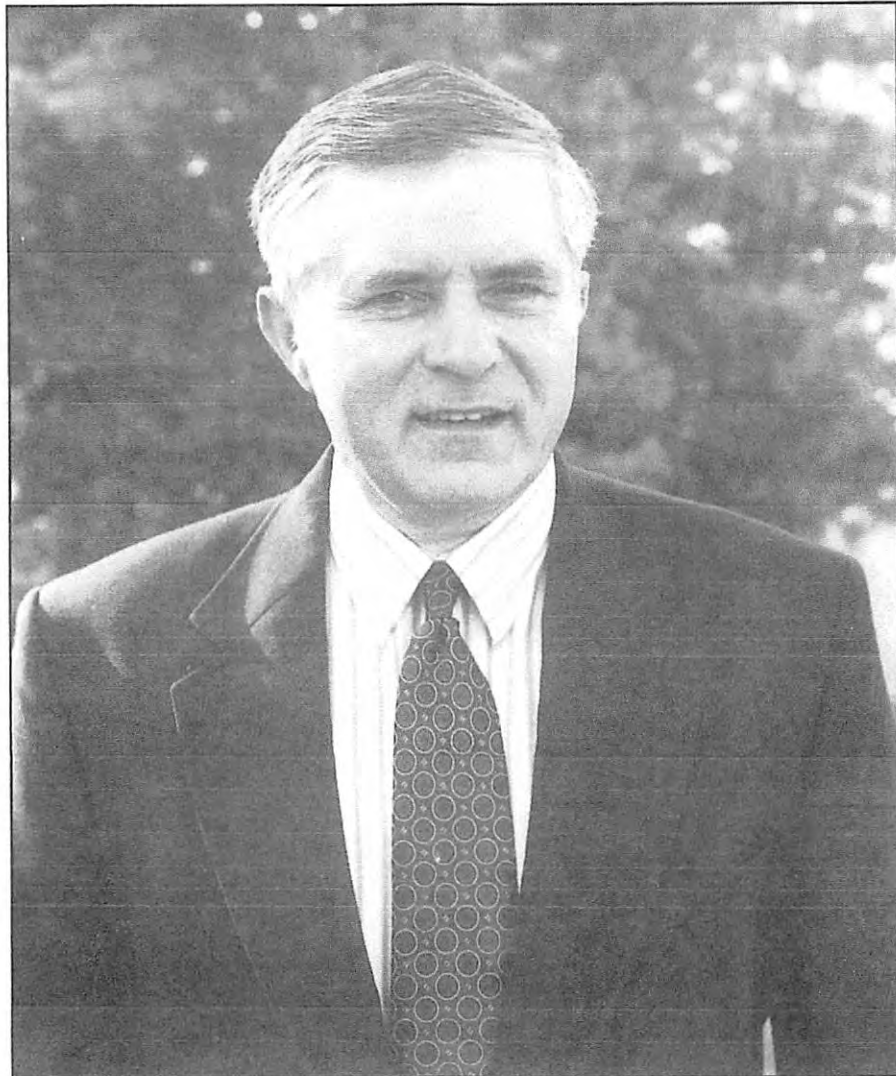


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Allegheny SAF Chair-Elect Bob Bauer died unexpectedly due to an accident at his home on December 31, 2002. Please see the tributes from some of his peers on pages 11-14.



Chairman's Corner

By Ken Kane
Allegheny SAF Chair

A lot has happened since the last issue of *The Allegheny News*. I had the privilege of representing the Allegheny at the House of Society Delegates' (HSD) meeting in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. HSD members met on Friday and Saturday, October 4th and 5th prior to the National Convention to discuss and vote on the many issues brought forward by the grass roots membership for presentation to National Council. Two resulting highlights - National dropped the Leadership Academy from the 2003 budget, and HSD passed or reaffirmed prior resolutions supporting active forest management on federal, state, municipal and private forest land. Mike Lester, past Allegheny Chair, did an outstanding job as 2002 HSD Chair. Congratulations are in order to Mike also for his recent election to SAF Council Representative District VII, representing the Allegheny and National Capital Societies. Mike replaces Tim Kaden in that position - Tim's leadership and commitment to SAF in that position and in many past ANSAF positions is well recognized, evidenced by his election as an SAF Fellow and receiving the District VII "Field Forester of the Year" award in 2002! (Lloyd R. Casey of Valley Forge and James N. Kochenderfer of West Virginia also were elected fellows - all three will be presented certificates at the winter meeting).

On Wednesday, November 6, 2002, I was part of a group of Allegheny SAF members that gathered in Harrisburg, PA to develop a plan to increase the Allegheny SAF Educational Endowment Fund. The group also prepared revisions to the Endowment By-Laws for consideration at the winter meeting to be held February 19-21, 2003 in Williamsport, PA. (Please plan to attend that meeting and learn more about the progress in the efforts of Chair Ron Sheay and his volunteer committee). Ron hosted the meeting at the PA Bureau of Forestry Pest Lab (thank

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you BOF) with Jim Nelson, George Pierson, Roy Siefert, Mark Webb, Jack Winieski, and yours truly in attendance. We came away with a plan to reach out to the membership in order to sustain the future of the Allegheny Society. Please take time to read Ron Sheay's article on page 5 in this issue of *The Allegheny News* and give serious consideration to supporting this initiative. To date, we have 100% participation of the Non-Ad-Hoc and Executive Committee members; this commitment, along with the generous challenge pledge of Bob and Helen LaBar, provides a strong start in this campaign.

Later in the day on November 6, 2002, Jack Winieski, Roy Siefert, and I paid a visit to Joseph Ibberson to present his long overdue SAF Fellow Certificate. Joe was unable to make it to Hagerstown for last winter's meeting or to Gettysburg for the summer meeting. We were happy to be able to make the presentation to Joe and are truly grateful for the hospitality and fellowship we experienced.

We have a lot happening in the Allegheny Society. New Jersey Division held a successful workshop at Grey Towers and shared a portion of the proceeds with the Allegheny. The Keystone Chapter has repaid the advance for last summer's meeting and will be meeting to discuss further financial support of the Allegheny Society. Only through active participation in our professional society are we able to promote our profession, our Society, and prepare us to better manage the society's resources.

I hope to see all of you in Williamsport – the Northern Hardwood Chapter has worked very hard to provide an educational and interesting program, "North Central Pennsylvania: A Model for Multiple Use Management."

May each of you have a safe and happy Holiday Season! 🐦

Bill Banzhaf

By Mike Lester, ANSAF Past Chair, Dist VII Councilman



Bill Banzhaf

I don't exactly remember where or when I first met **Bill Banzhaf**, but I do remember the details of the meeting. It was at an SAF National Convention, and I approached Bill in the exhibits hall. I wanted to comment on Bill's remarks from earlier that day in the National Assembly. I approached with some trepidation. After all, I was a field forester and Bill was the Executive Vice President of my professional society.

The EVP is a very busy person at a National Convention. However, we talked about my concerns for the next few minutes, and I knew I had his full attention. That's Bill Banzhaf. He runs what I believe is the finest natural resource professional society. Yet, during the busiest time of the year, he always made time for individual members.

Bill is leaving SAF at the beginning of 2003. He has accepted a position as the president of the Sustainable Forestry Board, Inc. Bill spent 14 years as Executive Vice President and CEO of SAF, and did a wonderful job. He was always available for meetings and missed very few Allegheny SAF winter meetings. Probably his most impressive performance was his working relationship with the SAF Presidents he served under in those 14 years. That's a pretty tricky part of the job. Bill continued to promote the message of sustainable forestry, while never getting in the way of each President's particular message. In fact, Bill was always supportive of the Presidents he served, even when you knew he sometimes didn't completely agree with the message.

I think I really got a chance to know Bill at the 1997 Leadership Academy. There were at least 90 people there, and Bill was in the thick of it. I was in a crossroads in my career, where there were some financially attractive options outside of forestry. But I had a nagging feeling that leaving forestry wasn't the right move. Then I heard Bill talking about his passion for forestry. Then everything clicked for me and I knew that forestry was my career. I also had the chance to experience the perspective, humor, and warmth Bill brought to the job. I even got the chance to hear him try to hit a high note on a Beatles song, when several folks were doing some picking after a long day. He didn't hit that note, but it was close. I guess the point is, he liked to have fun, and didn't mind putting himself in a position where folks could poke a little fun at him.

Bill Banzhaf won't be leaving SAF as a member. It is his passion and I suspect it always will be. When I asked Bill why he was leaving his position, he said that fourteen years was a long time and it was time for some new challenges. I believe that is also Bill Banzhaf, always looking for a new challenge. However, I think the organization will miss Bill. No doubt we'll get a new EVP who will be supremely qualified to provide leadership and continuity for SAF. But we'll still miss Bill Banzhaf. Here's wishing you the best, Bill. 🐦

Tim Kaden Receives District VII Field Forester Award



SAF President Dave Smith (right) presents 2002 Field Forester Award to Tim Kaden

SAF President Dave Smith presented Tim Kaden, CF, with the 2002 District VII Field Forester of the Year Award at the National Convention in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The SAF Presidential Field Forester Award recognizes individuals who have displayed uncommon talent, skill, and innovative methods in achieving a record of excellence in the application of forest management.

Tim has been Land Preservation Specialist, Delaware Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation, in Dover, Delaware since 1995. He is responsible for all forest management prescriptions and activities on 13 Delaware State Parks.

Between 1970 and 1995 Tim held Field, Watershed, and Forest Products Forester positions, and served as Cooperative Forest Management Supervisor, Forest Resource Planner and Deputy State Forester in the Delaware Forest Service. While Forest Resource Planner, he was responsible for writing the State of Delaware Forest Resource Plan. He was elected to the 33-state Eastern Wildland Fire Coordinating Group, participated in the Delaware Biological Diversity inventory, taught Introduction to Forestry at University of DE, and has contributed articles to "Outdoor Delaware" magazine.

Tim has an Associate in Forest Science Management 1968 and a BS in Forest/Range Management, minor in Soil Science, Utah State University, North Dakota School of Forestry. 🦋

Kane Hardwood Winner of PA Governor's Award

Extracted from PA DEP Update Newsletter, 9/27/02

Kane Hardwood, a Collins Company, was the winner of the 2002 Governor's Award for Environmental Sustainability, for supporting the production of wood on a sustained, renewable basis and being committed to the total health maintenance of the forest ecosystem. The independent third party Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) has certified the company's more than 120,000 acres as being managed in an environmentally and socially responsible manner.

To conserve natural resources, Collins avoids wasteful, toxin-spreading methods of materials handling and has developed a Journey Awareness Team to educate employees and other industry leaders about their "journey to sustainability." Collins invests in research, mapping, planning and training that promotes environmentally responsible practices to ensure an abundance of natural resources for the next generation. 🦋



(Left to right): Blaine Puller - Forest Manager, Dee Pardiny - Forestry Assistant, Connie Grenz - General Manager, Eric Schooler - President of Collins Companies and David Hess - Secretary of DEP

2002 SAF Fun Run Results

Of the 78 registered runners in the SAF National Convention 5K Fun Run/Walk at Winston-Salem, NC, ANSAF member Mike Lester placed 23rd overall and 2nd place in his age category. West Virginia student Joe Rossetti came in 32nd and Mary Ann Fajvan 56th, with times of 20:38:30, 21:41:58, and 25:36:21, respectively. 🦋

Ibberson Receives SAF Fellow Certificate

Joseph E. Ibberson, a 49-year member of the Keystone Chapter of Allegheny SAF, accepted a framed SAF Fellow certificate in the office of his home in Harrisburg, PA on November 6, 2002. Allegheny SAF Chair, Ken Kane, made the presentation in the presence of members Jack Winieski and Roy Siefert. Election to Fellow status is the highest form of recognition by the Society from one's peers for a career of outstanding service to SAF, the forestry profession, and society. The Fellow Award is limited to less than 5% of the 17,000 national professional memberships.

Ibberson retired from the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry (BOF) in 1977 as Chief of the Forest Advisory Services (FAS) after 29 years of service to the Commonwealth. He was responsible for initiating the FAS Division, a group of forest specialists in silviculture and planning, wildlife management, entomology and pathology, wood utilization, genetics, service forestry, biometrics and computer applications to forest management. Under his direction, FAS provided continuing education to BOF programs and cooperated with the US Forest Service, Penn State and the PA Game Commission in developmental research projects.



Ken Kane (left) presenting Fellow Certificate in Joe Ibberson's study

Many new and innovative forest resource management practices were spawned in FAS: the first of several forest resource management plans for PA's over two million acres of State Forest Land, more sophisticated bio controls and the rearing and release of predators and parasites in pest control, a periodic marketing bulletin and technical assistance to the wood utilization industry, a genetics tree improvement program in conjunction with the forest tree nurseries, the first extensive service forestry program, the application of biometrics and computer programming contributing to forest inventory, planning, timber sales processing, reproduction monitoring, and personnel and other record keeping activities.

Ibberson practiced what he

preached - successfully combining acres of fragmented woodland parcels into several large tree farms. One 350-acre area has been donated to the PA State Parks system as the first PA Conservation Area, to be further developed and managed for passive recreation activities, environmental education and working forest demonstrations. He has endowed a fund with the PA

Forestry Association and established a Chair at Penn State to train forester help the over 500,000 non-industrial private forest (NIPF) landowners in the state. He was named the 1998 PA and NE Region Outstanding Tree Farmer, 1999 Outstanding Management of Resources, and Dauphin Co. PA Forest Stewardship Conservation Awards, Wildlife Conservation Award of the PA Game Commission, and the 2001 PA Audubon Society Conservation Landowner Award.

Ibberson has served on numerous committees of the Keystone, Pennsylvania and Allegheny SAF units over the years and holds a BS in Forestry from Penn State University, 1947, and an MF from Yale University, 1948. Between 1942 and 1945 he served in the US Army. 🦋

Enter the SAF Art Show at February Winter Meeting

By Charlie Newlon, Chair ANSAF Reginald Forbes Art Show

From February 19-21, 2003, Genetti's Hotel and Conference Center in Williamsport, PA is the place to bring your masterpiece artwork for display (bragging) and peer judging - and if for no other reason, to maintain a tradition, the **Reginald Forbes Art Show!** If you can't make the meeting, try to send it with someone who is attending. Remember, the show is open to SAF members of all categories of art, with student members judged separately from professional members. And SAF family members' entries are also welcome. So dust off your camera, whittle a better bird, find your photos, weave a masterpiece, have big prints made of your 35mm slides, make 8 x 10 or larger prints of those digitals, carve a zinger, mix the watercolors, squeeze the paint tubes, sketch a scene, fire up the ceramic kiln, or dream up the best art show entry ever presented for consideration.

Any questions? Contact Charlie Newlon at cbnewlon@home.com or call 610-872-6019. 🦋

Allegheny Society of American Foresters Meeting Summer 2003

- Hosted by, The Rothrock Chapter
- Held at the: Ramada Inn
1450 South Atherton St.
State College, PA.,
- To reserve your room for this event,
please call 814-238-3001
- Room rates: \$59.00 a night
- Our program will focus on advanced
technology such as GPS, GIS and
Computer Applications
- Field Trip, Indoor Presentations,
Exhibitors and a Silent Auction are
some of the highlights.
- Preceded by The Central PA Festival of
the Arts, July 9th-13th. Make your
reservations early if you plan to attend
the Arts Festival – rooms fill up early.



Society of American Foresters

July 13 - 15, 2003

Theme:

“Cutting Edge Forestry”

Allegheny SAF Educational Endowment Fund Drive

By Ron Sheay, Non-Ad-hoc Coordinator

On page 14 of the Fall 2002 issue of *The Allegheny News*, I presented an historical perspective on the initiation and present status of the Allegheny SAF (ANSAF) Educational Endowment Fund (EEF). As a result of discussion at the Summer Meeting in Gettysburg, a non-ad-hoc group of members received Executive Committee permission to initiate an effort to increase the principal of the existing fund, and to propose a revision of the existing charter to allow use of interest generated from that larger fund for broader educational purposes within the mission of ANSAF. If you've read Chair Ken Kane's Column in this issue, you can see that the group has met, discussed, and has formulated a strategy - to be acted upon at the Winter meeting in Williamsport.

Let me emphasize that donations received in this drive will be added to the principal of the existing fund and only the interest will be used for these broadened educational purposes. We are in the early phases of implementing the plan, having already solicited and received donations from the non-ad-hoc group and Executive Committee members. Letters of invitation are in the mail to past ANSAF chairs, fellows, golden members, outstanding service to forestry and forester of the year recipients and sustaining members.

Where are we now? So far we have raised \$4,150. Our first fourteen friends of the ANSAF Educational Endowment Fund expansion include: **Alex Day, Tim Kaden, Ken Kane, Jim Mallow, Dave McGill, Jim Nelson, Steve**

Resh, George Pierson, Ron Sheay, Roy Siefert, Ben Stout, Susan Stout, Jack Winieski, and Wilbur Wolf.

All contributors will be listed in future issues of *The Allegheny News* as the campaign escalates. Oh yes, did I mention we're reaching for \$40,000?? After the winter meeting all members will receive an invitation to participate in this benchmark undertaking of the Allegheny SAF. When the time comes, make certain your name appears in the newsletter - more importantly, reflect on what the profession and SAF means to you and the potential of an expanded educational endowment fund. Come to Williamsport and learn more - get in the spirit - and participate! 🦅



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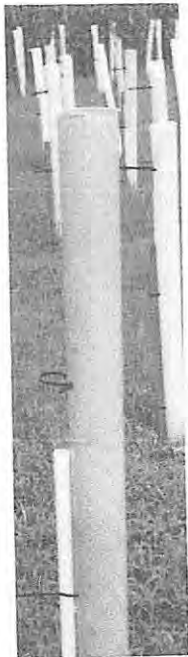
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Penn State Mont Alto At SAF National Meeting

By Dr. Beth Brantley, Mt. Alto Penn State



Seven Penn State Mont Alto students attended the National SAF meeting in Winston-Salem, North Carolina October 5-8, 2002. Dr. Peter Linehan, faculty advisor to the Penn State Mont Alto Forestry Club, brought Zack Kane, Sam Mogerman and Leslie Stockham to the meeting on Saturday. Another group of students, Aaron Cook, Brian Kieffer, Andrew Mishler, and Abby Zarichansky, headed east from their Woodsmen's competition at the Cradle of Forestry (Pisgah Forest, NC) on Saturday and arrived in time for the first round of the National Student Quiz Bowl. The Penn State Mont Alto students watched as the Penn State University team was eliminated in the preliminary round of the quiz bowl competition.

The Mont Alto students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to hear professional presentations at the National Meeting. They also benefited from the trade show and returned to Mont Alto with lots of free things! The students were also able to "network" for future employment opportunities. The highlight of the meeting for Leslie Stockham was seeing Mike Lester, PA Bureau of Forestry Assistant State Forester again. A week earlier Mike was a guest speaker in Dr. Beth Brantley's Introduction to Forestry course at Penn State Mont Alto. 🐦

Councilman's Report

By Tim Kaden, SAF District VII Representative



With Great Respect

On December 7th and 8th I attended my last SAF Council meeting as your representative. I purposefully sat next to your new councilperson, **Mike Lester**, so we could discuss any particular issues that would be carried forward into Mike's term starting in January. I believe the relationship Mike and I have, the passion for the society, integrity and honesty to oneself and the Allegheny SAF, and the commitment to the foresters of the Allegheny Society will continue to move us forward without skipping a beat. I vision the change as my face fading out and Mike's face coming into focus – an unnoticeable transition.

I cannot tell you what a pleasure it has been for me to be part of council representing District VII. I have had opportunities to meet with forestry leaders on council and in council related committees; opportunities to meet and know members of the Allegheny and National Capital SAF with local and national issue concerns has been personally most rewarding. To all of you that have given me guidance, support, and shared your experiences with me during my term I thank you.


I want to recognize a number of Allegheny foresters that have been special friends and mentors to me over the years: **Jack Winieski, Mark Webb, Charles Newlon, Duane Green, Ron Sheay, Kim Steiner** and **Roger Sherman**. When one surrounds oneself with quality people it can only make you a better person. One last thanks and a big hug to **Marlo Sherman** and **The Reverend Ginny Sheay** – thanks for being part of my life experiences.

As this phase of my SAF career comes to a close, I want to tell you that our professional organization is slowly moving toward being recognized as the leader in the art, science, and practical application of forest policy and placing sound forestry practices on the ground. Even though our national membership has slipped some over the last few years, we are stronger than ever in our society's commitment to the highest quality of scientific forestry application to all lands. As THE professional organization for foresters, SAF can be proud of its accomplishments, and the quality membership that relishes the challenges of the future.

As I move on, I look forward to taking on part of those challenges. My immediate plans are to participate in the upcoming Williamsport winter meeting and the National Convention in Buffalo, and contribute what I can to the strength of SAF. But who knows what the New Year will bring. THANK YOU ALL, it has been a great experience. Happy New Year! Tim

2003 PSU Forest Issues Conference

The 2003 Penn State University Forest Issues Conference, *Forestry's Role in Integrated Water Management*, will be held March 25th and 26th at the Nittany Inn in State College. The conference will feature speakers addressing such topics as: Where's the Water?, Forests and Waters - Facts and Fallacies, TMDL's and EPA's Watershed Rule - How Much Can Waterways Handle?, and Perceptions of Climate Forecasts and Climate Change by Community Water System Managers.

On Tuesday evening, March 25th, everyone is welcome to attend the Alumni banquet and the presentation by Dale Bosworth, Chief of the USDA Forest Service. For more information contact Laurie Schoonhoven at 814-865-7932 or lms28@psu.edu (<http://sfp.cas.psu.edu>) 

Allegheny Society of American Foresters 81st Annual Winter Meeting

NORTHCENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA: A MODEL FOR MULTIPLE USE MANAGEMENT
February 19, 20, and 21, 2003 • Genetti Hotel in Williamsport, PA

The Northern Hardwood Chapter is hosting the 81st Annual Meeting of the Allegheny Society of American Foresters at the Genetti Hotel in historical Williamsport, PA. All are invited to attend.

The meeting will highlight Northcentral Pennsylvania. The millions of acres of public and private forests in this area have been providing lumber, coal, oil, natural gas, drinking water, and countless hours of hunting, fishing, camping, hiking and sightseeing for over 150 years. This year's meeting will highlight this Model for Multiple Use Management.

Topics of discussion will include the Lumber Heritage Region that encompasses the entire area, ecotourism, mineral, water quality wildlife and timber issues, the Reginald Forbes Art Show, Foresters Fund Silent Auction and the Student Quiz Bowl.

The Williamsport area offers a number of points of interest ranging from the Little League Museum to tours of historic homes to numerous outdoor recreational opportunities. Bring all members of the family and let them explore the area. There is something in the area for everyone.

Meeting Logistics

Registration for this meeting is an affordable \$90.00 if received prior to January 24, 2003. Registrations received after that date will be \$110.00. Non-members will pay \$125.00 and Students \$50.00. The registration

fee will include a buffet breakfast on Thursday and Friday and lunch on Thursday. All breaks are also included.

The awards banquet Thursday evening will be a separate charge of \$25.00. This the only meal not included in the registration fee. Please indicate your choice of meal on your registration. There will be a cash bar at both the Icebreaker on Wednesday night and for Thursday evening's banquet. The banquet's entertainment will be "Kate and Friends," provided by Kathy Clees.

A block of rooms has been reserved for Wednesday and Thursday evenings at the Genetti Hotel for this meeting. The block of rooms is reserved until January 20, 2003. Room rates are \$59.00 per night for a single room and \$65.00 per night for a double.

Preconvention Tours of the Keystone Veneer and Dwight Lewis Lumber Molding facilities, located in the area, will be held on Wednesday afternoon. A spouse's tour of the Woolrich factory and outlet store will be offered on Thursday afternoon. A post convention tour of Penn College's Earth Science Complex will be offered Friday. For additional information:

SAF Northern Hardwood Chapter
c/o Marian Keegan
MK Forestry
P.O. Box 275
Wilcox, PA 15870

Tentative Agenda

Wednesday, February 19, 2003

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Preconvention Tours	Dwight Lewis Lumber Molding Facility or Keystone Veneer
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Reginald Forbes Art Contest Entries	Balcony
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Allegheny Section Executive Committee	Washington Room
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Icebreaker Reception, Sponsored by Pennsylvania Power and Light	Garden Room

Thursday, February 20, 2003

7:00 am - 9:00 am	Registration	Main Lobby
	Reginald Forbes Art Contest Entries	Balcony
7:30 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast Buffet	Ball Room
	Divisional Breakfast Meetings	Ball Room
9:00 am - 10:15 am	Welcome and Keynote	Terrace Room
	<i>Moderator: Mike Hale, Chair, Northern Hardwood Chapter</i>	
9:00 am - 9:05 am	Opening Remarks, Mike Hale, Chair, Northern Hardwood Chapter	
9:05 am - 9:15 am	Welcome to Williamsport, Mayor Rafferty, Williamsport	
9:15 am - 9:25 am	Long Range Political View, Senator Rodger Madigan, 25 th District of Pennsylvania	
9:25 am - 9:30 am	Introduction of Keynote Speaker, Dr. James Grace, Pennsylvania State Forester	
9:30 am - 10:15 am	Nature Tourism Opportunities in NC Pennsylvania, Ted Eubanks, Fermata, Inc.	
10:15 am - 10:45 am	Break	Garden Room

Tentative Agenda

Thursday, February 20, 2003 (continued)

10:45 am - 12:10 pm	Ecotourism Opportunities <i>Moderator: Mike Hale, Chair, Northern Hardwood Chapter</i>	Terrace Room
10:45 am - 11:10 am	Tourism Promotion Agencies, Linda Devlin, McKean County	
11:10 am - 11:35 am	The Lumber Heritage Region, Ridgway PA	
11:35 am - 12:00 pm	Pine Creek Rail Trail, Dan Devlin, PA Bureau of Forestry	
12:00 pm - 12:10 pm	Question and Answer Period	
12:10 pm - 1:10 pm	Lunch	Ball Room
1:15 pm - 5:00 pm	Spouse's Tour of Woolrich	Main Lobby
1:10 pm - 2:25 pm	Oil, Gas and Minerals <i>Moderator: Jason Albright, Chair Elect, Northern Hardwood Chapter</i>	Terrace Room
1:10 pm - 1:35 pm	Geology of the Region, Teddy Berowski, PA Bureau of Forestry	
1:35 pm - 2:00 pm	Look and Learn Before You Lease, Vincent Stalis, Buck Mountain Associates	
2:00 pm - 2:20 pm	The Landowner's Perspective, Blaine Puller, Kane Hardwood	
2:20 pm - 2:30 pm	Question and Answer Period	
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Break	Garden Room
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Water Quality Issues <i>Moderator: Jason Albright, Chair Elect, Northern Hardwood Chapter</i>	Terrace Room
3:00 pm - 3:25 pm	Acid Mine Drainage Remediation, Terry Rittower, Gannett-Fleming	
3:25 pm - 3:50 pm	Restoration of Little Bear Creek, Bill Worbec	
3:50 pm - 4:00 pm	Question and Answer Period	
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Student Quiz Bowl	Terrace Room
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Cash Bar	Garden Room
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Awards Banquet Foresters Fund Raffle and Awards	Ball Room

Friday, February 21, 2003

7:00 am - 8:00 am	Chair's Breakfast	Ball Room
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Allegheny Society Business Meeting	Ball Room
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Wildlife Issues <i>Moderator: Marian Keegan, Secretary/Treasurer, Northern Hardwood Chapter</i>	Terrace Room
9:00 am - 9:25 am	Pennsylvania: A Model for Deer Management, Roxanne Palone, PA Game Comm.	
9:25 am - 9:50 am	Reintroduction of Small Predators, Tom Serfass, Frostburg State University	
9:50 am - 10:00 am	Question and Answer Period	
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Break	Garden Room
10:30 am - 11:30 am	Timber Issues <i>Moderator: Marian Keegan, Secretary/Treasurer, Northern Hardwood Chapter</i>	Terrace Room
10:30 am - 10:55 am	Regional Impacts of ANF Closing, Dr. Chuck Strauss, Penn State University	
10:55 am - 11:20 am	Pennsylvania's Forest Inventory, Will McWilliams, USFS, FIA, Radnor, PA	
11:20 am - 11:30 am	Question and Answer Period	
11:30 am - 12:00 pm	Closing Remarks Award Silent Auction Bids and Announce Reginald Forbes Art Show Winners Adjourn Post Convention Tour, Penn College Earth Sciences Complex	Terrace Room

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Banquet # _____ @ \$ 25= _____

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EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 24, 2003

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Dr. Ostrofsky Featured Speaker at Fall Ben Roach Forum

Dr. William D. Ostrofsky, professor of hardwood silviculture at the University of Maine, was the featured speaker at the October 10, 2002 "Ben Roach Forum, at the Kane Country Club, Kane, PA. Ostrofsky's research has compared mechanical harvesting systems and impacts on forest productivity for the 100+ foresters and logging industry members in attendance. He emphasized that, "With the right machine in the right place, mechanical logging can be less harmful to the forest than traditional logging." His research has included studies of residual stand damage in areas where partial harvesting and thinning operations have occurred. One of the most striking charts in his presentation illustrated the dramatic decrease in

workers compensation costs when machine-logging methods were used. Ned Karger, silviculture manager for Kane Hardwoods of the Collins Companies, explained that the main reason for the reduction is because the operator of a logging machine sits in a closed cage, protected from the main cause of deaths in the logging industry - limbs or trees falling from above in the harvesting process.

Ostrofsky also brought the group up to date on the battle Maine foresters are presently waging against the Beech Bark Disease, an affliction first identified in Nova Scotia, first identified in Nova Scotia at the end of the 19th Century and first appearing in Maine in the 1930's. The Allegheny Highlands are now the "killing edge" of the disease as it

moves in a southwesterly direction in the beech range. Roach Chair, Bob Bauer commented that, "while beech is not a major cash crop in Pennsylvania, it is highly important to wildlife and to the biodiversity of forest stands."

The Roach Forum, sponsored by the Allegheny Hardwoods Utilization Group, provides a spring and fall opportunity to keep abreast of current forestry issues and continuing forestry education credits to maintain Society of American Foresters certification. The next forum will be on April 17, 2003, at the Kane Country Club. 🐦

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In Memoriam

Robert W. Bauer, of Titusville, PA died unexpectedly at his home, Tuesday, December 31, 2002, from injuries sustained in a farming accident. He was a forester with the Pennsylvania Game Commission, currently serving as the northwest regional forester, supervising all forest management activities on State Game Lands in the northwestern region.

A member of SAF since 1966, Bob received an Associate Degree in Forest Management from Penn State, Mont Alto in 1966 and a BS in Forest Management from Penn State University in 1969. He was Chair-Elect of the Allegheny Society of American Foresters (ANSAF), Past Chairs of the Pennsylvania Division and Plateau Chapter of SAF and a charter member of the Pennsylvania Council of Professional Foresters. His leadership in SAF was known nationally in the Silviculture and Wildlife Working Groups. He initiated and co-chaired a joint meeting of ANSAF and The PA Wildlife Society Meeting in 2001 and has arranged for an April 2003 joint meeting of PA SAF, The Wildlife Society, American Fisheries Society, and Soil and Water Conservation Society. He was an active member of the Allegheny Executive Committee.




Bob chaired, lead, presented or was an active member of many forestry and related committees: the Ben Roach Forum series, the Association of Consulting Foresters on Timber Management and Wildlife, several regional Landowner Conferences, Sustainable Forestry Initiative of PA, the 50th Anniversary of the PA Tree Farm System, and was influential on various ANSAF planning committees. He was on the advisory

board for associate degree in forest technology at Penn State Mont Alto (1977-2002). Bob was named the "Outstanding Professional Employee" of the PA Game Commission in 1983 and received the Allegheny SAF "Outstanding Service to Forestry" Award in 1999.

Locally, Bob was active in the annual SAF Walk in the Forest Program with elementary students, in local 4-H and Crawford County Fair's Building and Livestock Committees.

Bob is survived by his wife Connie and three daughters Michelle, Suzanne and Jennifer.

A memorial Fund has been established at the Penn State School of Forestry, Ferguson Building, University Park, PA 16802, Attn: Charles Strauss. 

Peer Remembrances of Bob Bauer

Bob Bauer wasn't only a great spokesman for forestry! He was also a caring husband and father, an advocate for 4-H and farming, and a great asset to his community. He will be sorely missed by all."

Paul Higby - Kane Hardwood - Collins Company

My first memory of Bob Bauer has remained with me until this day because it meant so much at the time. It was 1977 and I was attending, appropriately enough, a deer seminar in Ridgway. I had just begun my career as a forester and was attending with my father, Ray Miller. I was in line to register behind Bob and he noticed me with Dad and made a special effort to introduce himself to me and talk to me throughout the seminar. It really meant a lot to have someone like Bob show a personal interest in me even though we didn't know each other at all. At every forestry-related meeting we both attended after that, he would make sure he talked to me and encouraged me to get involved with SAF and other professional activities. His encouragement and friendship are probably the main reasons that I have become as involved in forestry issues and organizations as much as I have. I thank him for his friendship and for taking a young forester under his wing.

Dave Miller - PA SAF Chair-Elect

In September 2000 the PA Division sponsored a meeting on Deer Management at the Comfort Inn in Lamar and overwhelmed the facilities. In order to get everyone fed and the meeting back on track, Bob, myself, and couple of others had to bus the tables and set out dinner places. This was the final problem in a string of minor glitches that had been occurring all morning. When it was all over we had a good laugh about the situation and commented on how this had been the meeting from hell. Basically for Bob no task was too small or beneath his dignity if it meant getting the job done.

Doug D'Amore - PA DCNR Bureau of Forestry

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I find this very difficult to write. How do you express what someone like Bob Bauer meant to you in a few short words? Those of us who knew Bob find it hard to believe that anything could extinguish the energy and passion that Bob brought to his family, forestry, and life itself. Bob was always honest and to the point. There was never a hidden agenda with Bob; you always knew how he felt about a subject. And there was no volume control with Bob. One of my favorite memories of Bob (and there were plenty to choose from) was at the Pennsylvania SAF meeting that was held on campus at Penn State. Bob's daughter Jennifer was going to school there (I believe she's a senior this year), and Bob took her out to lunch. Bob was so proud of his daughter that he was glowing with pride. You didn't have to know Bob very long to know how much he loved his family. Bob's passing will leave a lot of big holes to fill, particularly in our profession. He was a good man and he will be greatly missed.
Mike Lester, Assistant State Forester - PA DCNR Bureau of Forestry

I met a wonderful person in June of 2000 named Bob Bauer. As I am a young forester this man became an instant mentor to me; his words of encouragement and kindness will always be remembered. This gentleman has left a legacy in his approach to conservation and the way he lived his life. Bob was truly a wonderful example as a person and as a forester. I will miss him but also know that he is at rest in heaven. I am glad to have known this man.
David E. Mong - PA DCNR Bureau of Forestry

Bob was a true leader in our profession. Bob was one of the very few foresters that articulated his belief in the professional forester's role and responsibility in managing the resources of the forest. I will always marvel at his ability to get the last word in any discussion.
Ken Kane, Allegheny SAF Chair

I will personally always remember Bob for his service to forestry from his involvement in the Ben Roach Forum, his service and dedication to the PA Division SAF including his service to the Licensing & Registration Committee, his interest in and service to the Pennsylvania Council of Professional Foresters, Inc. (PCPF) as exemplified by his status as a Charter Member of PCPF. I am saddened by the tragic loss.
Don Oaks - PA DCNR Bureau of Forestry

Bob was truly one of a kind; I couldn't help but get caught up in his enthusiasm. When Bob and I were working on anything together, I never had to look around for him, because he was always there, standing right beside me to lend a hand or back me up. People talk about being a "professional" but Bob showed me how it was done. I'll miss him.
Cecile M. Stelter, Service Forester - DCNR Bureau of Forestry District #14

Bob's death need not represent the end of his shining light if we who knew, loved, admired and respected him will muster the strength to collectively continue his mission. I trust that Bob would be pleased were we to do so, and we certainly owe it to him.
Ken Manno - Sustainable Forestry Initiative of Pennsylvania

Bob always had stories about his experiences. He would always say, "I have just one more story to tell."
Doug Ostergard - Forestry Consultant

I knew Bob for 33 years as a forester and most importantly as a friend. He was a major influence in my decision to pursue forestry as a career. Other than being the best "dirt forester," he was also the most optimistic person I've ever know. I've never known Bob to have a bad day. I'm sure he did, but he just didn't show it. Bob was an honest, straightforward man. He once told me "Mark, everyone has some good in them. You just have to look for it!" Bob practiced that philosophy everyday of his life. When Bob would assist me with a program, I would introduce him as my mentor. He would laugh. Maybe he thought I was just joking. I wasn't! Bob was an exceptional man that loved his God, his family, and his profession dearly. I will miss him.
Mark Bodamer - DCNR Bureau of Forestry



Bob was an inspirational leader who was respected by everyone that met him. He inspired us by challenging us with his "philosophical interludes" and his passion for forestry, farming and family. Bob was known for his ability to communicate and to

listen, whether he was speaking with foresters, farmers and loggers or politicians, game commissioners and professors. He was a true leader who was always willing to be involved and help make things happen. Bob's leadership came from leading by example and he set high ethical and professional standards for himself. Bob's memory should inspire us to set our standards high, to live life to its fullest and to be the best we can be.

Ned Karger - Kane Hardwood - Collins Company

"Few people have the courage to appear as good as they really are." Bob had the courage, the passion, and the character to back up his convictions; and he took every opportunity to share them with others. Bob will be greatly missed by all of his co-workers and friends at the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

Jack Byerly - PA Game Commission



Bob's energy and enthusiasm was boundless. 'Bauer's Philosophical Minutes' at the Roach Form or elsewhere bared his passion for professional ethics and family values - a reminder to all in attendance to think seriously of theirs in daily activities.

Jack Winieski - ANSAF Executive Director

Bob was a dedicated and very active alumnus of the Penn State Mont Alto forest technology program. He never missed a meeting of the advisory committee, even though he had to travel a long way to get here. His always positive input to the programs showed he was concerned with the quality of the program and the learning experience for the students. As a teacher at Mont Alto, I appreciated knowing we had a constituency who really cared about what we were doing. Bob often responded to our email newsletter of Mont Alto news with observations of how it was when he went to school here or comments on the students' activities. His impact on forest technology at Mont Alto will surely be missed.

Peter E. Linehan, Assistant Professor of Forestry - Penn State Mont Alto

Bob Bauer: Friendly, accomplished, professional, devoted to SAF, kind, and a true gentleman.

Charlie Newlon - SAF Valley Forge Chapter

I was shocked to learn of Bob's untimely death. He was a close friend, outstanding forester, a wonderful person, and an exceptional father. I will miss him deeply.

Lew Auchmoody - USFS Retired Soils Scientist

Bob's strong faith and trust in Jesus Christ as his Lord guided his life. This was why his standards and integrity were so high. He sought to practice the compassion and love of his Lord in his personal and his work life. Bob was not only a sincere leader but also a genuine servant to all he knew.

Sanford S. Smith, Ph.D. - Extension Specialist, Forest Resources & Youth Education

When I first started buying timber for Spartywood, I was new to the region and knew no other professionals. I just did my job the best I could and tried to stay out of trouble. As time wore on I was given the job of bidding consultant timber, and I became aware of the other professionals of the area. On day my boss gave me a Game Land prospectus and told me to go buy it. When I arrived at the parking lot for the timber tour, Bob greeted me with his usual loud, "Hi there!" and shaking my hand he said, "Nice to finally meet you. I've heard some good things about you, and you have earned my respect."

Nobody had ever said anything like that to me, ever. This coming from someone of his professional stature meant more to me than anything and I swore that day that I would never let Bob down. We worked together on Game Land sales for 10 years, and developed what I considered a valued and trusting friendship. He was never critical, and always supportive. The discussions we had were both biological and philosophical, and I admired his no-nonsense stand on what he knew in his heart was right. Bobs' professionalism and ethics were beyond reproach. He helped me in so many ways, both professionally and personally. He was always there, pushing me along. When I was indecisive about opening AA Forestry, wondering if I could make it on my own it was Bobs' assurance of his support that finally convinced me to go forward. The last time I saw Bob was in his office, and as usual he was running late. We sat and talked about the people in the industry, our daughters, upcoming meetings and who knows what. It didn't really matter. It only mattered that he took the time from his too busy schedule to talk with a friend. This was the heart and essence of Bob Bauer. He was never too busy for a friend. Boy, will I miss him.

Scott W. Seibert, CF - AA Forestry & Wildlife Service



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Anyone's passing leaves a hole... Bob's is leaving a crater. As a research scientist on the Allegheny Plateau for 30 years, I have had the opportunity to work with many foresters in both public and private organizations. Bob Bauer was one of the most capable foresters I have ever met—anywhere. He always wanted to know how the ecosystem worked so he could do what was best for the land. He was a keen observer and I learned from his observations. Bob was a leader in the forestry profession; he devoted a considerable amount of his personal time to promote the practice of good forestry. His friendly personality and directness made Bob likeable by virtually everyone. Bob Bauer was a good friend and colleague. His loss still is difficult for me to accept. All of us are poorer as a result of his untimely death.

Steve Horsley - USDA Forest Service, Northeastern Research Station, Irvine, PA

I was saddened to hear of the tragic death of Bob Bauer. I met Bob through the Ben Roach Forum in 1995; I was a guest speaker on green forest certification and treasure the Biltmore Stick that he presented me for my efforts. I've followed his career with the Pennsylvania Game Lands since that time and have been impressed with his many accomplishments. His reach was national, as here on the West Coast we followed his common sense approach to issues such as deer control and dealing with environmental activists. The forestry community in Oregon and California join with our brethren in Pennsylvania in mourning the loss of Bob Bauer.

Wade Mosby, Senior Vice President - The Collins Companies

When I first came to the Forestry Sciences Lab in northwestern Pennsylvania in 1981, Bob Bauer was one of the people that I was sent to see so that I could begin to learn about these woods. In all the years that have passed since those early days, I continued to learn from Bob Bauer. I came to think of him as someone whose every

choice — vocation, lifestyle, what he passed on to his daughters — was rooted in understanding and living with the rhythms of the land and its seasons. He chose to live on a farm with Connie, a true partner whose support echoed in the stories of his home that he shared. He chose to practice forestry in a rural community in northwestern Pennsylvania because that and the farm kept him grounded in standards he knew to be true. He had boundless energy and a passion for others to understand the forest and the farm as he understood them. He loved it when his daughters chose a natural resource topic for a paper or a class at college, and he cherished opportunities to interact with those whose understanding was different than his own. It was Bob's idea to invite an animal rights activist to speak at the Ben Roach Forum, and it was Bob's commitment and willingness to stick his neck out that eventually convinced the Game Commission that they, too, had to fence regeneration cuts where deer impacts were too high if they were going to preserve habitat. It was Bob's idea that the Society of American Foresters should meet with other natural resource professional societies, as the PA Division did in Titusville in 2000 and will again in State College in April of this year. Bob loved to meet anyone who cared about the forest, even if their understanding was very different from his own, and if the passion was honest, Bob could and did listen as well as he could talk. And Bob could talk. Each of us must step up to some portion of the many roles that Bob filled, and we will fill those voids in the best way if we remember Bob's grounding in the land and its rhythms, his passion for truth, and his commitment to listen.

Susan L. Stout - USDA Forest Service, Northeastern Research Station, Irvine, PA

Several years ago, Bob invited us, Professors Terry Bensel and Richard Bowden, both of Allegheny College, to speak at an upcoming nearby meeting about efforts by Allegheny College and the Northwest Pennsylvania Woodland Association to promote good forest stewardship by local landowners. Bob had been extremely supportive of our initiatives, and had provided sound guidance and advice to our early efforts. We told Bob that we were interested in participating, but that we needed to examine our schedules before giving him a final answer. Well, he gave us our answer, before we could respond to him, by mailing to us a copy of the program schedule that already included us as presenters! How could we say "no"? Bob further surprised us when, expecting a small gathering of locally interested people, we found that we were to address some 300 people at the Annual Conference of the SAF Allegheny Region! One of Bob's many gifts was that he made things happen. He moved things along. We are extremely grateful that he was such a great supporter, cheerleader, and friend to faculty and students at Allegheny College interested in forest resources; we already miss him dearly.

Prof. Terry Bensel and Prof. Richard D. Bowden, Associate Professors - Allegheny College, Dept. of Environmental Science

Bob was an exceptional individual. He encouraged me to become involved in the SAF and to stay involved in other professional organizations. He was a mentor to me and to many others. I cannot count the number of projects he initiated and can think of no one who will take his place. He loved the Lord, loved his wife, his daughters, and was a most loyal friend. What a life's testament. I will miss him dearly.

Mark Webb - Forestry Consultant

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SAF Begins Search for New Executive Vice-President

The SAF Council, the Society of American Foresters' governing body, has begun its nationwide search for a new Executive Vice-President. The search follows the October 11, 2002 announcement that current Executive Vice-President and CEO William H. (Bill) Banzhaf will be ending his 14-year tenure as of December 31, 2002. Bill will be the new president of the Sustainable Forestry Board, Inc. (SFB), whose principal offices will be located from South Carolina to the Washington, DC area.

"The last 14 years at SAF have been some of the most gratifying years of my career," says Banzhaf. "I thank all my friends at SAF for their support and in helping in my personal and professional growth. I look forward to keeping in touch and to working closely with SAF in its participation with key forest certification programs."

Michael T. Goergen Jr., SAF's director of policy and programs, will serve as interim SAF Executive Vice-President and CEO until the search is completed. Goergen will assume his new duties on January 1, 2003.

Review of applications will commence on February 3, 2003. Interested candidates and nominators of candidates should contact SAF President Dave Wm. Smith, CF, c/o Barbara Weitzer (weitzerb@safnet.org), Society of American Foresters, 5400 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814-2198.

More details are available on the SAF website at <http://www.safnet.org/market/safjobs.htm>

SAF Finland/Estonia Tour

By Dick Reid, Consultant

The 2003 SAF International Study Tour will visit Finland and Estonia, May 31 to June 12. The tour will begin with a visit to the University of Helsinki and then go to Joensuu to visit the European Forestry Institute, industrial and non-industrial private forests, a Stora Enso manufacturing complex, and the Timberjack manufacturing plant.

In Estonia, there will be a weekend in a national park, with visits to one of the country's newest sawmills and the Estonian Agricultural University Forestry School. There will be a one-day tour of the Jarvselja Forestry Experimental and Training Center.

In addition to forestry interests, there will be plenty of interesting sightseeing; a post-tour extension to St. Petersburg, Russia is offered. Please call 317-894-0138 or email reidconsulting@aol.com



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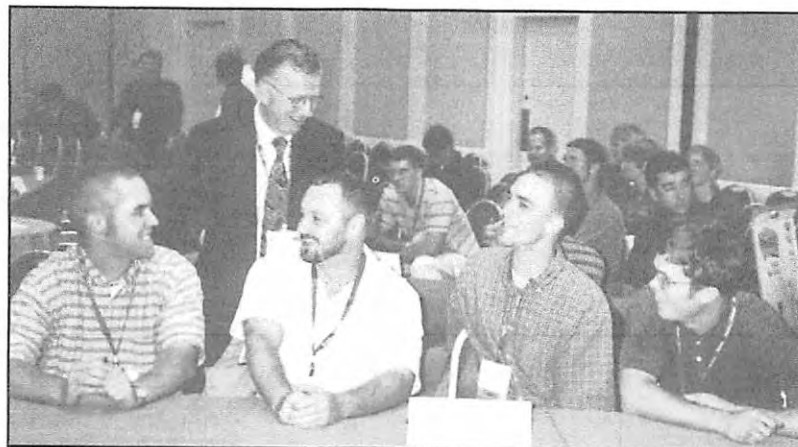
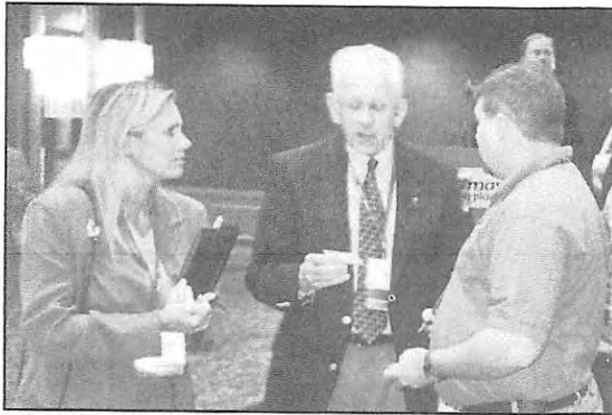
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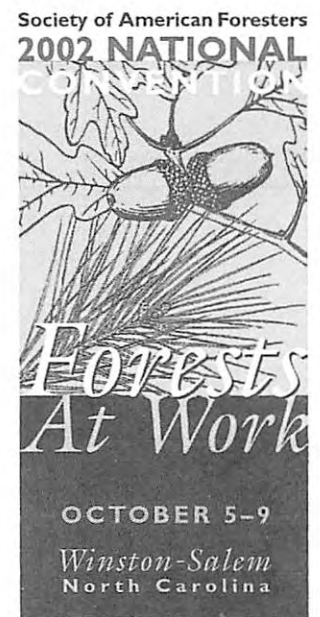
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National Convention Photo Highlights

The 2002 SAF National Convention in Winston-Salem, North Carolina brought nearly 1,500 professionals together for THE premiere forestry education event of the year, with over 125 concurrent and poster sessions and more than 450 presenters. Allegheny SAF was well represented.



National Convention Photo Highlights



Getting to the Root of Problem Soils in the Landscape

By Vincent Cotrone, Penn State Extension Forester

Too many think the stuff our trees grow in is dirt, but that is certainly not the case for the 70 participants of a workshop titled "Problem Soils in the Landscape: Improving Conditions for Growth" that was held in the Scranton area on December 10, 2002.

The morning began with **Dr. Richard Stehouwer**, Assistant Professor of Environmental Soil Science from Penn State University, providing a brief introduction to soil science. He discussed soil texture and structure, water retention and movement in soils, soil aeration, nutrient availability, soil organisms, and organic matter. Dr Stehouwer's teaching style and graphics got the group prepared for the next 5 hours of soils presentations.

The next presenter should have been well known by most "stumpies." **Dr. Phil Craul**, retired soils scientist and forester who taught at SUNY-ESF for 26 years, shared his experiences with urban, suburban and disturbed soils. He distinguished eight characteristic differences between urban/suburban soils and natural soil:

- 1) unpredictable vertical and spatial variability due to construction history and placement of cut and fill materials;
- 2) modified soil structure leading to compaction (bulk densities that impede root growth);
- 3) presence of a surface crust on bare soil that repels water;
- 4) modified soil reaction, normally leading to increased soil pH and nutrient unavailability to plants;
- 5) restricted aeration and drainage due to compaction;
- 6) interrupted nutrient cycling due to removal of leaf litter and synthetic soil coverings such as concrete and asphalt;
- 7) presence of anthropic materials and contaminants; and
- 8) highly modified soil temperature regimes, due to reflected heat from structures.

Dr. Stehouwer then covered the management and maintenance of soil quality, including composts, and Dr. Craul followed with his experiences designing soils for landscape architecture restoration projects that included the J. Paul Getty Fine Arts Center in Los Angeles, Battery Park City in New York City, Spectacle Island in Boston, and the Allegheny Riverfront Park in Pittsburgh.

In the afternoon, the focus shifted to a discussion of

revegetating mine disturbed soils in Northeastern Pennsylvania. **Dr. Bryce Payne**, an independent consulting soil/environmental scientist, shared his work with coal-impacted soils and the use of alternative (waste) resources, such as coal ash, animal wastes, and biosolids in the formation of soils. He covered tree root reaction in low pH culm-based soils and the toxic effects of

available aluminum in these situations. Major improvements were illustrated in a soil amendment "trenching" experiment designed to correct pH.

Dr. Nina Bassuk, Director of the Urban Horticulture Institute at Cornell University, wrapped up the day with two presentations on finding rooting space for street trees. In most cases the typical 4' by 5' tree pit in our downtowns leads to an unhealthy tree that is

lucky to survive for 10 years. Dr.

Bassuk's research led her to create a soil mix called CU-Structural Soil, that can be placed under sidewalks and parking lots, compacted to meet construction standards, yet still allows for good root growth and healthy trees. A video clip of a recently excavated street tree in Ithaca, NY growing on CU-Structural Soil for 6-7 years showed how roots do actually grow deeper. Many cities throughout the country are installing CU-Structural Soils under sidewalks and other paving, including the small Pennsylvania Borough of Towanda (installing in 1999). Dr. Bassuk also discussed other options for creating rooting space in our urban/suburban landscapes, including radial trenching in compacted soils, raised berms, and soils amendment. 🦅



Dr. Phil Craul

The SAF "Golden Touch"

Allegheny SAF members **James S. Cochran** and **Frank J. Schrey III** reached a milestone in 2002 with 50-years of membership in their professional society. They will be recognized and receive presidential certificates during the Williamsport winter meeting awards ceremony. Golden members' dues are waived as an additional recognition of their dedicated professionalism. 🦅

Jamie Lee Hall Memorial Scholarship Established

Eighteen year-old Jamie Lee Hall graduated early from Hampshire High School to work on her forest technician degree at Allegany College in Cumberland, Maryland. There was no doubt in her mind that she wanted to be a forester. For the past two summers, Jamie was employed as a forestry aid by TimberLand Consulting based in Hampshire County, West Virginia. Tragically, this young lady was killed in October on her way to classes at Allegany College. Her vehicle hit a tree after she swerved to avoid a school bus stopped in the fog.

Jamie had to overcome many obstacles in her life to get to where she wanted to be. Not the least of these were serious health problems including severe headaches from a previous spinal injury, and financial problems to be able to attend college. To talk to her, one would never know she had any concerns, let alone suffered from pain. She was always smiling and thinking of others, and never complained.

"In spite of her youth and inexperience, Jamie was one of my best employees ever," says her former employer, David Warner of Kirby, West Virginia. She was an excellent, budding forest technician. Her enthusiasm for forestry and for learning was only surpassed by her pleasant, beaming personality." She would have completed her forest technician degree this spring.

Steve Resh, one of her forestry professors at Allegany College, stated "I spend so much time with my students. We usually learn together, laugh together and grow together. This year, we cried together. Jamie would have had an impact on the forestry profession, so each of us will



Jamie Lee Hall
11/11/1983 – 10/11/2002

have to do just a little bit more for forestry to make up for her loss. She will be missed!"

Jim Howell has taught Dendrology and Forest Ecology at Allegany College for 26 years. "Jamie Hall was one of the most pleasant, cooperative, and open students I have ever had in my classes," he exclaimed. "Jamie was always one of the first students to implement my suggestions, gave 110% in my classes and served as an excellent role model for other students. Students like Jamie do not come around very often. We will remember her as one of the premiere examples of both a good person and a superior student. Jamie, I feel blessed to have had you in my classes."

Her mother Sandra Hall of Romney said, "She was loved by everyone lucky enough to know her." That speaks very clearly of Jamie's spirit and personality. Everyone she touched was impressed

by her enthusiasm, love of forestry, and by her cheerful spirit. If you knew Jamie, hers was a personality you will never forget. A look at her photo speaks of her personality.

An endowment fund is being established to provide a perpetual scholarship of \$500 to be awarded annually to a forestry student at Allegany College. Although well on the way to providing the \$10,000 needed, it is essential that other contributors respond. Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to make it a reality.

Resh and others at Allegany College are putting together a benefit concert later in the spring to help raise money for the endowment needed to create the scholarship. For more information on concert tickets and dates, contact the Allegany College Forestry Department at (301) 784-5307.

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Future Foresters Help Future Forests

By Roy Bucher, Corresponding Secretary PSU SAF student chapter and Mike Hancharick, PSU SAF student member

Members of the Penn State Society of American Foresters (SAF) student chapter, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry (BOF), continued their timber stand improvement (TSI) project on the Sproul State Forest. This project was started in March of 2002 with efforts continuing towards its completion. The selected site was previously infested with the Oak Leaf Roller in the 1970s, followed by a silvicultural clearcut. Since then, the stand has regenerated into a pure stand of red maple, not necessarily a desirable outcome in the eyes of many natural resource managers. However, we know that forests are dynamic and who is to say that this stand cannot be productive now and in the future? That being said, the Bureau of Forestry has teamed up with the Penn State SAF student chapter to take steps to create browse for various species of wildlife now and to ensure that residual trees are of the highest quality when they reach maturity.

Despite cold temperatures, snow, and pouring rain at times, Penn State forestry students braved the conditions and had a few days of productive work on the site. Combined with the many hours spent in the classroom, this TSI project gives the students a chance to practice forestry in the field. It has also been a learning experience for all - the students and Bureau of Forestry personnel involved. For example, students - with a clear objective in mind - were more aware of the site characteristics to take into account before properly marking residual crop trees; it was also a good exercise in safe chain saw use and maintenance. Bureau foresters



Bottom row (L-R) Toby Herzog, Brent McNeal, Brock Sanner, Will Harton
Top row (L-R) Kasey Chaney, Darren Riggins, Zack McNeal, Mike Hancharick,
Mike Shadle, Roy Bucher, Doug D'Amore and Matt Troyer

will be able to follow the response of this particular TSI release. Completion of this project is projected for the spring of 2003 and plans are in the works to continue this SAF student chapter/BOF cooperative project on State Forest areas in the future.

This is one of the many projects that the student chapter has become involved with over the past two years. The student chapter would like to thank **Doug D'Amore** and the Bureau of Forestry for the great opportunity to learn while helping the forests of the future. Questions relating to the project, contact BOF's **Doug D'Amore** at the Sproul State Forest (570-923-6011). More about the PSU SAF student chapter, check <http://www.sfr.cas.psu.edu/SAF/saf.htm#SAF>. 🦋

Penn State Mont Alto Woodsmen's Team

The Penn State Mont Alto Woodsmen's Team, coached by **Craig Houghton** and **Beth Brantley**, participated in two competitions during the 2002 Fall Semester. The Team traveled to the Cradle of Forestry in western North Carolina for a meet on October 5, 2002 in the 7th Annual Forest Festival. The Pennsylvania College of Technology, Haywood Community College (NC), Montgomery Community College (NC), Dabney S. Lancaster Community College (VA), and the

Allegheny College of Maryland also participated. The host school, Haywood Community College won the meet. The Stihl Corporation sponsored this meet, donating money and equipment to the winning teams.

The Mt. Alto Woodsmen's Team traveled to Canada with two men's teams for the 20th Annual meet at Sir Sanford Fleming College in Lindsay, Ontario on November 9, 2002. The men's "A" Team took 8th place (out of 26 teams) this year, which is the best that Penn State

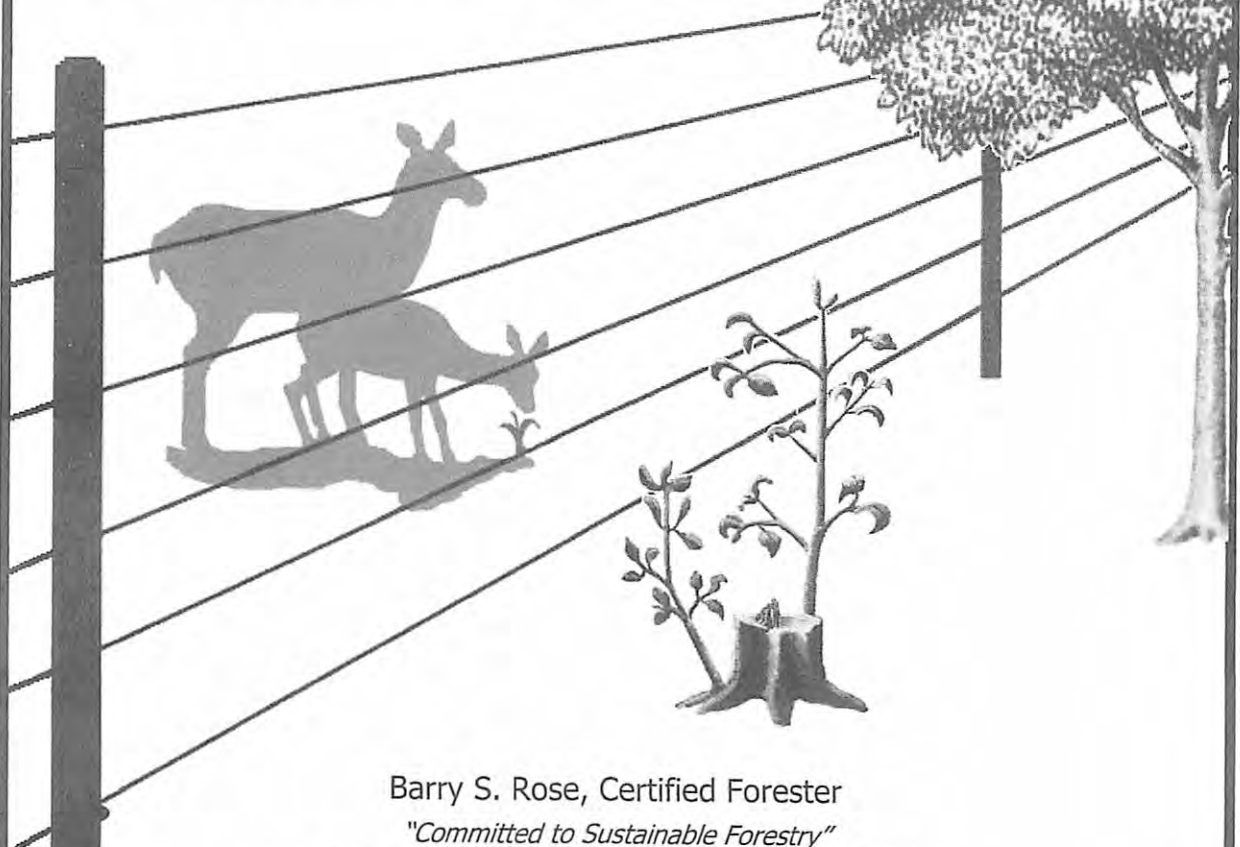
Mont Alto has ever done! The team scored a third place in the packboard relay and the pulp toss and there were excellent individual performances by **Jim Cook** in the triathlon and **Andrew Mishler** in the waterboil competitions.

SAF student member **Andrew Mishler** takes the prize this year as the most dedicated firewood splitter. The Team cuts, splits and sells firewood to finance the travel to competitions. Most of the Woodsmen Team members are also student members of SAF. 🦋



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Taking a Closer Look

By Charlie Newlon, VF SAF Program Chair

The Valley Forge Chapter SAF presented a Sustainable Agriculture-Urban and Community Forestry Symposium on November 14, 2002 at the Hagley Museum and Library Carpenter Hal, Wilmington, DE.

Taking a Closer Look was the Symposium theme. It was a cooperative effort supported by a Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Program. Cooperators



were the Penn-Del Chapter ISA, Delaware State University (DSU) Extension Service, Delaware Community Forestry Council, and the Valley Forge Chapter SAF.

This was the 3rd cooperative annual symposium presented by the Valley Forge Chapter. ISA CEU and SAF CFE credits were awarded. Plans are underway to hold another joint seminar in November 2003. Check future Coming Events Columns in the Allegheny News for exact dates and program topics. **Charlie Newlon**, Valley Forge Chapter Fall Program Chairman scheduled the speakers and moderated the daylong seminar. **Dwight Meyer** and **John Clendaniel** of the DSU Extension Service were the liaisons with the SARE Program and managed the registration.

Topics and speakers included:

A Closer Look at Seeing the Forest – Gyde Lund, Forestry, Forest Information Services

A Closer Look Inside Trees – Richard J. Pratt, Hagley Arborist

A Closer Look at Planting Problems and Solutions – Dr. Gary R. Johnson, University of Minnesota

A Closer Look at Non-Native Invasives – Cynthia Huebner, US Forest Service

Paulownia - An Invasive, Opportunity, or Both? – Dan Blickenstaff, Am. Paulownia Association

A Closer Look at Backyard Wildlife Program – Deloris Dula Donnelly, Environmental Educator

A Closer Look at Bio-Energy – Dot Abbott Donnelly, University of Delaware

A Closer Look at Backyard Forestry Program – Mark Buccowich, US Forest Service

A Closer Look at Delaware and Maryland Forest Inventory – Richard Widmann, USFS



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Penn State Mont Alto Students in National Collegiate Game of Logging Finals

By Craig Houghton, Professor, Mt. Alto Penn State

Matt Young from Wellsboro, PA and Joshua Dean from Irvine, PA competed at the National Collegiate Game of Logging at the University of Maine in Orono on October 19, 2002. The competition was the culmination of safety training incorporated into the Forest Technology curriculum at Mont Alto and in other forestry programs around the United States. This is the ninth year that Mont Alto has sent competitors to the Nationals. Matt and Joshua qualified to represent Pennsylvania at the national contest by finishing first and second in the Pennsylvania Collegiate Finals held in Troy, PA in July. The Nationals had more than a dozen schools from the eastern United States, including the Universities of Wisconsin, Maine and New Hampshire.

The Game of Logging competition was the idea of the Swedish logging and safety trainer, Soren Eriksson. Husqvarna Lawn and Garden, along with Soren Eriksson Training, Inc., help encourage continued excellence by students in their Game of Logging



training and competitions. In the competition, chainsaws were used to safely and accurately cut wood and fell trees in six different events using skills that a logging contractor would perform daily. Points were scored for such events as the speed cut (a down- and an up-cut through a block of aspen) and the precision stump, where an open-face hinge and a bore cut were used to demonstrate cutting accuracy.

The top eleven scores of the morning, which included Matt Young, went on to the tree felling event in the afternoon. Joshua Dean placed just after the cut-off for the afternoon event. Students

determined critical information about the tree such as hazards, lean, the height of the tree, and the technique to be used in felling the tree. The objective in felling was precision – the tree was to land between two stakes placed out from the tree (at a distance chosen by each competitor) and four feet apart. The winner of

the collegiate competition, from the University of Maine, took home \$1000 but all competitors were given a full set of personal protective equipment from Husqvarna Lawn & Garden. Matt Young brought home a very respectable fifth place for Mont Alto!

Both students were partially sponsored by Dan Hartranft of Penn Harvest Systems, Inc., a logging contractor in northern Pennsylvania, and the Penn State Mont Alto Forest Technology program. Matt and Joshua's families also contributed to help with the travel expenses. 🦋

Proposed Rules for National Forest Land and Resource Management Planning

Proposed changes in the rules for the National Forest Land and Resource Management Planning were published in the Federal Register on Friday, December 6, 2002. The proposal would change the previous planning rule adopted on November 9, 2000.

Changes attempt to: recognize and clarify the programmatic nature of land and resource management planning; provide a planning process more readily understood and improves implementation capability; and attempts to maintain planning efforts within anticipated budgets and staffing levels. More information is available at www.fs.fed.us/emc/nfma – comments are due by

March 6, 2003. (Information via Glen Juergens, Monongahela Nat'l Forest gjuergens@fs.fed.us) 🦋

**Next newsletter deadline
is March 15, 2003**

Send articles in the form of Microsoft Word documents and photos as 300 dpi JPEG files and e-mail to:

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Coming Events

February 2003

19-21 Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting, "North Central PA: A Model for Multiple Use Management" Genetti's Hotel, Williamsport, PA (see program and registration blank on page 9)

March

1 NE Forest Landowners Conference
Nanticoke, PA, Penn State Ext.
Pre-registration 570-825-1701

5-7 WV SAF Division Winter Meeting
Lewisburg, WV, "Ethics in Forestry"
Contact Glen Juergens 304-799-4334

17, 14 Arborist Short Course, "Integrated Mgt. of
& 21 Woody Ornamentals," Penn State Mont
Alto (three full days) 814-863-7941 or
wfel@psu.edu

March

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

25-26 2003 PSU Forest Issues Conference,
"Forestry's Role in Integrated Water
Management," Nittany Lion Inn,
University Park, PA (see page 5)

April

10-11 Joint meeting: PASAF, The Wildlife
Society, American Fisheries Society, and
Soil and Water Conservation Society, "PA's
Changing Landscape: What Does the
Future Hold for Our Natural Resources,"
ToffTrees, St. College, PA

July

15-19 Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting, "Cutting
Edge Forestry," Ramada Inn State College.
Rothrock Chapter Chair Scott Cary
570-473-7237 or scary@uplink.net (page 5)

September

21-28 XII World Forestry Congress, "Forests,
Source of Life," Quebec City, Canada
418-694-2424, sec-gen@wfc2003.org

Future Allegheny SAF Meetings

2004 Winter Meeting - MD/DE Division
2004 Summer Meeting - WV Division

Future SAF National Conventions

October 25-29, 2003 - Buffalo, New York
October 2-5, 2004 - Edmonton, Alberta Canada
(with the Canadian Institute of Forestry)

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