.

During the afternoon, we'll be captured by **Paul Labar** as he tells of his forestry adventures while serving with the Defense Intelligence Agency. **Arthur Brooks**, a forestry consultant from New York, will discuss Ethics and Forest Management.

Join us for an evening dinner cruise aboard the *Liberty Belle*, the Gateway Clipper Fleet's reproduction of a 19<sup>th</sup> century river steamboat that includes entertainment.

*Friday, July 13, 2001*

**Bruce Brenneman, Westvaco Forest Research** will discuss the latest research in forest genetics and the **American Chestnut Foundation** will share its latest findings.

**Hotel reservations may be made directly by calling the Sheraton at 412-261-2000.  
For more information, contact: Bob Schweitzer at 814-472-1872 or 814-472-5207.**

**Look for the official registration form in the mail during May.**

## "Meeting the Challenges of Sustainable Forestry in PA"

By Robert W. Bauer, Chair, PASAF Division

*A Meeting Co-sponsored by the PA Division of SAF and SFI of PA*

On Wednesday, September 19, 2001, the Pennsylvania Division of the Society of American Foresters and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative of Pennsylvania will meet in State College, PA to assess the effects of long-term diameter-limit harvesting on the forest resource. The goal of the meeting will be to not only look at problem areas, but also discuss some solutions.

In the morning session, research/teaching faculty from SUNY College of Forestry and Environmental Sciences will present what is known of the current hardwood harvesting practices and the long-term affect on the residual forest resource.

The afternoon will examine the negative affects of continued diameter-limit cutting and search for practical solutions; we (all in attendance) will look at experience-based options and variations in silviculture, cutting, skidding, bucking and trucking. We will also look at market economics related to possible solutions - including both low- and high value sorts. Members of the Pennsylvania timber industry will lead the problem/solution discussion of practicing sustainable forestry in a competitive market.

The highlight of the meeting will be the evening program featuring Dr. Patrick Moore, speaking on campus, as the Glatfelter Paper Company's Penn State Distinguished Lecturer. Dr. Moore is one of the original founders of Green Peace and now one of the most prominent proponents of timber management in the world. Dr. Moore will be featured as the guest lecturer at Glatfelter's Distinguished Lecture Series, to be held on the Penn State Campus. A complete registration packet will be arriving via mail in May, and details will be highlighted in the next issue of *The Allegheny News* - but mark your calendar now. ☺

## NJFA Elects 2001 Officers

The New Jersey Forestry Association newly elected Officers for 2001 are:

President: Thomas F. Bullock  
V. President: George H. Pierson  
Treasurer: Beau Pettinos  
Secretary: Ron J. Sheay

## NJ Forestry Foundation Scholarship Available

By Ron Sheay, NJFA Secretary

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  - b. Outside work experience
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# Allegheny Winter Meeting

By John E. Benton Jr., Program Chair

*"Managing Forests to Improve Watersheds" Tropicana - Atlantic City, NJ, February 21-23, 2001*

The Allegheny Society of American Foresters (SAF) Winter Meeting, hosted by New Jersey Division, was a success! Over 125 members participated in sharing ideas and gaining an understanding of how best to "Manage Forests to Improve Watersheds." The keynote speakers with strategic messages were: **Mr. Warren Archey**, National Association of State Foresters, Water Resources Committee Chair; **Mr. Bill Banzhaf**, Executive Vice President, National SAF; and **Mr. Mario DelVicario**, Chief, Community and Ecosystem Protection Branch of the Environmental Protection Agency. They provided a challenging framework for members in attendance to discuss emerging issues, watershed policy, non-point source pollution, TMDLs, and water quality issues related to forest management respectively.

The list of speakers, all prominent in their specialties, included: **Dr. Mark Vodak**, **Karen Sykes**, **Mariko Yamasaki**, **Dave Pfeifer**, **James Hornbeck**, **John Potter** and **Randy Kelley**, **Bernard Sweeney**, **Dr. Timothy Block**, **Richard Cooksey**, **Theresa Romagna**, **Tim Dunne**, and **Donna Drewes**.

Discussion expanded into methods to enhance forestry practices that can have positive impacts on watersheds, public perceptions and related beneficial issues. There is a great challenge to all forestry professionals to showcase forests and forest practices which contribute to the clean water that is enjoyed in areas where each of us live and practice. The theme of "Building Bridges" was promoted throughout the program to connect the public, and their daily needs, to active resource management. We should take every opportunity to highlight water as a forest product.

Other session topics throughout the program focused on riparian buffers, their functions, management, and restoration techniques, with a site-specific case study (NJ Highlands); a review of current watershed research information, vegetative cover types, and invasive species concerns completed the watershed theme.

We also had an opportunity to visit Stafford Township, NJ and experienced how a municipality implemented ordinances and community stewardship activities, promoted and protected their tree resources to ensure a vital part of their watershed and aquifer recharge plan. The program concluded with examples of programs and incentives that are available for on-the-ground management practices. As program chairperson, I thank all the speakers and the NJ SAF

Executive Committee for their enthusiastic support. We hope that as a result of this program, all attendees will be better prepared to meet their strategic watershed goals. Our continuing education programs will help us all successfully meet future challenges. ☺

*Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to NJ SAF!  
(8 SAF CFE contact hours, Cat. 1)*

## 2001 Allegheny SAF Reginald E. Forbes Art Contest Winners

By Charles Newton, Allegheny Art Contest Chair

The Allegheny Society of American Foresters Annual Reginald E. Forbes Art Contest for 2001, again, attracted quality works in the Photography and Three Dimensional - Amateur Categories. The contest has been held in conjunction with the Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting annually since 1974, and is open to SAF members, Student members, and their families.

### WINNERS

#### Photography-Amateur Category

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place "Pioneer Cabin" by Duane L. Green
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place "Canadian Sunset" by Mark Webb
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place "Hippo" by Dennis Galway

#### Three Dimensional-Amateur Category

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place "Wall Hanging" by Connie Bauer
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place "Train Bookends" by Bob LaBar
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place "Fawn" by Bob LaBar

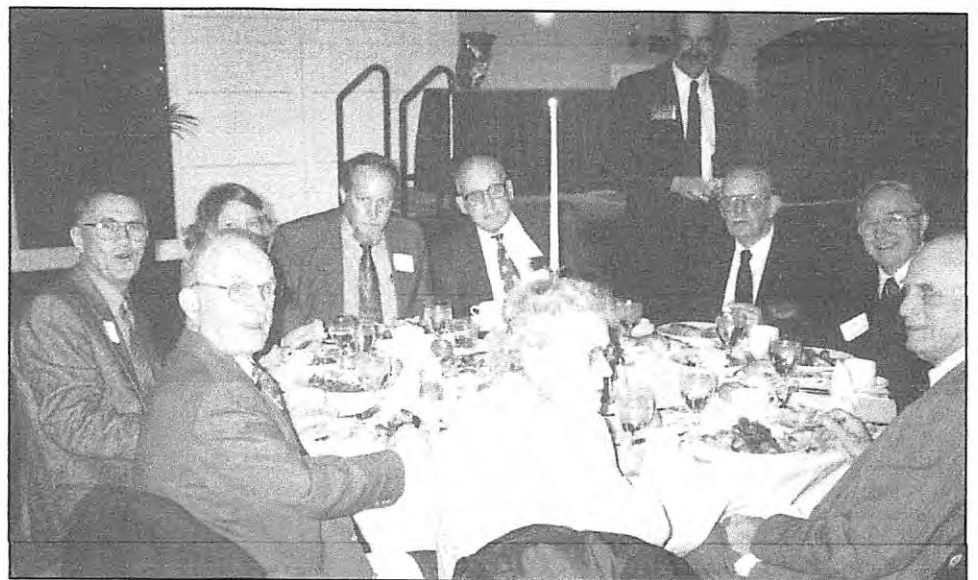
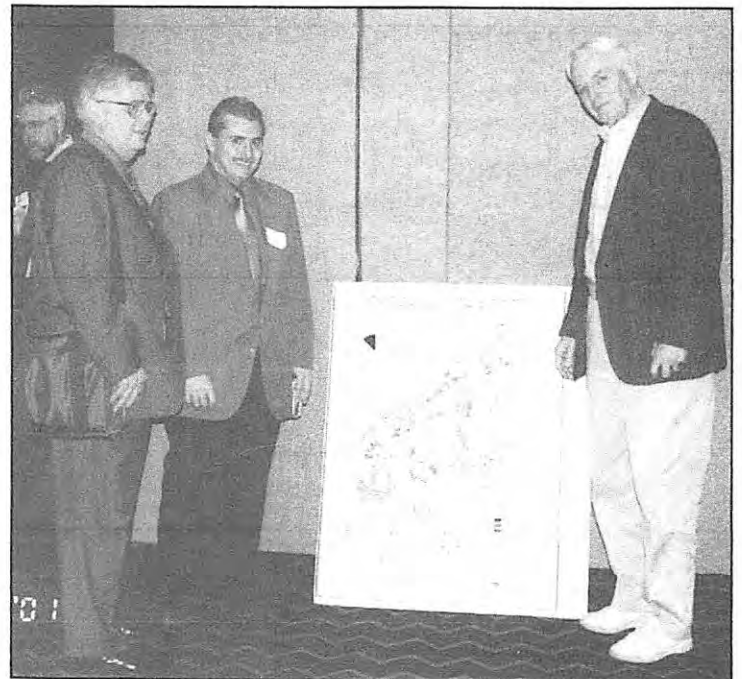
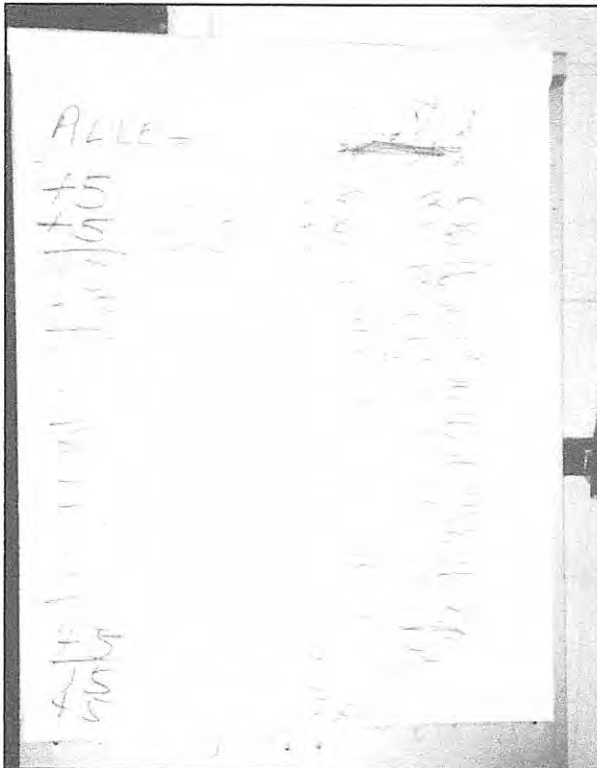
Congratulations to all the winners! We hope to see even more entries next year. ☺

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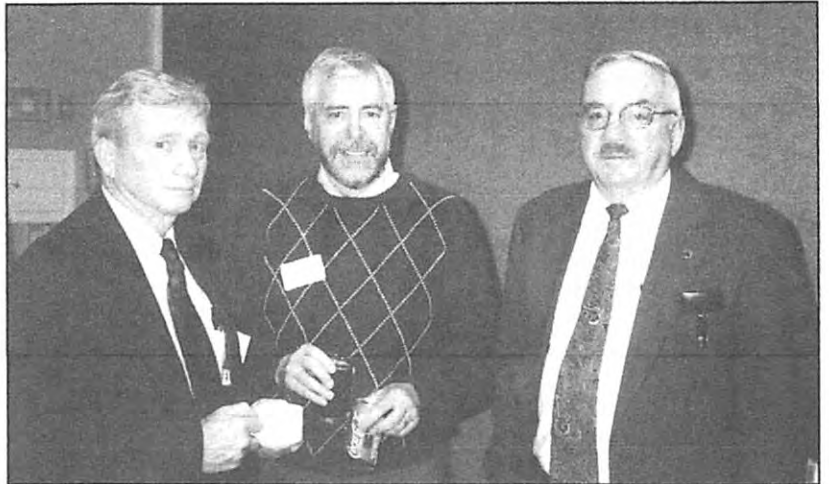
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# Allegheny Winter Meeting Photo Highlights





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## PA SAF Division White Oak Planting Outing

By Doug D'Amore, Secretary/Treasurer, PA SAF Division

### "Mighty Oaks - From Little Acorns Grow!"

Seguin Moreau NAPA Cooperage, Inc., makes wine barrels from white oak staves and was the first to investigate, select and harvest American white oak, grown in forested conditions. President and Master Cooper Alain Fouquet believes that the finest American white oak for cooperage is grown above the 41° Parallel, and is supporting reforestation efforts to assure that, "these trees will be available to future generations for a host of purposes - staves for wine barrels or just to make a quiet walk through the forest more enjoyable."

Last year, Seguin Moreau offered \$2,000 to the Pennsylvania Division, Society of American Foresters (SAF), to plant white oak seedlings above the 41° latitude. The Pennsylvania Division, Society of American Foresters Executive Committee decided to accept Seguin Moreau's challenge. SAF members and their families spent a rainy Saturday last spring planting trees on McClure Ridge in the Sproul State Forest using materials purchased through Seguin Moreau's donation. Public forestland was selected for the planting due to the 100- to 150-year white oak rotation length needed for uniform management.

Seguin Moreau was so pleased with the results of this effort they made another \$2,000 donation to the Division this year. We have the planting stock and are planning the details for a 2001 white oak tree-planting project. An old fire area on Yost Ridge Road approximately 15 miles north of Snow Shoe on Route 144 in the Sproul State Forest has been selected as this year's planting site. The festivities will start at 9:30 a.m. on April 21, 2001 at the planting site, with lunch and needed planting tools provided. Please contact Doug D'Amore at 570-923-6011 (w), 570-923-1517 (h) or e-mail [ddamore@dcnr.state.pa.us](mailto:ddamore@dcnr.state.pa.us) if you are planning on participating in this spring outing so that we can plan for the necessary supporting tools and lunches. All members of the family are more than welcome to attend. ☺

## Valley Forge Chapter 2001 Meeting Plans

The Valley Forge Chapter of SAF announces its intent to have four meetings during 2001. The Chapter welcomes all SAF members and their guests to any or all of these meetings. Formal announcements will be sent both by regular mail and by e-mail to all those on our current lists. CFE credits of course!

**April 25:** The meeting topic will be "Wetlands Restoration." Ms. Pat Quigley of Pat Quigley Consultants & Wetlands Consulting Group will review wetland restoration and the regulation of forested wetlands. She has provided counsel and direction for the wetlands restoration required as result of construction of I-476 (the Blue Route) and many other highway projects in our area.

The meeting will begin with dinner at the Thorndale Inn in Thorndale, PA. Mr. Lloyd Casey is the meeting coordinator, 610-557-4135 or e-mail at [lcasey@04fs.fed.us](mailto:lcasey@04fs.fed.us) A flyer will go to members and friends in the very near future.

**June 18:** A visit to the brand new Visitor's Center at the Heinz Wildlife Preserve in Tinnicum Township, PA will be hosted by Mr. Mike McMinnum of the US Fish & Wildlife Service who will give a talk at the Center. A walk through portions of the preserve will provide a view of the flora and fauna. The meeting will be from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Mr. Duane Green is the meeting coordinator, 610-696-1577.

**Mid-September:** An afternoon sawmill tour in Lancaster County, PA, a field tour of logging operations, and an evening picnic is planned. Bob Girvin is the meeting coordinator, at Lapp Lumber Co. 717-442-4116 or e-mail [rgirvin@epix.net](mailto:rgirvin@epix.net)

**November 8 and 9:** A joint session that follows the very successful collaboration of Valley Forge Chapter of SAF, Delaware State University, and the International Society of Arboriculture that took place in December 2000. Tentatively to be held at the Sheraton Dover Hotel in Dover, DE, topics will include urban forestry, deer control, and the use of native vs. exotic plants. A field trip on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 8 will set the stage for the Friday meeting. Coordinator is Charlie Newlon at 610-872-6019 or email [cbnewlon@home.com](mailto:cbnewlon@home.com)

Mark Your Calendars Please. ☺

## MFA and SAF Honor Mike Kay

By Kenneth Jolly, Chair, SAF Awards Committee

Michael Kay, Maryland Forest Service Project Manager for Frederick County, was honored for his *Outstanding Contributions to Forestry* at the Maryland Forests Association (MFA) Annual Meeting, held October 13, 2000 at the Sheraton Columbia Hotel in Columbia, MD. Kay also received the Allegheny Society of American Foresters (SAF) *Forester of the Year 2000* Award at the Annual SAF Winter Meeting in Atlantic City, NJ on February 22, 2001. Both awards recognize leadership ability and outstanding accomplishments in the implementation of forestry practices in the year 2000.

Especially noteworthy in service to the private forestry sector, is Mike's success in implementing Maryland's Forest Buffer Initiative (known as the "Stream ReLeaf Program"), and the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). He has assisted landowners in establishing over 300 acres of forest buffer in

2000; since the inception of the program in 1996, he has established over 42 miles of new streamside buffers.

Another of Mike's accomplishments during 2000 was working with private landowners to prepare over 40 new Forest Stewardship plans encompassing more than 1,000 acres. A leader in MD's Tree Farm Program, he has certified over 130 Tree Farms in his 14-year career with the MD Forest Service. Additionally, he works with another 175 private forest landowners in the state "Forest Conservation and Management Agreement (FCMA) Program," conducts volunteer tree plantings with various school groups and assists the MD/DE SAF Division in leading field tours. Very simply, Mike Kay is an exemplary forest professional and public servant. ☺



MFA President Pete Alexander (l) presents Association Award to Mike Kay



Mike Kay (r) receives SAF Award from Chair Mike Lester

## Western Gateway Chapter News

Members of the Western Gateway SAF Chapter at the January 17, 2001 swearing-in ceremony of Roxane Palone as a new Pennsylvania Game Commissioner were (in photograph): (l-r) Ron Rohall, Robb Piper, Roxane, David Babyak, and Gary Sheridan (Walter R. Rossman was present but is not in the photo). The ceremony took place at the PGC SW Division Headquarters, Ligonier, PA. ☺

Photo by Murry Laite



# Allegheny SAF Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

## February 21, 2001

**Attendees:**

**Allegheny Officers:** M. Lester, Chair; M. Webb, Past-Chair; K. Jolly, Sec/Treasurer; J. Benton, K. Sykes, E. Higgins, Exec. Comm. Members; J. Winieski, Exec. Director; T. Kaden, Council Representative; B. Banzhaf, National SAF, Exec. Vice-President. **Division/Chapter Officers & Committee Representatives:** R. Bauer, PA Div. Chr., N. Karger, PA Div. Chr-Elect; D. D'Amore, PA Div. Treas.; S. Koehn, MD-DE Div. Chr; H. Wurzbacher, Plateau Chr; B. Arnold, V. Forge Chr.; C. Newlon, Communications Chr; R. Siefert, PA Div.; B. LaBar, PA Div.; J. Jastrzembki, Allegany College.

The minutes from previous Exec. Comm. Meeting were approved as published in *The Allegheny News*.

**Treasurer's Report:**

2000 Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved. End of year balances: Checking: \$418.99; Endowment CD: \$10,000; Endowment Savings: \$2,574.46. R. Sheay was thanked for auditing the report. Current Treasurer's Report was distributed (attached—see page 18). Current balance in checking is: \$1,757.86.

**Budget:**

The 2000 Budget Variance Report (adopted versus actual income/expenses) was reviewed, and the 2001 Budget was adopted. Key items discussed: (1) Expenses exceeded income by \$2,104.72 in 2000; the bulk of this shortage was covered by transferring funds (\$1,630) from the Endowment Savings Account. It was agreed to re-pay this amount back to the Endowment Fund over a two-year time span. (2) The major 2000 budget variance occurred in our dues income estimate; although our estimate was fairly accurate on a fiscal-year basis, it was significantly faulty for the 2000 calendar year; this was because some of the 2000 dues were actually received/expended in 1999. A suggestion was made regarding re-aligning the Allegheny Budget from a calendar-year budget to a fiscal-year budget to coincide with National dues distribution; however, after discussion, consensus was reached that: (i) we now had a better understanding of the fiscal-year structure of National dues income than when the 2000 Budget was adopted, and we could manage our finances appropriately to account for the calendar/fiscal year differences without budget re-alignment; and (ii) prior to the 2000 dues increase, the Allegheny was in a deficit spending situation, which required some "catch-up" in using 2000 dues in 1999; this situation is now resolved. (3) Using funds from the Endowment Fund Savings Account to pay for student travel support to attend Allegheny meetings was determined to be consistent with the educational purpose of the Fund, and a motion was approved to designate the annual interest from the CD for this purpose (funding not to exceed the annual interest generated). (4) As the success of the Allegheny Budget is highly dependent on contributions, a discussion was held: (i) concerning how best to "institutionalize" the expected contribution from the respective Division/Chapter who was serving as the Allegheny Meeting host (e.g., via the "Meetings Guidelines" document, the "Operations Manual," or some other mechanism), and (ii) how to structure the expected contribution (e.g., \$500/meeting; \$500 plus a % of the meeting profits; or just a % of the meeting profits). In structuring the wording for the expected contribution, consideration will be given to the fact that hosting the Allegheny Meeting is an important financial resource for the Divisions/Chapters. After discussion, Mike Lester agreed to work with Steve Koehn to formulate a tentative proposal regarding these two items, and circulate it for review/revision/approval to the Exec. Comm. via e-mail. The 2001 Budget was approved as follows (see "Budget Notes" for explanations of selected items):

**Allegheny 2001 Budget**

<b>Income:</b>		<b>Expenses:</b>	
Dues	\$13,000	Div/Chap. Dues (pass through)	\$ 5,000
Div/Chp Dues (pass through)	\$ 5,000	HSD Assessment	\$ 400
Contributions		Allegheny News	\$ 6,400
Forester's Fund	\$ 250	Exec. Director Stipend	\$ 4,400
Silent Auction	\$ 500	Exec. Director Expenses	\$ 2,200
Section Meetings	\$ 1,000	Chair National Convention Exp.	\$ 0 (a)
Voluntary Div/Chp	\$ 800	Student Travel	\$ 1,000 (b)
		Endowment Savings Payback	\$ 800
		Awards	\$ 150
		Administrative Items	\$ 200
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$20,550</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$20,550</b>



### **Budget Notes:**

- (a) This expense will be retained as a Budget line-item, but will be "zeroed out" for 2001, as M. Lester noted he would be able to have his Convention expenses covered from another source.
- (b) Approximately \$400 of this expense will be paid from the annual interest earned by the Endowment Fund CD.

### **National SAF Issues:**

B. Banzhaf, SAF Exec. Vice-President, gave a brief up-date on the following National SAF items: (1) SAF has continued placing an increased emphasis on national media efforts; recent successes include an Associated Press story on SAF's letter to incoming Sec. of Ag. Veneman regarding federal land policy, and appearances on TV (ABC/Peter Jennings) and NPR. (2) SAF continues to be very active on Capitol Hill; M. Georgen's efforts in this area are having positive results. (3) The Leadership Academy will be conducted again this year, and the 2001 National Convention will be in Denver. (4) SAF Journals are now on-line. (4) Bill emphasized the Centennial Campaign supports on-going SAF programs (versus the misconception some members had that it supported last year's centennial celebration). The hope is that 2001 will be the "Year of the Member" - last year many contributions were received from organizations. (5) The new membership "Surpassor" campaign was mentioned; feedback was given that some of the Allegheny membership were offended by this new campaign because of its connection to the "Survivor" (and associated spin-off) TV shows, which were viewed as promoting questionable morals inconsistent with those of the SAF membership. Bill responded there was no intent to offend; the intention was just to make the campaign fun; he stated he would take the concerns expressed back to National for further consideration.

### **Council Representative Report:**

T. Kaden noted the following items: (1) Council is considering a proposal to revise the structure for increasing dues. Since dues are set at fixed levels, and operating costs continually rise, dues have to be raised in a periodic "spiked" pattern. The new proposal is designed to transform the "spiked" pattern to a more gradual pattern - for example, by tying dues increases to the Consumer Price Index. (2) In support of this year's Leadership Academy, scholarship money will come from Council's budget. However, the expectation is that either the attendee or the sponsoring Society pick up \$200 of the cost, plus transportation. No Allegheny candidates were put forth for this year, as the current Chair/Chair-elect/Sec/Treasurer have already attended. (3) The Council recently approved a \$10,000 guaranteed financial return for the Society hosting the National Convention (previously the financial return was based on a percentage of the profits). The National Convention locations following 2001 (Denver) are as follows: Winston-Salem, NC (2002), Buffalo, NY (2003), and Alberta, Canada (2004). Tim suggested the Allegheny should consider submitting a bid for hosting the National Convention in the future; prime considerations in choosing a location are: (1) having approx. 150-200 SAF volunteers near the proposed location, and (2) convention facilities large enough to hold the event.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Communications** - C. Newlon, Chair: encouraged Div/Chp to become more involved in the "Walk in the Forest" program, and to donate forestry books to libraries as a means of promoting forestry to the public.

**Awards** - K. Jolly, Chair: reported another good year - five nominations (coming from three State Divisions: MD-DE, NJ, and PA) were received for the 2000 awards. The cost of the plaques went up slightly from last year.

**Forester Fund** - E. Higgins: noted there were two Forester Fund raffles being conducted at the Winter Meeting. All funds raised in excess of Allegheny budget amount will be sent in to National.

**Nominations** - M. Webb, Chair: anyone who is interested in being nominated to serve in an officer position for 2002-03 should contact Mark before the fall. Someone interested in running has already contacted him for Chair-elect from PA; Mark encouraged members from the other Allegheny states to consider running for Chair-elect also.

**Program** - M. Lester reported D. Ostergard had resigned as chair; if anyone is interested in serving as the new committee chair, they should contact Mike.

### **National Awards:**

**Fellows:** J. Winieski noted he was circulating two petitions for 2001 Allegheny Fellow nominations: W. Wolfe and J. Emerson. M. Lester encouraged other Fellow nominations, and noted the deadline was the end of May.

**Field Forester of the Year:** the Allegheny selection is due in to National approximately the same time as Fellows. Mike would like each Div/Chapter to submit a nomination, which should be sent to him. Mike will establish an ad hoc committee to review/rank nominations according to the criteria, and submit the Allegheny selection.

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**Membership:**

M. Lester reported Allegheny membership is currently 1,136 (up from 1,098 last year), and encouraged everyone to continue promoting the benefits of SAF membership. B. Arnold noted the V. Forge Chapter had been successful by inviting non-members to come to meetings; S. Koehn stated the MD-DE Division had been successful in attracting non-members by having strong meeting agendas/CFE's. The importance of contacting non-renewing members via phone to encourage them to renew was also highlighted.

**Mentor Program:**

T. Kaden reported not as many students involved this year as in previous years. Mont Alto students have responded positively, as well as some students at Penn State University. Tim would welcome any feedback from the Div/Chp regarding the program. J. Winieski stressed the need to follow-up with students to encourage them to become SAF members.

**Student Membership on Executive Committee:**

M. Lester opened the discussion by noting the general agreement that it was a good idea to have student membership on the Exec. Comm. - to get students involved earlier and more actively in SAF. After discussion, and a review of the by-laws, it was agreed that the Chair of each Student Chapter could be an official representative on the Exec. Comm. (just as the Chairs of each Division/Chapter are official representatives on the Exec. Comm.). Currently, there are three Student Chapters formed in the Allegheny - Rutgers, Penn State University, and West Virginia University - all of which could have a representative on the Exec. Comm. To implement this proposal, M. Lester will send a letter to all the colleges/universities in the Allegheny to: (1) advise/invite them of their ability to have their Chair serve as their representative (for those schools with an SAF Chapter already formed); or (2) their potential ability to do this (by encouraging those schools which do not have an established Student Chapter to form one); and to (3) ask them for feedback whether they are interested in accepting the invitation to participate on the Exec. Comm.

**Membership Diversity:**

M. Lester expressed his ongoing concern with the need to improve gender/ethnic diversity in the Allegheny. He noted that some universities have relatively high percentages of female students in their forestry programs, but somehow that percentage is not translated into professional membership. Mike stated he would like to form an ad hoc committee to suggest ideas to improve in this area; forming the committee was approved, and T. Kaden recommended C. Newlon be contacted for input to the committee. Two additional suggestions from the Exec. Comm. were: (1) to have currently active female members contact female non-members by phone to recruit them to come to meetings/become members; and (2) to be sure to talk to the female (and male) students in attendance at Allegheny meetings to make them feel welcome/encourage future membership.

**Allegheny Meeting Schedule:**

A review of the meeting schedule was conducted, as follows:

- Summer 2001: Western Gateway Chp (PA) - dates set for July 11-13, 2001
- Winter 2002: MD-DE Division
- Summer 2002: Keystone Chp (PA)
- Winter 2003: N. Hardwood Chp (PA) - [tentative only; N. Karger will confirm in near future]
- Summer 2003: Rothrock Chp (PA)
- Winter 2004: MD-DE Division
- Summer 2004: WV Division

**Policy:**

M. Lester noted the success of the TMDL effort this past year. The Exec. Comm. affirmed the success of continuing to take action on policy issues through the use of e-mail. B. Banzhaf noted SAF was currently monitoring key personnel changes in the incoming Bush Administration and changes in congressional staff, and was currently involved in the 2002 Farm Bill policy process.

**Status Reports:**

**Forester Fund Grant** - J. Benton reported on the grant received by NJ Division in 2000. The grant was used to support a Fall Forestry event/100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary SAF Celebration. The event consisted of an interactive day with the public, with numerous exhibits and demonstrations. A written report from the NJ Division was requested by K. Jolly, so the Grant can be closed out with National, and the remaining \$100 of the grant be released to NJ.

**Operations Manual** - M. Webb distributed copies of the up-dated manual. M. Lester and the Exec. Comm.

commended Mark for his diligent effort on completing the manual. For future budget planning purposes, it was noted that reproducing the manual cost \$120 (which Mark generously donated to the Allegheny as in-kind services).

**Division/Chapter Up-dates:**

**MD-DE Div:** S. Koehn, Chair - reported the Division had recently helped sponsor a State Legislator dinner with Dr. Patrick Moore as the guest speaker in partnership with a group of several forestry organizations in Maryland. Also reported that the Division is preparing to respond to expected legislation in the current session to ban timber harvesting on State Forests.

**NJ Div:** J. Benton - reported that the Division was celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at this meeting.

**PA Div:** R. Bauer, Chair - reported the Division was planning a statewide meeting in State College in September focusing on the long-term impacts of diameter-limit harvests. They are also looking into the possibility of having Dr. Moore as a Penn State Distinguished Speaker during the year.

**Valley Forge Chp:** B. Arnold, Chair - reported the Chapter has four programs lined up for the year; the last program will be a joint meeting with C. Newlon/Delaware State University.

**Plateau Chp:** H. Wurzbacher, Chair - reported the Chapter had successfully conducted their fifth year of doing the "Walk in the Forest" program for the Titusville School District. The Chapter has also been active in inviting/sponsoring students to attend meetings.

**Executive Director Report:**

J. Winieski reported the following items:

- In regards to the Allegheny News: Bulk mail rates increased, but this has been somewhat offset by decreased costs associated with new mailing labels from National; Photos for the Allegheny News are now being scanned/enhanced; this costs slightly more, but improves printing quality; if anyone has feedback, please contact Jack; a reminder was given that a paper donation will need to be solicited by fall; everyone was again encouraged to promote ads; the Exec. Director contract specifies that ad sales can be used to defray Exec. Director expenses.
- Jack noted his contract was expired/due for renewal.
- Jack again encouraged the Div/Chp to have their Golden Member presentations at an event, and to submit photos for publication. Six members achieved "Golden Member" status this year.

**Other items:**

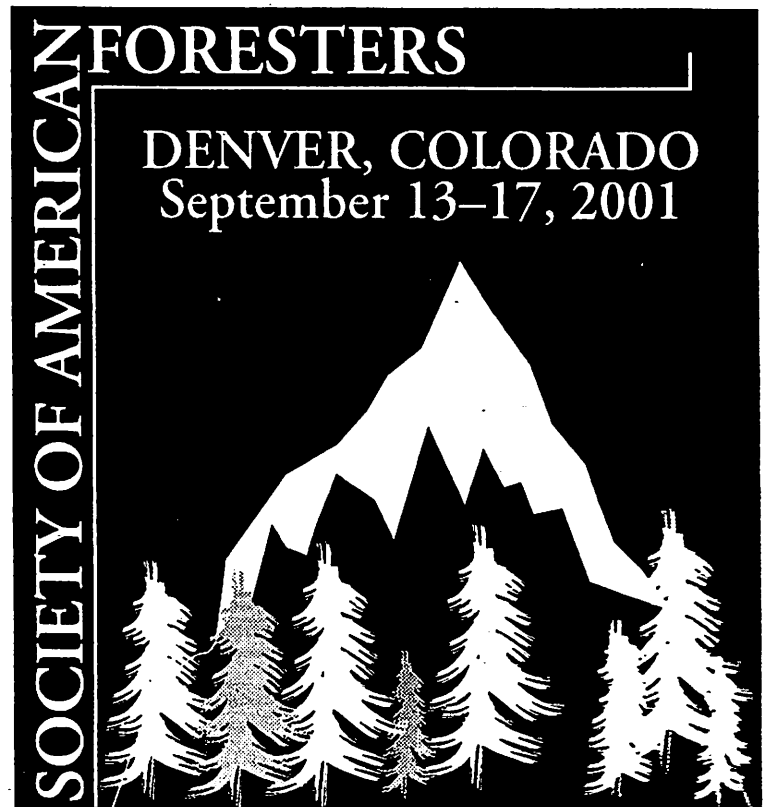
Pugent Sound Project Update - M. Lester will make the appropriate contacts to check on the project and send the Executive Committee an update via e-mail.

Moment of silence for deceased members - M. Lester requested the names of any additional deceased members to be announced at the Awards Banquet on Feb. 22, 2001.

**Adjourn:**

Being no further business, M. Lester proclaimed the meeting adjourned, noting that a synopsis of the Exec. Comm. discussion items would be presented at the full business meeting on Feb. 23, 2001.

Respectfully Submitted,  
K. Jolly, Secretary



## Allegheny Society of American Foresters 2000 Treasurer's Report

BEGINNING BALANCES (after 1999 Treasurer Close-out)	
Checking Account	\$ 786.32
Endowment Savings	3,699.75
Endowment CD	10,000.00

**CHECKING ACCOUNT INCOME:**

2000 Dues from National Office	\$11,031.25 (A)
Contributions:	
Plateau Chapter	3,000.00
MD-DE Division	500.00
WV Division	300.00
Interest	22.39
Reginald Forbes Art Awards	150.00 (B)
Forester Fund Grants (NJ Pass Through)	400.00
Transfer from Endowment Savings	1,630.00 (C)
Total Checking Account Income:	\$17,033.64

**CHECKING ACCOUNT EXPENSES:**

Div/Chp 2000 Dues Disbursements	\$ 3,027.50 (D)
Allegheny News	6,372.31
Executive Director Stipend	4,400.00
Executive Director Expenses	2,120.00
Student Travel	500.00 (E)
HSD Assessment	391.68
Awards	124.48
Reginald Forbes Art Awards	65.00
Forester Fund Grants (NJ Pass Through)	400.00
Total Checking Account Expenses:	\$17,400.97

CHECKING ACCOUNT TOTAL INCOME LESS EXPENSES      \$ (367.33)

CHECKING ACCOUNT ENDING BALANCE                      \$ 418.99

ENDOWMENT SAVINGS BEGINNING BALANCE              \$ 3,699.75

Endowment Savings Activity:	
Interest	\$ 74.66
Interest (transferred from CD)	430.05
Transfer to Checking	(1,630.00)(C)
Endowment Savings Ending Balance	\$ 2,574.46

ENDOWMENT CD BEGINNING BALANCE                      \$10,000.00

Endowment CD Activity:	
Interest	\$ 430.05
Interest Transferred to Endowment Savings	(430.05) [F]
Endowment CD Ending Balance	\$10,000.00

**ACCOUNT SUMMARY: 2000 ENDING BALANCES**

Primary Account (Checking)	\$ 418.99
Endowment Savings	2,574.46
Endowment CD	10,000.00

**NOTES:**

[A] This figure (\$11,031.25), represents 2000 dues which were received/ deposited after Jan. 1, 2000. Two 2000 dues checks were received/deposited in 1999. Thus, the total 2000 Allegheny dues amount received was \$18,159.50.

[B] This figure (\$150.00) represents a specifically designated contribution from R. LaBar to support the Reginald Forbes Art Show Awards.

[C] Due to a cash-flow shortage, this amount was transferred to the Checking Account to maintain the minimum balance level necessary to avoid Bank Service Charges. It will be returned in 2001 to the Endowment Savings Account, when cash-flow levels increase.

[D] This figure is composed of two separate amounts: (1) \$1,938.75, which was dispersed at the Winter 2000 Meeting, representing Dec. 1999 & Jan. 2000 Div/Chp dues disbursement received from National; and (2) \$1,088.75, which will be disbursed at the Winter 2001 Meeting, representing Div/Chp dues disbursements received from National for the remainder of 2000. (Note: \$1,933.25 of 2000 Div/Chp dues was disbursed to the Div/Chp in 1999; thus, the total 2000 Div/Chp dues disbursed was \$4,960.75).

[E] This figure represents the \$500.00 Travel Stipend for the students of the Penn State Mont Alto Quiz Bowl team to represent the Allegheny Society at the National Convention. No other student travel stipend requests were received during the year.

[F] Endowment CD amount remains constant; accrued interest is transferred continuously to the Endowment Savings Account.

Respectfully Prepared,  
Kenneth W. Jolly, Secretary/Treasurer, 1/10/01

Audit Confirmation  
Ronald J. Sheay, Auditing Committee Chair, 1/17/01



# PASAF Successfully Testifies on Township Timber Harvesting Ordinance

By Scott Siebert, AA Forestry

On March 14, 2001, five members of the Pennsylvania SAF Division attended a standing-room only public hearing on proposed amendments to an existing timber harvesting ordinance for Center Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania. To many, very upset landowners and loggers, as well as attorneys and foresters, the fact that there was an existing harvesting ordinance, was a surprise. For all, it was a good review of wordage and definitions of the recently revised Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Code (MPC). In the midst of this atmosphere, PA SAF Chair, **Robert Bauer**, and members **Scott Siebert** and **Ron Weisstein** presented testimony; **Mike McKain** and **Dan Eakin** supported their testimony.

There were many points of contention in the proposed amendments arising from varying perspectives related to rights of ownership, livelihood and principle; amendments which foresters would relate to silvical considerations such as regeneration and stream buffer protection were indefensible - as well as impractical

Section 603 [Zoning] of the PA Municipal Planning Code states: "Zoning ordinances may not unreasonably restrict forest activities. To encourage maintenance and management of forested or wooded open space . . . forest activities, including but not limited to, timber harvesting, shall be a permitted use by right in all zoning districts in every zone of a municipality."

Sounds simple enough. We get to practice forestry. But wait. There is that pesky qualifier in there. "May not UNREASONABLY RESTRICT." Lawyer talk. Sort of like depends on what the meaning of the phrase, is. Who will define "unreasonably restrict"?

According to Elam Herr representing the PA State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) at the PSU Issues Conference, it is up to the townships to determine just what is "Unreasonable." Who defines this? Foresters/landowners and township supervisors might respectfully disagree. At this public hearing on amendments to the timber-harvesting ordinance of Center Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, they did. Most were polite and made some fine points:

1. **Permitting.** "No harvest of any trees without a township permit. Permit only to be issued when a complete management plan, including a satisfactory Erosion & Sedimentation (E&S) is submitted to the township planning commission 30 days prior to a regularly scheduled township meeting." Everyone agrees a management plan is a good thing, but

should it restrict a farmer or landowner from cutting a load or two for cash in hand? And should the same landowner have to pay a certified forester the value of a load of logs to write a plan just to cut a load or two of logs? There was also the little matter of the permit fee, which was undefined, but at the discretion of the township.

2. **Top height restrictions.** "No top shall be left higher than 4 foot." Did you ever try to lop a large soft maple to 4 foot? Better bring your lunch.
3. **"No cutting of any live trees within the buffer zone,** which shall be defined as all boundaries of the sale. This shall also include not only road frontage but also any contiguous tract of wooded lands. No tops shall be left in the buffer zone." As the ordinance was written, there was no actual definition of the size of this buffer zone and would be left to the discretion of the "zoning board!" Have you ever seen what happens to the residual stand when you latch on to a large oak top and drag it 50-100 feet?
4. **Security Bond:** "To be issued to the township against site recovery at the rate of \$500 per acre." A 50-acre harvest would require \$25,000 bond to the township. Just a tad excessive.
5. **"All harvested trees must be replanted at the rate of 2:1 with the same species of tree no less that 2' in height.** "Where are you going to find a source of 2 foot Hickories or Basswood?
6. **"No trees to be harvested less than 12" DBH.** "This one really got the foresters attention. What about pulpwood? What about pre-commercial thinning? What about Seed Tree Harvests? How about danger trees, springpoles, witch brooms? And worst of all, a forced diameter limit. Totally unacceptable.

There were more points of contention, but I think you are getting the idea.

It should also be noted that the words of several "Century Farmers" were also quite relevant. Little things, like paying taxes on a piece of land for 100-200 years and more, 5-6 generations of a family on the same farm. **To make a long story short, not only did the township supervisors vote not to adopt the new ordinance amendments; they also voted to abolish the 1982 passed version. Which just goes to show you, a grass roots effort can still be successful in defining just what is an "Unreasonable Restriction."** ☺

# West Virginia Students Win Allegheny SAF Quiz Bowl

By Beth Brantley, Chair, Student Quiz Bowl



Roger Sherman (l) congratulates WVU students Tony, Dawn and Ben, and coach Linda Gribko on winning Allegheny SAF 2001 Student Quiz Bowl

of Tony Scardina, Dawn Meyers, and Ben Parsons narrowly defeated the Penn State University Park team of Brent McNeal, Bonnie Soden, and Nick Larson, 35 to 30.

The final round between ACM and WVU was exciting, and ended with a final score of 20 to 40, in WVU's favor. West Virginia University will represent the Allegheny SAF in the national competition in Denver, CO during the September 2001 Annual SAF Convention.

Congratulations to the West Virginia University Allegheny SAF Quiz Bowl Champions! 🏆

Four teams competed in this year's Student Quiz Bowl, held during the Winter Meeting of the Allegheny SAF in Atlantic City, NJ on February 22, 2001. Ron Sheay graciously served as scorekeeper, Jack Winieski volunteered to be the reader of the questions, and Tim Kaden was the official timekeeper. In the first round, the Penn State Mont Alto team, consisting of Lisa Aldinger, Lee Smith, and Greg Sanford, put up a good fight against Allegany College of Maryland (ACM). But the ACM team, with Nick Stonesifer, Brian DeHaven, and Ken Drees, beat Mont Alto 40 to 35. The West Virginia University team



Jack Winieski reads questions during the annual Student Quiz Bowl in Atlantic City  
Photo by Alex Day



Ron Sheay keeps score as Penn State and West Virginia compete in the Quiz Bowl. Photo by Alex Day.

## Musser Forests

### Northern-Grown Tree Seedlings

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# Some Thoughts on Forest Land Use Problems

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When the topic of this meeting, “The Non-Material Uses of Forest Land” was discussed at the summer meeting, the thought occurred to me that we were just asking for trouble. The more a group tends to hear a statement repeated, the more it tends to accept that statement as truth. The line of reasoning continued that if we, as forest land managers, keep acquiescing to the demands for additional uses of forest land, there soon won't be much left for the growing of timber. If the non-material uses represent single use or preservation aspects of land use, then as a forester, I was going to become militantly aggressive about resisting their intrusion on an already crowded area (competing land uses).

Ben Stout, patient soul that he is, listened to my arguments, then said, “It's up to you, either get up on your feet and say what you believe or join the tailwaggers.” Thus trapped into a position of backing up my statements, I accepted the invitation to speak.

In attempts to seek means to discredit the avaricious appetite for forest lands by uses other than timber production, a search was made for logical premises or grounds for argument. This was a costly mistake, for the more material read, the more conversations held, the more time in reflective thought; the clearer it became that there is some merit to the claims of non-material use of forest lands. Congestion of any species, including man, does breed tension; forest lands are not overly populated by the human race; therefore, they serve as an area for relief of tension. Environmental conditions of big city living do reduce physical hardiness and lower

resistances to illness; thus, to promote physical well being, provide open space or forest land for people. The incidence of mental disturbances per unit of population is much higher in city or urban conditions than in rural settings; thus, use the forest lands for needed preventative medicine in mental health. Social class lines, as formed by city neighborhoods become hazy or indistinct in wilderness environments; thus, use the forest to promote classlessness in society. These and other non-material ideas have merit; we'd better adjust to them instead of being antagonistic.

Instead of playing Don Quixote and charging windmills, it has been necessary to revise my thinking and offer some alternatives or suggestions for meeting the growing demands for forest lands. As foresters, we – me included – tend to be content to sit back and listen without doing anything. This has been a mistake, for even if no original point comes out of this paper; at least an effort has been made – hopefully some others of you will be stimulated enough to make a response and to become involved in forest land allocation problems.

The question, “Who needs forests?” poses some very interesting points. First, it suggests that somebody might need forests either materially or non-materially, and this suggestion may be unwarranted. Certain societies have adapted to treeless areas without loss of life. Granted such existence may not match the standard of living to which we are accustomed, but it does serve to question the predication of ultimate disaster in the absence of forest cover. Second, and more reasonably, the question

“Who need forests?” suggests that there may be more than one group with a claim on the tangible benefits provided by forest lands – such as thousand board feet, dollars stumpage, acre-feet of water, visitor days recreation use, animal grazing units, etc. If indeed we accept this commonly proposed notion of the forest serving material needs, then the task for foresters is to rank priorities of use or combine various compatible uses on the same area. Third, the question suggests also that the forest serves non-material as well as the material need of mankind. These intangible benefits, such as social adjustment, cultural or religious growth, emotional or stress release, moral refurbishing and elimination of inequalities have all been described as being attainable by using forest land. The question that immediately becomes evident is, how are intangible benefits evaluated and how is land apportioned to fulfill these needs?

The basic purpose behind this meeting seems to be to increase the foresters' awareness of the growing range of demands placed upon forest land by a growing population with plenty of money and time to spend it. As forest managers, many of us tend to become defensive when new and different uses threaten to reduce further, the land base devoted to the production of forest crops. This we must change if as foresters, we are to maintain a viable forest capable of meeting all tangible and intangible demands, and if we are to continue to assume the responsibility for managing forest lands.

The many uses of the forest reflected in the question, “Who needs forests?” illustrates our failure

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to comprehend forces within our society and adjust to meet them. We are burying ourselves in logic, economic analysis and justifications of land use based on long-term trends. The proponents of intangible benefits or non-material uses of the forest, which are most often uses promoted as single-use occupiers of space as opposed to multiple use of space, disregard the arguments of logic or economic fact and instead play upon the emotions. Our concern is now to understand the demand for forest land; to learn to listen and understand the reflections of public opinion; and to exert the leadership we are capable of exerting.

What does all this portend for the future of forestry? It means we must face the fact that land is a finite resource and a certain minimum amount of land is essential for the practice of forestry if we are to sustain or improve our standard of living. Use patterns for forest lands, for the growing number of divergent uses, are being allocated not by economic justification but by emotion. Decision making for these uses of land has shifted from the market place, from the forest products industry, from the forester, from the forest services, to social pressure groups who can organize public opinion to influence legislative action. Emotions, not economic reasoning will prevail unless there is some show of unity of purpose opposing single use pressure groups. Why have we lost the initiative in the battle of public opinion? (1) We lack the crusading spirit associated with our predecessors or we lack the ability to portray the crusading spirit we possess; (2) We have not been willing to compromise or grant any validity to the requests of pressure groups; and (3) We have failed to

provide any satisfactory alternatives to land use problems.

The day of the economist as an important influence in forest policy or land use decisions is drawing to a close. Land use decisions will be made by groups able to generate the most influence – those groups who can mold or sway public opinion through skillful communications; those groups who can, through oratorical excellence, influence legislative action, and those groups who can explain land use policy to the uneducated in an understandable and believable manner. This group who can arouse the public, is worth more than a thousand economists with benefit-cost ratios running out their ears. All this means is that we have been using the wrong tools to do our job - we arrive at the ball park for the game with the wrong equipment on the wrong day with a hostile group of spectators.

What we must do is reflect on the current utilization of lands, analyze the decisions about land use facing us, then set a definite course of action to obtain a ratio of land uses, which will satisfy most people. Certainly we should make people aware that the prosperity of this nation, the immense wealth we inherited from our forefathers, was created by a strong resource base. Continued prosperity still depends on a strong resource base. Prosperity of a nation depends on the availability of the factors of production – land, labor, capital, management, and time. Time is given to us all in equal measure, thus, it is not time alone but our use of time which ranks as a factor of production. It is possible to cite examples of substitutability between the various factors such as substituting labor and capital for land; however, this has limited application when applied to long-term crops such as trees. In 1960,

we had about 2.43 acres of productive forest land per person in the United States. At present (1969) it is about 2.15 acres per person. It should be possible through genetics, fertilization, improved productivity (the substitution of labor for land), etc. to reduce the per capita acreage to one-half acre per person and still satisfy the fiber demands of this country. Even with this prospect of substitution of other factors for land, there will still be insufficient supply to satisfy all demands on a single use basis.

How should we, as foresters, seek to accommodate competing uses for forestland yet maintain a productive base for forest crops. There are many paths one could explore to reach an equitable allocation of uses to land. Some of the paths suggested are to become involved in decision-making areas by overcoming lethargy and involving yourselves to the limit of your ability. If through pen, word of mouth, or example we can dramatize the role of forestry in economy, in the environment, in our everyday lives: then we can instill in the public a pride for foresters which doesn't now exist. To do this we should seek to determine total demand (with a minimum acceptable level) for land for the production of forest crops. When one group of economists in Washington comes forth with a timber trend, which forecasts a future timber famine, while other economists promote our findings of growth in excess of drain; the public becomes confused. We must stop using fear of future famine as a basis for justifying current expenditure programs. If indeed we believe that a wood scarcity is impending, then as foresters, we'd better start trying to get people to use concrete, steel, aluminum and stone; we'd better forget trying to promote wood products; we'd better end all



research in finding additional uses for wood which would increase annual harvests; we'd better discontinue efforts to regain markets for wood. If we do believe that through judicious action we can supply present and future demands for forest products, than we'd better stop using forecasts to justify current expenditures, we' better try to apply ourselves to doing the best job of management possible and we'd better make the wisest use possible of every dollar invested in forest production.

We must awaken to the demands of other uses of forestland. In the past we have closed our eyes and ears to wilderness enthusiasts, recreationists, mental health advocates and others. By doing this we have eliminated any chance at compromise in land use policy decisions. We must invite other interests into our meetings, our discussions, our bull sessions to obtain the overall picture of who needs what in the way of forestland.

We must be alert enough to provide alternatives, which are satisfactory substitutes for excessive demands on forestlands. Such alternatives might be creation of simulated forest environments in indoor city settings so that people can obtain these nonmaterial needs in a limited space. Thus, by creating a ten-acre enclosure with programmed use, a person should be subjected to the trials and tribulations of an outdoor or wilderness experience without leaving town. In a similar manner, hunting farms could be formed in suburbia where a hunter is placed, for a price, into an enclosed area from one side and the game from the other. After a specified time limit, if the hunter hasn't make his kill, he forfeits his turn to the next person. Thus these programmed hunts within a limited area utilize less land while providing the change of pace and test of skill desired. Another approach is to provide programmed use for existing wilderness areas with controlled entry and length of stay at established campsites. Another alternative is communal vacations where large groups are provided organized vacation opportunities - much like summer camps for families to restrict use to areas more capable of supporting such use. As foresters, we should take the initiative in seeking a large wilderness area near the outskirts of some large city where there is current heavy use or impending urbanization. All access to this wilderness would be prohibited (total lock up) - this would place the problem we face in better perspective to urban dwellers who can not now appreciate the challenge of competing land uses. We need to propose and promote different vacation experiences to satisfy the advent of the thrill seeker, to satisfy more built in frictions to the existing uses of outdoors such that current use is not as inexpensive a change of pace as other alternatives; and to promote greater use of the space in which we live - that is sea and air - to alleviate

pressures on the land surface.

As foresters, we must seek to prepare an effective action program, which will capture the imagination of the public. We must utilize the techniques most effective in influencing future policy decisions. We must be willing to compromise - to admit the non-material needs satisfied by forest land are real. We must develop the perspective we have lost if we are to regain our rightful position as forest land managers. •

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- 19-23 SAF Leadership Academy, Nebraska City, NE. Louise Murgia 301-897-8720, ext. 118 or [murgial@safnet.org](mailto:murgial@safnet.org)

### June

- 8-9 Western MD Loggers/foresters Field Day, Garret County Fairgrounds, Rt.219, McHenry, MD. MD Forests Assn., Karin Miller 301-895-5369
- 15 **Deadline: Articles and photos for Summer 2001 issue of *The Allegheny News***
- 24-27 3<sup>rd</sup> North American Forest Ecology Workshop, "Issues of Scale in Forest Ecology: From Theory to Practice," Duluth Convention Center, MN. Mary Hellman, Fax 612-625-5212 or [mhellman@forestry.umn.edu](mailto:mhellman@forestry.umn.edu)

### July

- 11-13 2001 Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting, Sheraton Station Square, Pittsburgh, PA "Western PA - Gateway to Forest Opportunities" Contact Bob Schweitzer 814-472-1872
- 23-27 2001 Northeastern Area Nursery Conference, "Sustainable Nurseries - Sustainable Forests". Toftrees Resort & Conference Center, State College, PA. PA DCNR,USFS, PA Landscape Nursery Assn., NE Area Nursery Assn. Registration Packet: 814-364-5150, 8am - 4pm M-F

### September

- 13-17 SAF National Convention, Denver, Colorado: "Forestry at the Great Divide"
- 15 **Deadline: Articles and photos for Fall 2001 issue of *The Allegheny News***

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