MEET THE GRADUATES OF DISTINCTION FOR 2009

Dr. Robert Lenz ’56 and Joseph J. “Joe” Martens ’81

For the fifth successful year, the Alumni Association has recognized the many accomplishments of the alumni population by presenting the Graduates of Distinction Awards at the December Convocation. These honors are awarded in recognition of the presence of December graduates, their families, and College faculty in the hopes that their accomplishments highlight the spirit of the Graduates of Distinction can be a source of inspiration.

This year’s recipients represent the best of our alumni. Both Robert Lenz ’56 and Joe Martens ’81 have performed remarkable work in their respective fields.

Dr. Robert Lenz (Ph.D. ’56, Chemistry) is a pioneer in the field of polymer chemistry. His long and outstanding career in both industrial and academic circles has earned him international acclaim. Joseph J. “Joe” Martens (M.S. ’81, Resources Management) has dedicated his professional and personal life to the betterment of the environment. He is currently President of the Open Space Institute, which is dedicated to protecting scenic, natural, and historic landscapes. Full citations of our recipi- ents’ accomplishments may be read on page 3.

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Centennial Celebration
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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?
Hugh Canham
Eileen T. Jevins

T he fact that Hugh Canham and his wife, Janet, are both native New Yorkers and that SUNY-ESF was one of the leading forestry colleges in the country made the decision to join the staff in 1966 an easy one. Canham received both his bachelor’s degree and master’s degree from ESF and was eager to return to the College. Upon earning his M.S. in photogrammetry and forestry economics, Canham spent six months in the army before beginning his career with the NYS Conservation Department as a field forester.

Canham grew up on Staten Island and became interested in forestry through the Boy Scouts. When he was 16, his parents became interested in forestry through the New York State Historical Association Conference – a distinction bestowed upon him after he wrote the 100-year history of the organization. Additionally, he serves as historian for the New York Society of American Foresters and has presented several papers at the New York State Historical Association Conference focusing on issues related to the forest industry in New York State and the history of the College. He is also active in local government and has written extensively on various organizations.

Since retiring in 2002, Canham remains busy traveling, researching and writing papers, and acting as a consultant for various organizations. His research in timber supply was used as a model for the U.S. Forest Service in its forest inventory work. He has also researched the regional economic impact of forest industry, and income and property taxes and how they affect forestry management. “I’ve also done research on the economics of non-market goods such as recreation, water, and wildlife,” said Canham.

Staying involved in various organizations is a major activity. Canham is a member and past chair of the New York Society of American Foresters and a member and past board member of the New York Forest Owners Association. “There are approximately 18.5 million acres of forest in New York State. Of that, 13.5 million acres are privately owned. It’s important to remain involved and have an active voice in state policy development and in the educational effort for land owners,” he said.

Canham is also an honorary member of the Empire State Forest Producers Association – a distinction bestowed upon him after he wrote the 100-year history of the organization. Additionally, he serves as historian for the New York Society of American Foresters and has presented several papers at the New York State Historical Association Conference focusing on issues related to the forest industry in New York State and the history of the College. He is also active in local government and has written extensively on various organizations.

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“Students should become comfortable in dealing with people…”

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COLLEGE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
Dr. Cornelius B. Murphy Jr., ESF College President

The last several years have created a number of difficult financial challenges—
for all of us. Public higher education, and most certainly ESF, has taken signifi-
cant reductions in State support, and we expect FY 2010-2011 to offer additional
financial challenges.

I am proud that the ESF administration, faculty and staff have pulled together, re-
duced expenses, and sought non-traditional sources of revenue. All of this occurred while we
recruited record numbers of exceptionally qualified incoming undergraduate and graduate students.

We are also deeply involved in the planning, design and construction of new facilities
for the College that will well position us for the next several decades.

We expect to be breaking ground on a 454 bed residence hall on May 15th of this
year. This project is being developed and managed by our ESF College Foundation.

At approximately the same time I expect to break ground for the new Gateway build-
ing which is being managed by the State University Construction Fund. We will also
begin the design of a new academic/research building this April.

I am reminded of Peter Drucker’s most well used words, “The best way to predict the
future is to create it.” Your colleagues and friends at ESF are doing our best to help
create a future for generations to come.

We are looking forward to your joining us for our Centennial Celebration in 2011. As
I have frequently said, even though we have a poor State budget, we are going to
have some great parties.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
David Tessier, Alumni Association President

Winter has arrived with a vengeance here in Syracuse, with lots of snow
and temperatures in the teens. Yes, it’s just
another normal winter. The Convocation for December graduates was a success,
highlighted by the presentations of the Alumni of Distinction awards to Mr. Joe
Martens and Dr. Robert Lens. I am always impressed with the amazing accomplish-
ments achieved by many of our alumni across this great country. Congratulations
to the graduates and to the Graduates of Distinction. After the Convocation, it was a
true to see the changes from tee shirts to formalas for a fun night of dining
and dancing at Drumlins.

This year I had the great pleasure of at-
tending the New York State Ranger School Alumni Association summer Board of
Directors meeting and Alumni Weekend activities. Tom Martin, RSAA President,
attended our ESF Alumni Board meet-
ing in June, and I reciprocated by attending their events in August. The plan is to
make a formal connection between the two Alumni Associations.

Our Spring Dinner will find us east of
Syracuse this year, at the Hotel Utica for a
fine dinner and informative history lesson on the restoration of this significant landmark
building. I hope to see many of you there.

It is sad to note that this year we have
lost three alumni who were active Board
members. Dr. Harry Payne ’50, Emeritus
Vice President of Student Affairs and Past-
President of the Alumni Association; Dr.
Gabe Busiche ’51, dentist, Past-President
of the Alumni Association, and unofficial
alumni photographer; and James Chanaty
’74, school teacher and Alumni Association Board Member. These valuable members of
our Association will be greatly missed.

I visit the ESF campus often because of
my presidential duties, and I am enjoying the site improvements that have been made
in anticipation of the future buildings to be constructed. The Residence Hall is still on
schedule for completion in the fall of
2011, and the Gateway Building plans are also
progressing. Just a reminder that there is
still the opportunity for naming rights to
each of these buildings, if you are able to
honour the College.

Again, grand plans are underway for the Centennial Celebration in 2011. Make your plans now to return to campus to partake in the festivities and to see the
new improvements.

Thank you all for your continued support
to keep our Alumni Association strong.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

My ESF Hat Story
Gerald Campos ’73

My wife and I were on an Alaskan
cruise in May of 2009 and stopped in
Ketchikan for the day. There was
another large cruise ship that was also
docked for the day. I wore my ESF hat as we walked around the town look-
ing at shops and souvenirs. Someone
stopped me and asked if I went to
Syracuse. He was a ’78 graduate who
now lives on the West coast. Who
would have thought that ESF was so
recognizable?

“Lest We Forget” plaque commemorating
those foresters who made the supreme
sacrifice in Korea and Vietnam. I be-
that you should list the names and
their respective classes in the next issue of the Alumni News.

Sincerely,
Paul R. Martin, Jr. ’52

Alumni on the plaque:
David H. Finger ’68, d. 1969
James T. Gernain ’68, d. 1970
Richard L. Knollen ’66, d. 1969
John D. Livingston ’69, d. 1970
Richard Schott ’52, d. 1972
Gary A. Scott ’67, d. 1968
William E. Steier ’65, d. 1966
William “Bill” E. Strobel ’64, d. 1967
Rolloin T. Wheat ’59, d. 1966

ESF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT

Adopted by the ESF Alumni Association Board of Directors on December 22, 1995

The College of Environmental Science and Forestry Alumni As-
sociation is a concerned group of individuals who act as observ-
ers and trustees of the heritage and achievement of the College. The Association aims to advance the personal and professional development and growth of its members. The Association also serves to promote and cultivate friendship and cooperation among the alumni and to assist them however necessary within the capabilities of the Association.

The Association represents the alumni in the affairs of the Col-
lege by acting as a facilitator between alumni and students, fac-
ulty, staff and administration. The Association, working as a partner with the College, assists and promotes the College in the attainment of its objectives.
Mazumder, braved the Syracuse winters and joined the USAID Mission staff in the US Embassy in Dhaka, where he remains today. From Bangladesh with PhD in hand, he continued possible through a USAID-funded Thomas Raynal and Dr. Myron Mitchell. Manipulation", and still recalls fondly his sor Dr. Ed White, as well as Dr. Dudley
**Camp Duty**

"The stern beholds Duty..."

The dawn-loungs open throns; The beacon we seek; she'll go to front; Are with yourselves alone.

**J.G. Whithier**

In the earliest days of our civilization when the means of subsistence were the primal things after which men longed, the physical phase of life had attained its highest development. The rudest tool was the only instrument which man employed, outside of his natural faculties, to gather for himself food and clothing and shelter.

To-day, in our highly organized form of society, the training of the mind is of prime importance. The tendency, however, has been towards over-specialization to the extent that individuals are rare who have been equipped in their mental and physical discipline to enable them to use their heads and their hands, in harmony, effectively. There is hardly any other profession which is striving for this ideal the mightiest than Forestry. There is no other phase of our camp life which affords this discipline in such a perfect manner as camp duty.

Camp duty—loyalty—unity—these we synonymous terms to all of us for fifty minutes every morning, excepting our day of rest—Sunday. Saturday, however, we devoted the entire morning to our constructive, manual training.

What need is there for a rehearsal of our manifold, arduous tasks? The work meant more to us than the mere physical benefit derived therefrom. There was even a deeper satisfaction than an opportunity for the application of our brain power, whatever its limitations. Camp duty was something else besides carrying timber, sawing and chopping wood, feeding the pigs, cleaning the pen, grading axes, sweeping tent floors, grading and piling lumber, digging a garbage pit, cleaning the dock, cultivating the garden, cutting grass, or towing 36-foot logs across the lake. Camp duty was the expression of our cooperative spirit—it was an equal shoudering of a double responsibility justly imposed upon us through a scarcity of laborers.

Mention must be made of the 16’ x 36’ warehouse, which formed the bulk of our summer’s exertions, built under skilful supervision of the Assistant Director W.E. Sanderson; and which will stand for years (unless the furies bid otherwise) as a monument to those who aided in its construction. Directly across from camp—at atop of Bear Mountain, there now stands a 25-foot lookout tower—also the result of the “1919 energies.”

Our contact and discipline welded us into a well organized and potent group, without once ever failing to promote the freest expression of our individuality.

**The Last Lap**

The summer’s work was done. The Submarine Launch chugged its way out of the harbor of camp, and as it passed beyond the point of Jo-Indian Mountain, longing eyes were cast upon the distant Haven of Paradise in which all of us had spent the pleasantest summer of our lives. How could it be otherwise, then, that a feeling of regret—a tinge of sadness beshrouded our countenances?

But, alas! At 1:15 news reached us that the “Speeder” had broken down at Benson Mines, which filled us with disgust; for what other means of transportation were there? No time was to be lost. A hand-car was sighted. Five foresters jumped to the front. Trunks, boxes, suitcases, cameras, mandolins and excess apparel were piled on the 6’ and 5’ “freighters.” With a whoop, ten sinewy arms “heaved”; and with a determination that could not be downed, the “Adirondack Flyer” made its maiden voyage with a cargo of 830 pounds.

What mattered it that the road was not built to fit the truck? We pushed and jerked and yanked and ran “ever onward.” True indeed, the car was derailed no fewer than nine times; and that “time” was called while we lifted our belongings from the foot of a steep embankment. Who cared that a fountain pen was lost, a camera smashed, and some clothing ripped? We had left seven miles of beautiful Adirondack country behind us, and “footed” into Benson Mines before the three-o’clock train had arrived. One film had been rescued during the “drive,” and we found ample time for a snapshot.

**The End of a Perfect Summer**

As we approach the celebration of the College’s 100th anniversary in 2011, it is a good time to pause and appreciate the thoughts of students throughout the decades. Below are two stories composed by B.K. Frank that appeared in the 1919 Camp Log, a booklet written at summer camp on Cranberry Lake.

**Jeffrey M. Speich**

**Randy Paquin**
CELEBRATING THEIR 75TH YEAR
Ranger School Reunion
Justin Culkowski

Since 1934, the first full weekend in August means something special to graduates of the Ranger School because that is the time set aside for the Annual Reunion for the Wanakena campus. It is largely a family oriented event with opportunities to take advantage of this secluded spot in the western region of the Adirondack Park. But make no mistake, this is an alumni event and the tall tales abound about “when we were students...” Seems it was always harder the further back you go!

Gail Simmons, the secretary for the Ranger School Alumni Association, reported that 300 alumni and family members had signed up this year for the festivities and that is not unusual as the prices are low, everyone is welcome, and there is a lot to do.

Starting on Friday morning, the Alumni Association’s Board meets to discuss the business of the Association. Committee reports are given, alumni are nominated for positions on the Board, and topics are discussed ranging from alumni awards to enrollment at the School. Following the meeting, many head down the road to the familiar “Pine Cone” restaurant for lunch or dinner to Star Lake for the annual Dan Castognozzi golf tournament. Meanwhile, alumni start to arrive and settle in. 

During the entire Ranger School campus you see tents, trailers, RV’s, and people of all ages. Some are dressed in swimsuits as they are on their way to the Oswagatchie River which is right in front of the main building while others are busy setting up camps on the large ball field to the west. In the afternoon, you will see many alumni finding their way to the Association’s Alumni House situated on the bank of the river where a keg of beer, some sodas and snacks get conversations going. In the background you hear an occasional dog bark, the din of many conversations and lots of shouting and laughing children. The Reunion weekend is underway.

While alumni are pitching their tents, the superior food service staff, with some student help, has been preparing a terrific barbecue dinner just to the south of the big tent that will serve as the “dining room.” Lines form early and alumni are treated to various sumptuous favorites including barbecue pork, hamburgers, salads, cookies and lemonade. Some alumni have brought their coolers or their favorite wine as they sit with old friends or make new ones across the table. The children cannot sit still for long though so out they go to shoot basketball on the outdoor court or just run around the field. There is a sense of family here and everyone looks after each other. Many of the alumni are regulars while there are also those who have not been back for 25 or even 50 years. Gradually, the sun sets and alumni make their way to the Ranger School where some rooms are rented to alumni, or to their tents and trailers, and others hop in their vehicles to travel as far as Tupper Lake to their tents and trailers, or others hop in their vehicles to travel as far as Tupper Lake and make it through the evening winds down. A campfire is lit in the background, a guitar emerges and songs are sung but everyone knows the end is near. Slowly the guests once again return to their rooms, their tents, or their vehicles and prepare for the trip home on Sunday. If you are a Ranger School graduate, you really should mark your calendar now for August 6-8, 2010 and get ready for a truly relaxing and enjoyable encounter with nature and a whole bunch of friends you did not even know you had.

There is a great deal of laughing, talk, and the sounds of people (and dogs) having a good time.

One of many family oriented activities available: Taking the family out for a canoe ride on the Oswagatchie River.

A massive tent provided cover for the hundreds of alumni, family, and friends who attended the various meals served by Ranger School food service staff.

A “fun run” around the property. Again, while the guests are playing, the food service staff is at work preparing a wonderful dinner of chicken, sausage, corn on the cob and more for the big dinner that night. The campus air is full of the delicious aromas of cooking meats and sauces and it seems like dinner cannot come soon enough!

After passing through the buffet line, alumni stake their claim to a table under the tent. There is a great deal of laughing, talk, and the sounds of people (and dogs) having a good time. The weather is pleasant and just cool enough to warrant a jacket or sweatshirt. As dinner is ending, the raffle prizes arrive and are displayed in front of the crowd. As the wine is poured, a flurry of ticket purchases commences in the front of the tent. You do not want to miss out on this. A chance to win free tickets for a raft ride on the Hudson, some hosta plants, tortilla chips and homemade salsa, hand crafted fishing flies from Georgia, maple syrup, and more, much more. After a final warning the raffle begins. For what seems like hours, numbers and names are shouted from the podium and guests go up to claim their prizes. Tom Martin steps up to auction off some great furniture made by Bob Simmons from some salvaged cedar in the “bag room.” (The main building was renovated a few years ago and the phrase “reduce, reuse, and recycle” was followed as cedar and roofing slate has found its new uses over the years.) Slowly and sadly the evening winds down, again as lies in the background, a guitar emerges and songs are sung but everyone knows the end is near. Slowly the guests once again return to their sleeping bags, their rooms, or their vehicles and prepare for the trip home on Sunday.

The highlight of Saturday night’s dinner is the raffle. Pictured are some alumni looking over the many items donated for this fund raiser. Also included that night were many “one of a kind” items which outgrowing Alumni Association President, Tom Martin, auctioned to eager buyers.

As long as anyone can remember, alumni line up on the bleachers on the ball field for group photos.

A new event for the reunion was “mining for nickels”. Approximately 1,000 nickels were mixed with two bales of straw and the younger children were turned loose to find them.

These alumni graduated 60 years ago from the Ranger School from the Class of 1949. And, here is the Class of 1949 graduation photo.
ESF GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH

The following short descriptions of the work of College graduates are being shared with alumni and other readers to provide some insight into the diverse research conducted at ESF. There are approximately 600 graduate students at the College, and the following are just a small sample. These particular profiles are the result of an invitation sent to graduate students requesting highlights of their work. More will be shared in future issues of the Alumni News.

M.L.A. Candidate Makoto Hagi Urban Living Cells

James-Geddes Housing, managed by the Syracuse Housing Authority (SHA), is a significant part of the Near Westside Neighborhood and serves as the focus of the design concept. The Near Westside Neighborhood was once an upper middle class neighborhood, but for several decades it has suffered population decline and a rise in crime and dilapidation. Immigrants have recently stabilized the population and contributed to racial and ethnic diversity. The site is composed of a number of single-patterned courtyards with typical lawn area between rigid buildings, which are not often used by residents.

The design challenge is to determine how green infrastructure can improve the functional and aesthetic qualities of low and moderate income housing complexes, contribute to the health of the regional ecosystem and contribute to the desirability of the host neighborhood. The “Urban Living Cells” introduces a new landscape – one that calls for rhythms of multi-purpose neighborhoods. The “Urban Living Cells” introduces the Onondaga Creek corridor. This connection will help to integrate the Near Westside Neighborhood with Downtown, over the West Street and Green Bay, and the future east-west transit corridor.

The design will be developed through meetings with SHA, as future work for this project continues.

Ph.D. Candidate Phil-Goo Kang

Dissolved organic matter (DOM) in terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems plays an important role in energy cycles and involves the production, decomposition, sedimentation and transportation of organic matter produced in their ecosystems. Because DOM consists of thousands of compounds for which carbon is the major constituent, dissolved organic carbon (DOC) has been actively studied to understand its role in terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. Also, because the degradation of DOC eventually emits carbon dioxide which is the most important greenhouse gas, the study of pathways and cycles of DOM can provide critical information for interpreting the carbon cycle. To understand the fate and quality of DOM, stable isotopic evidence and the stoichiometric approaches for evaluating DOM have been shown to be important information.

Studies of the stable isotopes of carbon (13C) in DOC have provided important results to help interpret the relative contributions of allochthonous and autochthonous sources of DOM in terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems. There are, however, limitations in this approach due to the relatively small variation of stable isotope value of 8°/13C-DOM among various sources. Recently, research on 34S in dissolved organic sulfur (DOS) has provided new information about the DOM characteristics of streams and estuaries. These studies show that the 8°/34S-DOS values have the potential to be used as a tracer to identify and generate new insights about terrestrial and aquatic DOM sources. Since the use of 8°/34S-DOS is an early stage of development in United States, basic information including the 8°/34S-DOM values of various watersheds is needed.

Stoichiometry research has been extensively studied including early studies using Redfield ratios that began in 1958. Various studies have provided new insights to help elucidate the ecological relationships of the role of limiting nutrients and aquatic organisms, but there is relatively little information about stoichiometric approaches that link DOM dynamics between terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. For example, a general increase in DOM associated with decreasing sulfate concentration in lakes might have important implications with respect to the coupling of DOC and DOS. Terrestrial DOM as the major source to lakes has been known to include a large fraction of the refractory DOM. Understanding the differences in stoichiometry between labile and refractory DOM might be helpful for tracking the cycle DOM.

My Ph.D. research will focus on the fate and quality of DOM with particular attention on the stoichiometry in labile and refractory DOM and stable isotopes of 13C and 34S in DOM as follows:

- The export and quality of DOM and the mineralization of organic sulfur from two adjacent watersheds with different levels of calcium in the Adirondack Mountains.
- Changes in the characteristics of DOM as water moves from upland soils to surface waters in the Adirondacks.
- Comparison of export amount and quality of DOM in watersheds with different treatments and characteristics at the Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest, NH.

Supporting Today’s Students for a Better Tomorrow

When you support the ESF Annual Fund, you help to provide students with the knowledge, tools and technologies they need to provide a better world in the future. The ESF Annual Fund is the backbone of the college’s fund-raising efforts, providing structure and flexibility in the college’s finances. A Strong Annual Fund is crucial in sustaining the quality of the teaching and learning at ESF.

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- Helps many bright and deserving students get the scholarship aid they need
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- Provides the funds needed to continue and expand special programs around campus and on all of ESF’s properties
- Makes you feel good about giving back to a place that was an important part of your life not too long ago

An envelope has been included in this publication for your convenience.
The Alumni Office once again joined forces with the Office of Student Life to host an alumni event, the Alumni & Family Fall BBQ at Syracuse University’s Carrier Dome parking lot. The event was hosted by the Alumni Office and the Syracuse University Alumni Association. The Alumni & Family Fall BBQ is an annual event that brings together alumni, students, and their families. The event includes a variety of activities, such as music, food, and games. This year’s event featured live music by the Woodsmen’s Band, and attendees enjoyed a wide variety of food options, including hot dogs, hamburgers, and vegetarian options. The event was well-attended, with over 600 attendees enjoying the festivities.

**WELCOME CLASS OF 2013**

Meet Some of ESF’s Freshman Class

The Alumni News often asks graduating students about their plans after ESF, but this year, we thought we would ask some incoming students what was on their minds as they look ahead to their academic careers at ESF. These students were chosen randomly at the annual “Welcome to ESF” ice cream social hosted by the Alumni Association. This event has become a new tradition every August as the Freshman Class concludes their orientation to ESF. The Alumni Association hopes the students will feel a warm welcome from the Board Members who are present, and will get to know the Alumni Association long before they graduate. We posed the following questions to the students:

1. Hometown
2. Intended Major (if known)
3. Why did you decide to attend ESF?
4. What are your expectations for your college years?
5. What are you most excited about as college years come to an end?
6. What is one interesting thing about yourself that sets you apart from others?

Here are their responses:

**BRENT JOHNSON**

1. Omaha, NE
2. Conservation Biology

Brent, a transfer student from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, first discovered ESF online. He was drawn to ESF’s small class size, and particularly to its renowned natural resources program. Brent was also attracted to the idea that all ESF students, no matter what their major, would share common interests at such a specialized school. Brent hopes that class sizes are small, and looks forward to getting to know his professors and other students. He also hopes to join the Outing Club.

**CORINA RENDON**

1. Laredo, TX
2. Environmental Science

Corina discovered ESF via an online search. She was attracted to the fact that the College is geared towards such specific majors and fields of study. Corina expects to learn a lot, and she is excited about all of the new opportunities that await. As a native of Texas, she also anticipates having to adjust to the winter weather!

**RURIK FENC**

1. Deerfield, IL
2. Environmental Science

Rurik’s sister was an Environmental Studies major and recommended that he look into ESF. He was drawn to the College’s reputation, and he liked that it offers a very specific pool of major fields. Rurik expects to narrow down what he’d like to do in the future and what career path he’d like to pursue, while also having fun. He looks forward to being amongst like-minded people.

5. Learning more about how the environment functions, and also joining the Woodsmen’s Team and Oaring Club.

6. Rurik is a true outdoorsman and has been involved with the Boy Scouts since a young age.

**SHAWN KELLY**

1. Pittsburgh, PA
2. Environmental and Forest Biology

Shawn first came across ESF via online research. He felt it would be a great fit for him, and was attracted to the small class size here at the College. Shawn was also drawn to ESF because of its proximity to SU, particularly the small campus/large campus combination available to students here. Shawn expects to study hard, but also to make good friends in the process. He also looks forward to volunteering.

5. Getting into the “swing of things,” being on his own, and figuring things out for himself.

6. N/A
CLASS NOTES

• Those alumni reported as deceased are listed in the “In Memoriam” column below. If we received additional information and/or an obituary, it may be found in the individual’s class year.

• These class notes were received by the ESF Alumni Office before January 1, 2010. The next issue of the Alumni News will have a deadline of June 1, 2010.

• Photos are always welcome.

• Please print notes legibly, especially e-mail addresses, and limit to 100 words.

• Ranger School graduates are welcome to submit notes.

Alumni News is sent to all graduates of the College, including those of the Ranger School.

A Note about Obituaries

Why aren’t there obituaries published for every alum who is listed in the “In Memoriam” column below? Obituaries for alumni who have passed away are published in the Class Notes section of the Alumni News. Unfortunately, the Alumni Office does not have the staff to track down obituaries for every alum who dies. We rely on the family, friends, and classmates of alumni to send us obituaries so that we may share them with the College and the community via the Alumni News.

Please send obituaries to:
Jennifer Palladino
ESF Alumni Office
1 Forestry Drive; 219 Bray Hall
Syracuse, NY 13210-2785

When we receive the name of an alum who has died, but do not receive an obituary, we verify the death and publish the name and class year in the “In Memoriam” section.

CLASS NOTES

1935

The Class of 1935 is cordially invited to the Forestry Senior Reunion program June 3–5 in Syracuse. It all gets started on Thursday, June 3 at the Senior Reunion Dinner. On Friday there will be tours of campus, updates from the College President, and a tour of a near-by paperboard factory. You are all invited, as guests of the Alumni Association and a dinner in your honor with the Alumni Association Board on Friday night. Saturday you can go to Cranberry Lake, visit the local attractions, or get a group together. Reservation and lodging arrangements will be sent to you by May, March. Looking forward to seeing you in Syracuse!

1936

Malcolm G. Lyon (PSE), 95, of Fernandina Beach, FL, died on August 23, 2009 following a short illness. Mr. Lyon was born in the village of Aurora, New York on February 27, 1914, the son of Sanford Gifford Lyon, a local businessman and civic leader, and Josephine (Head) Lyon, a former schoolteacher. New York state winters were very hard on his health and at the suggestion of the village physician, his parents sent him to the Florida Military Academy in Jacksonville from 1929 until he graduated in 1932 as valedictorian of his class. During this time he frequently visited Fernandina Beach and the campus of the Florida Military Academy became the Bolles School in 1933, and Mr. Lyon maintained close ties to Bolles, receiving from them honorary diplomas, making him Bolles’ oldest alumnus. Mr. Lyon entered the pulp and paper program of the New York State College of Forestry in 1932, graduating in 1936. While there he met a fellow student at Syracuse University, Louise Lester, and they were married shortly after graduation. She predeceased him after 65 years of marriage in 2001. Mr. Lyon had a forty-year career with Champion Paper Company (later International Paper), first in Canton, North Carolina and then at its headquarters in Hamilton, Ohio. He held a number of positions including director of pulp research, and also traveled widely for the company. He was involved in a number of significant mill developments both in the U.S. and overseas. He was active in T.A.P.P.I., the main pulp and paper technical association and was its longest- standing member. During his working life, Mr. Lyon frequently brought his family to Fernandina for vacations. Retiring in 1976, he and Mrs. Lyon then moved to Fernandina Beach to make it their home. Lyon was very active in community affairs. He was a long-standing member of the Fernandina Beach Kiwanis Club. Memorial contributions may be made to the Memorial United Methodist Church, 601 Centre Street, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.

1937

W. Leslie Robinette (FOR) writes, “I am still peeking around at 94, but question if the Golden Years are all they’ve cracked up to be. My wife passed away in June after 70 years of marriage. I have a son and daughter living in Colorado and they take care of my needs. I have five grand kids and 10 great-grand kids and they are all joy. I play bridge weekly and do some wildlife photography. For years my wife and I would feature wildlife in our X-mas cards - usually it would be birds. This evoked a comment from a close friend - even when we were sending those ‘stupid bird’ pictures.”

1938

Stuart Scott (PSE) writes, “Golden years getting sort of leaden! Enjoying life in Colorado - the mountains and lakes are hard to beat that to 38.”

Charles Speers (FOR) says, “Just a few lines to let the Class of 38 know that there are a few of their classmates still alive and kicking. Have reached the age of 94 but doubt

that I’ll ever reach 100. Have seen the demise of the balsam fir and hemlock forests in the Southeast during the past 50 years. Let’s hope that the next 50 years are kinder to us.”

EVERYONE HAS A STORY

Back by popular demand in this issue is our latest feature, “Everyone Has a Story.” We’ve received several alumni at random from among those who paid their alumni dues or are Life Members and asked them to fill us in on their lives since graduation as well as their favorite memories of ESF. The idea behind this series is to show the great diversity of our alumni; what they do, where they live, what their opinions are, etc. We hope that you enjoy reading the following alumni stories! The following questions were posed to participating alumni:

• Your major at ESF
• Degree(s) and year of graduation from ESF
• Other colleges attended
• Where you currently reside (city, state or country)
• Current family, divorced, children, birthdays? etc.
• Current occupation/employer
• Favorite or most helpful course at ESF & why
• Favorite or most memorable professor
• Course you wish you had taken at ESF
• People you would like to hear from again (friends, classmates, etc.)
• Hobbies

Why you attended ESF?

In a few words, what does ESF mean to you - how did it affect or change your life?
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Frank Barick (FOR) writes, “Passed the big 90 on March 21 but still planting trees - Christmas trees. I don’t know if this is the height of optimism or of stupid but I enjoy the work. It keeps me outside and provides a little cash for trips for me and my lady friend: Panama, Iceland, Washington-Vancouver, the Huntington Forest and bird hunting here and in Wisconsin where my son lives.”

Herbert “Jerry” Widger (WPE) passed away on May 5, 2009, after a short battle with cancer. After graduating from ESF, Jerry received a master’s degree in education from SUNY Oswego. He was a lover of education and learning, and earned more than 300 graduate hours in various courses throughout his life. In addition, five of Mr. Widger’s children are also college graduates, something he took great pride in. Jerry worked in the wood technology industry for 25 years, including the Seal-Rite Corporation in Fulton, NY, and thereafter taught 8th grade science at East Syracuse Minna Middle School for 19 years. After retiring in 1982 and moving to Fayetteville, NY, he became a wildlife officer and attended Deidre High School until he was more than 75 years old. Jerry was an avid golfer through most of his life and also liked traveling, bowling, Bible study, and woodworking. Jerry is survived by his wife, six children, nine grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

1942

George Bernard Creame (PSE, 88, of Erie Village, Fayetteville, NY) passed away on September 6 at Cobourg Hospital after a short illness. Born in Cobourg, May 16, 1921, he was the son of Marie Dwyer Creame and Francis “Frank” Aloysius Creame. He attended Onondaga Academy, Arlington. He received his B.S. from ESF in 1942 and, after serving in World War II, in 1948 he completed a Ph.D. in organic chemistry at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. During the war, he worked for the defense of the Navy Seabees, based in Saipan, Okinawa. He married Jeanne Mills Creame in 1948, living in Montreal, then moving to Shelton, WA, where he was hired by Rayonier, Inc., and then the couple rented to Oregon, where they relocated in Thornwood, NY, in the mid-1950s. He served on the Mt. Pleasant school board, helping to establish a local swim club in Thornwood. He was a staunch supporter of environmental and humanitarian causes. George stayed with Rayonier his entire career of 33 years and retired as executive vice president. At Rayonier he established the Sylvan Shipping Company, which carried wood products worldwide. During his business career, he travelled extensively, visiting more than 60 countries. He retired to 400 wooded and farm acres in Putnam Station, NY. He loved his life in the North Country, raising dairy heifers, golfing, hunting, fishing and fishing. Survivors include his wife Jeanne Mills Creame; three sisters, a son, four daughters, seven granddaughters, and five grandsons, Brian, Cj, Terry, Ian and Olivia. Donations may be made to the Alumni Association, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, One Forestry Drive, Syracuse, NY 13210; Boy Scout troop 152 of Immaculate Conception, 480 Salt Springs Road, Fayetteville, NY 13066; and St. Mary’s Elementary School, 64 Ahern Road, Ticonderoga, NY 12983.

Howard Dean (FRM) (FRM) writes, “Things are going still well for my wife Lillian and I. We have the usual old age (she’s 89 and I’m 92) problems, but feel lucky to still be together with our beautiful family. One of my grandchildren just went to the Pack Forest DEC Camp and loved every minute of it. Conn in Cookeville is 13, but already is starting to get prepared to go to ESF for his forestry education. I am pushing that hard as I can see I’ll make a great forester! Hope I can hang on long enough to see it happen! Hello to all who may remember me. I guess the Class of 42 is getting pretty low.”

John Farrell (FRM) (FRM) writes, “Am keeping in touch with a few old classmates of 42: John Fedkiw (FRM), Neil Stout (FOR), Al Mangan (FRM), John Gill (FRM), and Mike Thomas. We went to a women’s retreat at passing Claire: Megan, Marian Sepholon, Helen Lea, Nova Severence, She’s not easy with arthritis in my writing hand, but we usually connect up at Christmas time.”

John Fedkiw (FRM) retired in 1993. In 1994, the loss of his wife led him to dedicate his retirement to forestry research as a USDA Forest Service volunteer, responding to his second love and 28 years of services as a policy advisor and analyst on natural resources in the USDA Office of the Secretary. He focused on historical studies of the dynamics of forest use and management. The major products are reflected in four books: The Evolving Use and Management of our Forests, Grasslands and Croplands (1985); Managing Multiple Uses on National Forests 1985-1995: A 90-Year Learning Experience and It’s Not Finished Yet (1998); Sustainability and Pathway Hypothesis (2002), and Stewardship, Landscape Coordination for Sustainable Forests (2009). John has published a flurry of related papers and at 89, continues to extend and refine the Pathway process and model.

Robert Hotaling (LA) (LA) writes, “It has been almost 67 years since I graduated from the College. What a wonderful education and life I have had since June 8, 1942. Four years in the WW II army and 3 years working for an international consulting firm in the Chicago area, 25 years of graduate school at Michigan State University, 3 years as Principal Planner for State and Local Planning for the State of Rhode Island, 2 years as City Planning Director and Urban Renewal Planner for Portland, Maine, and Acting Director of the Greater Portland Regional Planning Commission, 24 years as a Professor of Urban Planning at UMass, and a continuous practice till just at age 97. What a great life experience. Thank you NYSCEF & ES at Syracuse University for the excellent start.”

1943

Richard Berry (FRM) (FRM) writes, “I’m still up and around but do have some serious health problems. Living at my home of 47 years with my younger son which makes me more comfortable than when I was here alone. Have lost email contact with my old roommate, Dick Watt...any body know why?”

Charles Chapman (PSE) (PSE) writes, “For early graduates, (with the war) our skills were needed in many areas. My first position at Hercules was in rocket propellant. After WWII, I spent most of my career with Hercules, developing and pro-
viding technical service and education of new products. I developed some new techniques in chemistry and earned two patents. These techniques were used at Hercules and in other industries including adhesives, paints, inks, etc.”

Joseph Schwenkler (PSE) passed away on September 19, 2009 from complications due to Parkinson’s disease at the age of 87. Mr. Schwenkler was drafted into the USNR. He served aboard the USS Phelps, USS Lamar, and the USS Luvaca from 1943–1946. He remained in the Naval Reserves after the war and was honorably discharged as a LT. in 1956. Mr. Schwenkler married Alice Roscoe in 1948 and raised a family of six children in Pennsylvania before a job transfer took him to Geneva, IL in 1974. He lived there until Alice died. In 1992, he moved to Dunedin, FL where he lived the remainder of his life. In 1947, Mr. Schwenkler began a 40 year career working for Container Corporation of America. He retired as Director of Manufacturing of the Folding Carton division. At the age of 87, Mr. Schwenkler was a gracious, gentle man, generous with his hospitality, a loving father, grandfather, brother and friend.

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1948

Baris Dan (FORM) (FORM) reports that he and his wife moved to a retirement community in the summer of 2009. He is still bicycling - up to 40–50 miles

Bradford Monk (FRM) (FRM) writes, “Appreciate the ESF quarterly events, student and alumni Prom, Student Prom-mer camp, and recent research projects. I am still a ‘dirt forester’ and endeavor to manage my tree farm of white pine and hardwoods. The market being ‘off’, they are growing patiently.”

1949

Victor Jarm (FOR) (FOR) tells us that the following resolu-
tion was passed in September of 2008: “Resolved, that the Mayor and Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford (CT) hereby name the playground at Forester Hills Park the Victor Jarm Playground.”


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Richard Benton (PSE) (PSE) writes, “I am a widower in Ston, Ohio, having lost my lovely wife in 2007 to the effects of breast cancer. I am relatively healthy and hike and bike in
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ALUMNI & FAMILY FALL BBQ

Alumni Board Member Rick Capozza ’89 chats with proud parents Tim and Elizabeth Greene at the welcome reception in Moon Library.

Alumni, parents, and students took two buses for a tour of the Heiberg Forest in Tully, NY on Saturday.

Bob Cooper ’70 says, “If I don’t exhale, my original Stumpy jacket fits perfectly!”

Dick Rybinski ’74 and his wife, Jeann (Guay) Rybinski ’75 enjoyed the bargains in the ESF College Bookstore.

Preston Gilbert ’73, as First Vice President of the Alumni Association, chaired the Annual Meeting on Friday afternoon.

Paper Science Engineering students use the weekend as a fundraiser by selling pumpkins.

Peter To ’88 and his wife, Lisa, at the Friday night reception.

Sue (Stiles) DeVito ’84 examines her college yearbook with fellow classmates at homecoming.

Michele Harvey ’89 and her husband, Richard, at the reception in Moon Library.

Peg Coleman ’79 (left) makes her way down the buffet line at the BBQ. Everyone seemed to enjoy the menu.

Some graduate student alumni chat with Alumni Association President David Tessier ’68. From left: Matt Young, MS ’03, Julie Siler, MS ’04, and David.

Professor Don Leopold led two tours around campus and the Oakwood Cemetery on his “Dendro Field Trip.”

Raffle prizes were awarded at the Friday night reception. Barbara and Dave Smith won maple syrup and their son Ryan won an ESF hat.
A. Limited Edition Racquette Hooded Sweatshirt
Our 2009–10 limited edition Racquette Hoodie is sure to be a hot item, so why not buy one today because once they're gone, they're gone! The hoodie features 2 embroidered designs (one full chest and one left sleeve) and one screen print on the hood. Available in oxford gray only.
Sizes: S–XXL
Price: $45.00

B. Camo Beanie
Keep warm this winter with our reversible camo/black fleece hat with an ESF patch on both sides. One size fits all.
Price: $15.00

C. ESF Tie
Designed and manufactured specifically for ESF, you will look great in our tone-on-tone ESF tie with subtle leaf background. Available in navy and burgundy.
Price: $25.00

D. Stellar T-Shirt
The SUNY logo takes on a weathered look in our extra soft 100% pre-shrunk cotton Stellar T. Available in gray, moss and blue.
Sizes: S–XXL
Price: $18.00

E. Men's Sweatpants
You'll love our comfortable sweats with a great design on the left leg. Available in dark gray and dark green.
Sizes: S–XXL
Price: $22.00

F. Silver Keychain
Silver keychain with heavy duty ring.
Price: $7.00

G. I "Leaf" ESF Toddler T-Shirt
Our happy leaf will “leave” a lasting impression on everyone. Available in lime green, pink and forest green. 100% preshrunk cotton.
Sizes: 18M, 2T, 3T and 4T
Price: $13.00

H. Turtle T-Shirt
Our ESF turtle is back and better than ever! He is on top of the world on this lightweight 100% cotton T. Available in white and navy.
Sizes: S–XL
Price: $17.00

I. "Mighty Oaks" Long Sleeve T-Shirt
The "Mighty Oaks" are here! Show your support for the ESF athletic teams by wearing the new logo for all the ESF teams. This long-sleeve T features a left chest acorn and oak leaf design with the Mighty Oaks logo on the back. A percentage of the sale price will go to support the athletic department. Available in gray and dark green.
Sizes: S–XXL
Price: $18.00

J. embroidered Maple Leaf hat
This hat features a raised ESF on the front and a simple maple leaf outline on the back. Adjustable buckle in back.
Price: $17.00

K. Nalgene Bottle
BPA free Nalgene Bottle. 32 oz. wide mouth - Spring Green or Smoke Gray with ESF logo in white.
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Perfect for hooking Nalgene Bottles on backpacks. Available in green or black.
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HELP CELEBRATE
The College’s 100th Anniversary
On July 26, 2011, the ESF Alumni Association would like alumni around the globe to hold some sort of celebration marking the College’s 100th. It could involve two or
hundred, but we would like all 50 States represented and as many countries as possible. If you would like to participate, simply contact the Alumni Office alumni@esf.edu and we will keep you posted on developments. We would love pictures of your celebration for the College website. It could be as simple as a toast to ESF for another 100 years, or a picnic or whatever you want to do. Alumni in various states and countries are being recruited for this event; please let us know if you would like to participate. Thank you.

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1952
Jay Hutchinson (FOR) writes, “I had been in contact with Clarence Petty (36, WPE) with whom I worked in the Adirondacks the summers of 1960 and 1961. Have also talked by phone with Neil Stout (42, FOR) who was helping us out with the work of the Adirondack wilder-
ness survey of the state legislature those years. I continue to be in close contact with ’52 classmate Bob Levine. Gloria and I had a great tour of Turkey this past summer. Besides the wonderful antiquities, we got several chances to hike through the pine forests of the Toros Mountains bordering the Mediterranean coast, and visit rural fami-
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1953

Herbert Hoffman (PSE) writes, “My wife, Lynda, and I had our first grandchild, a beautiful girl. Ava Beth Hoffman was born on June 20, 2009.”

Edward Kohler (FRM) writes, “Still cutting/selling firewood for the 49th year. In October ’99 I spent 10 days in N/E British Columbia hunting for elk and mountain goat. Harvested a dandy 6 x 6 elk, but the goat eluded me—mostly due to low clouds and fog at the 7–8,000 ft. elevation. My 5 acres of balsam and Fraser fir Christmas trees keep me busy trimming and moving.”

Robert Thatcher (FRM) writes, “Our daughter Tracy and grandson Corey live with us. He is now 5 years old, a joy (most of the time) and is very involved in many things. Bank, census, library, and rain garden.”

Henry J. Eisenman ’56

MAJOR: General Forestry

DEGREE: BS, 1956

OTHER COLLEGES: Long Island Agr. + Tech. Institute

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Quincy – Plumas County – California

FAMILY: Wife – Lynda; three Children; 5 grandchildren; and on August 16, 2009, we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary.

CAREER STATUS: Retired – volunteer as Plumas Co. patient rights advocate for mentally ill citizens, Chairman of the Plumas Co. Mental Health Commission, and member on the Commission on Aging.

FAVORITE COURSE: Silviculture – “is the forestec’s tool for making forest land productive of tree and animal crops, useful and attractive to the recreationalist and effective in the conservation of soil and water.”

FAVORITE PROFESSOR: William Harlow

WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM: Wayne D. Turner, Eric C. Feltinger

Hobbies: Reading, Golf, Gardening, Traveling.

WHAT SEEMS TO MEANS TO YOU: Getting a degree in Forestry started me on a career that gave me a future and a job with the U.S. Forest Service. I have had the greatest experiences that I have ever faced, especially for a pay from Brooklyn, NY.

John Vinnerstedt (FRM) writes, “Mary and I are harvesting beans, corn, and tomatoes from a vegetable patch in the front yard at 255 Reed Road, Wooster. This ‘stump farm’ replaces a 40-years-old sugar maple that was cut because of basal rot. South of the stump farm we’ve dug a rain garden, planted with native Ohio wildflowers, grasses, and sedges. I often enjoy seeing Dan ’56 and Linda Houston at Health Point, the Wooster Community Hospital and Wellness Gym.”

1954

Nelson Button (WPE) writes, “As of Arbor Day 2009, I finished three years as Chairman of the Sidney Shade Tree Commission and passed the job to a younger individual. At that time we had completed 16 consecutive years with a Tree City USA award. Not too bad for a little village on the western edge of the Cattahoe Mts.”

Robert Carpenter (FRM) writes, “In my 87th trip around the sun, I’m still enjoying nature observations as I look out on my 36-acre woodland. Although I’m unable to do much woodland management, at least I can feed the birds in my yard and rake leaves for exercise. Other than going to doctor’s appointments, my wife Betty and I go out to eat at our favorite restaurants for a change from home cooking. Best wishes to the remaining members of the Class of 1954.”

Jim Henn (PSE) writes, “Dotty and I enjoyed our 55th reunion this past June. Stu Dalheim and his wife, Zoe, Bill Shaughnessy and Phil Case, all fellow ’54 Pulp & Paper graduates were able to attend and we all had a great time! The program was outstanding— from President Murphy’s very informative talk to the great dinner at the Lincklaen House in Cazenovia. Stu and I especially enjoyed the dendrology walk in Oakwood Cemetery. Justin Cullizkover ’73 and staff did a great job in organizing all of the fine festivities. It couldn’t have been better.”

George Rosenfield (FRM) and wife Carolyn live in Melbourne, Florida following his retirement as a scientist with the U.S. Geological Survey. George has written recently about how “there has always been climate change!” Some of George’s U.S.G.S. research was related to tracking increases in carbon dioxide in the environment in the geologic past. George writes that past volcanic eruptions and other natural causes put more carbon dioxide into the air than mankind does today, but our destruction of tropical forest is diminishing the earth’s capacity to deal with additional carbon dioxide, leading to global warming.

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Edwin Drabek (FRM) writes, “We now have 5 grand- sons. Hopefully one or more will follow my footsteps and become forestec. Jonathan-13, Joshua-11, Gabriel-7, Caleb-5, Nicholas-2. I’m busy doing volunteer work with the Village of Hamburg Environmental Commission and the Town of Hamburg Conservation Advisory Board.”

Thomas Luche (FRM) shares, “Keep very busy (too busy) working as volunteer for The Guardian Ad Litem program, a food bank, and facilitating my activist wife’s involvement in politics - all on the side of angels course. And many reunions of Vietnam Old Boys. I finally got my name in a book 36 years after leaving.”

Timothy O’Keefe (WPE) tells us that he is still enjoying his retirement. He is mostly active now with labor unions and the State Employee Retirement Association, and he also does some consulting. He enjoys travel and gives talks about his international work/traveler tourism. He enjoys Elderhostel and some Buddhist study.

1956

Roger Baker (LA) writes, “In mid-June, the Gators, the band that used to rattle the rafters in Marshall Hall auditorium and student lounge, had a reunion at the home of hunos player Bill Belden and wife Peg on Cape Cod. Trumpeter Fred Ritt and wife Cassy, pianist Bill Ayars and wife Pam, and drummer Roger Baker and wife Sarah attended along with trombonist Lowell Robinson. Despite the fact that 53 years had passed since last they played together, the old spirit returned and there was music. We thank the Beldens for their gracious hospitality.”

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1958

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Dawn Landers ’59 and Chuck Brooks ’59 in front of an 800+ year old Western Red Cedar in Western Montana. Dave visited Chuck and his wife, Peggy, in Libby, MT in August of ’09.

Frederick ’63 and Carol Gerty riding “Chief” and “Cabby” in the Mohonk Preserve, Gardner, NY.

At the SAF convention in October: Dr. Eric ’64 and Mrs. Judy Paskey live in Lecanto, Florida. Ernie completed a PhD in safety engineering in 2005, and is a governor’s appointee to the Florida Board of Landscape Architects. Ernie thanks Eustice Nifkin for a great start to his career.”

EVERYONE HAS A STORY

David E. Noyes ’57

Major: Wood Technology


Other Colleges: Courses at: Rochester, Rutgers, CU, CSU, SU, DU

Current Residence: Great Valley, CO since Aug. ’71. 30 miles west of Denver, unincorporated Jefferson County

Family: Married (63 Years) during my senior year at ESF, wife Mary Inez Gawron of Amsterdam, NY; 5 children (3 daughters, 2 sons born in Somersville, NJ; one son deceased), 6 grandchildren (3 girls, 3 boys). Carrey Career Status: Management Consultant, Self-Employed. Began 27 year career of service with Johns Manville Corp. 2/1/77 immediately following graduation. Career included engineering, management positions serving as the divisional and corporate technical objects in a range of fields that included: Process and Product Development, Research, Quality Control, Production, Loss Control, Safety, Environmental Regulatory Compliance, Pollution Prevention, Remediation.

Favorite Course: My favorite studies were Forest Pathology, Dentistry, Wood Technology; each of these courses involved ecology, environmental aspects: expanded my insights, knowledge, understanding, appreciation of nature that I have utilized, built upon throughout my life. I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to absorb the know -ledge of those with a reverence for the beauty of creation. My career has been a wonderful journey as a result of my choices and the results of others. I am grateful to have been a part of the history that has been created for me in that career. I encourage others to seek out the qualities of the nature that is so necessary to our personal and societal well-being. I am a believer in the necessity to be able to regain the balance that is the foundation for the health of our planet.

Hobbies: Simple laid back, close to home family activities; volunteer work involving interests in history, flora and fauna includes: Jefferson County and Colorado State Historical Societies, Denver Museum of Nature and Science, County Open Space, Division of Wild Life, US Forest Service Projects, Programs, Hunting, fishing, camping, snow shoeing, hiking; community activities, vary in involvement in political activities, chess and reading. When I find neighbors doing nothing I’ve been known to drop by and give them a hand too.

What I attended ESF: SUNY College of Forestry offered me, a resident of New York State, an affordable avenue to obtain a college education. The curriculum served my interests in science and humanities, and developed my depth and breadth of understanding in the humanities and sciences at a price I could meet on my own. My goal early in life was to become the first ever of my family to earn a college degree. It took from 1949 to 1987 to realize that goal financed by savings, working, College’s Student Loan Fund borrowing from time to time; after 1953 the Korean Police Action GI Bill’s stipend.

What ESF MEANS TO YOU: My ESF education provided tools to better cope with life’s challenges; opening doors of opportunity, earning power, sense of purpose, usefulness, respect, maturity, confidence along with a positive attitude; all synergized in the college’s BS degree. Aspirations for the future centered on getting a job in the local rug mills when I was growing up. Aspiring to earn a college degree was considered a pipe-dream. Realizing that a BS program 52 years ago, by earning a BS degree from the College of Forestry affected my life as reflected in the content of information provided above.

George Braman (FRM) tells us that he saw Hank & Judy Eisenman (FRM) at their home in Quincy, CA in May. He writes, “They have a beautiful place on a hillside with big ponderosa pines where Hank relaxes on the second story deck and listens to classical music.”

Arthur Roscoe passed away on December 20, 2009 in his home in Huntsville, UT. He is survived by his wife, sister, two daughters, one step-daughter, three step-sons and fifteen grandchildren.

1957

Karl Blix (WPE) writes, “Still going strong after retire- ment in 2004. Keeping busy working around the house, exercising, and being chief family genealogist. Planning a cruise tour of the Black Sea to visit the area after reading Rise and Fall of the Ottoman Empire. Can you believe the changes to the old College of Forestry?”

Robert Denny (FRM) writes, “Still hunting antique toys, trains, and toy soldiers up and down the west coast from LA to the Oregon border. I’m still collecting, horror -... and still collecting. Attended 60th high school reunion in Manlius this past summer. Thirty-two of us graduated in 1949. Not many of us left. ‘Tis best they have reunion every five years from now on... maybe every year!”

Richard Klingaman (WPE) writes, “I really appreciate the efforts of Ned Holmes and Scott Gray in raising money for our class scholarship. Let’s continue to support their efforts!”

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R. Bruce Gorden (PSE) tells us that he is now living...reading the biographical sketches in Chuck Donner's 'Journeys.' Thank you, Chuck. Our roads traveled since graduation are amazingly diverse and I applaud your many accomplishments along the way. Thanks to you who are de nated or pledged to our scholarship fund. To date we have raised $20,000. My best to all of you in the New Year.

1960

10 REUNION 1960 - THIS IS THE BIG ONE - THE 50TH!

As you know, the dates are June 3-5 in Syracuse. It all gets underway on Thursday, June 3 with the Senior Reunion Dinner. On Friday there will be tours of campus, updates from the College President, and a tour of a nearby paper mill. On Friday night, a picnic dinner is planned at Bird Settler's home on beautiful Otisco Lake. Saturday you can go to Cranberry Lake, visit the local attractions, or get a group together. Saturday night is the Forestry Class of '60 Dinner...show slides, share stories, photos, and memories. Your upperclassmen who have attended this weekend call it a "once-in-a-lifetime experience." Reservation and lodging materials will be sent to you in March. Looking forward to seeing you in Syracuse!

Paul McIntyre (FRM) writes, "All U.S. Forest Service employees and retirees are welcome to the 8 a.m. breakfast every Friday at the Eagles Club in Bemidji, Minnesota. This event has been around for the past 15 years and has been a source of great enjoyment and camaraderie."

W. George Gardiner (FRM) says, "Looking forward to next year’s Class of '60 50th Anniversary Reunion...hope that many can make that milestone event…especially the group that spent many long nights in the 'Squire Cagie'."

1961

Wayne Smetanka (FRM) writes, "Where is the Class of 1961 - did it ever exist? Rarely in the Alumni News is there any mention. I'm as guilty as the others, so let's go with the program and let the College know we exist. I now live in Minnesota (Park Rapids). Retired from USFS in 1991, worked as a private consultant for several years, moved from Montana to Minneapolis in 1999 because wife (Pat) wanted to come back to the lake country. Pat passed away in February of 2009. Though retired, I still go on large wildlife assignments as a training officer. Pony up guys - let's hear from you!"

1962

Norman Goldstein (CHE) writes, "I owe the College of Forestry, particularly Professor John A. Meyer, a tremendous amount of thanks for providing me with the chance to pursue a career in veterinary medicine. More than at any other academic institution, the College of Forestry is where I matured the most. After a successful veterinary career, I am semi-retired and enjoying canoeing, camping, hiking, birding, photography and motocycling, all because of the College."

Richard Jagels (WPE) writes, "After forty years of teaching and research I will be hanging up my academic cap and getting to feel much better. Plan to fly out and visit grandchildren in Arizona and California in late October."

Chuck Kotyrba (FRM) retired from government service in August of 2006. He stayed in Germany for the beer and brautwurst! He writes, "Enjoy the hunting, fishing and wandering, Dad! May your plane return to San Antonio, TX! Just kidding - once a Texan, always a Texan! Haven't de cided when yet."

Stephen Weatherly (WPE) tells us that he is still splitting his time between Sarasota, FL (from November to April) and Wells Island, near Alexandria Bay, NY (May to October).

1964

Jesse Dublin (EFB) writes, "I have come out of retire ment recently and doing a bit of work on the new strain of wheat rust in Africa and Mid East - teaching young scientists about wheat disease assessment. My efforts to help set up a scholarship fund in honor of Peace Corps at ESB have not gone far, but I will continue plugging away. Anyone who is interested, please contact me. Hi to Stumpies of '63-'64."

Chris Hart (LA) writes, “Mai's has been my home for 40 years, four sons and two grandsons have been born here. Maui County is one of the best places in the world. Consisting of four islands: Maui, Kahoalane, Lana'i, and Moloka'i. A land area approximately as large as Rhode Island. I have declared my candidacy for Mayor in 2010. Aloha"


James Selkirk (CHE) has retired from NIH and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. He was Deputy Director of the Center for Toxicogenomics whose goal was to sequence genes and compare their puta tive disease-causing segments with classic clinical symp tology. Using environmental carcinogens to transform normal cells into malignant cells, genes were sequenced and their transcription profiles analyzed for relative activ ity against normal controls.

FAVORITE PROFESSOR: Sears and Reimann, as noted, George Earle (Arts), Art Viettel (Plant Materials) and Henry Williams - who, along with others, gave me the chance to work with Clarence Petty in the Adirondacks and the USFS in Colorado (both jobs a great learning experience for on-the-ground land management).

COURSES I WISH I HAD TAKEN: My course work at Alfred, ESF and Syracuse was very good, and I have been able to use all of my years of professional practice I have been short of business/finance skills.

WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM: Anyone from the class of '64, faculty or the might remember me, or any alumni that might need a ½ way rest stop driving between Bos ton and NYC.

HOBBIES: We have enjoyed visiting many different lands capes in the US, Canada, Europe, and Central America. Now, we raise turf for fun, at our CT home, cut a little firewood and 'mess around' at our camp in the woods of Maine. We still do some canoeing but most run a freight canoe with a putt, putt.

WHY ATTENDED ESF?: I attended Alfred on a full paid schol arship which included a year of work commitment to this bankruptcy calculator's management program. Following that obligation, we worked in Virginia for a landscape construction company, and then a larger one in NY State. Those three employments convinced me that I preferred design/construct work over the bid/control/contract areas. Thus, I decided to seek a master’s degree in LA at SUNY College of ESF. So, I sold my airplane and some other toys, worked nights for a while, loading trucks in a freezer plant, bought a mobile home in Jamesville, and, thanked my wife for her support and employment at the University Hospital to help feed us.

WHAT ESF MEANS TO YOU: Attending ESF gave me the op portunity to also take coursework at Syracuse, earn a degree there and broaden my base of study. The ESF faculty helped me win some national awards and also to find meaningful summer employment, which set the course for my professional career.

EVEN MORE HAS A STORY

Donald E. Wirth '64

MAJOR: Landscape Architecture

DEGREE: BLA - 1964

OTHER COLLEGES: SUNY@ Alfred, AAS 1957, Syracuse University BLA 1964

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Summer/Fall - Carrying Place Township (unorganized Territory in Western Maine Mts.) Winter - Spring (in Tolland, CT.)

FAMILY: Wife, Jean (52 years), 2 Children, 4 grandchildren.

CAREER STATUS: Semi-Retired: We have stopped guiding long distance Wilderness Canoe Trips in Arctic Alaska (at the urging of our lawyer, insurance guy, the medi cal folks and the retirement of our partner) and have slowed down our land management/architectural consulting work in CT.

FAVORITE COURSE: Design (Bob Reimann) and Construc tion (Brad Saar). These two courses were the heart of what I needed to try and be successful in land planning/management work.

Dan Wirth '64 at the Skagway Alaska RR Station (he's the one without the hat!)
Donald Wirth (LA) writes, “We were saddened to learn of Bob Reimann’s passing. He was a gifted teacher and conveyed to many of my fellow LA classmates how to ‘talk’ with a pencil. Messers. Earle, Sears, Viertel, Freeman, Williams and Albrecht were equally good teachers and I was lucky enough to work with Neil Stout and Clarence Petty in the Adirondacks. We now spend half the year at our log cabin camp in western Maine and half at our home in CT. We have given up guiding in arctic Alaska and now just canoe the waters in the unorganized townships here.”

1965

Robert Fowler (WPE) tells us that he recently “partially retired” as a professor of Biological Studies at San Jose State University in California. He will continue to teach genetics courses one semester per year. He’d like to hear from any alumni: rowlesr@email.sjsu.edu.

Bruce Martin (FRM) and David Hulse (FRM) continue to take their yearly outdoor activity, a tradition that began in 1994. Dural also took such a week trip to West Africa in December '08 – January '09 with a friend of Bruce’s. This trip went to Mali and Burkina Faso.

1966

Terry Dailey (FRM) is very happy to report that his grandson is in the Class of 2011 at ESF.

Richard G. “Dick” Marko (WPE) passed away at his home on Otquaga Lake on June 12, 2009. He is survived by his wife of thirty-one years, Barbara, a sister, and three nieces that he adored. He is also survived by aunts, uncles, many cousins and godchildren. He was President of the Syracuse Alumni Club of Binghamton. He was a member and past alumni president of Sigma Phi Epsilon at Syracuse. He was a huge fan of the Syracuse Orangemen. Richard was Planning Director for the Town of Union, Broome, and Tioga Counties, and the City of Binghamton. He was a past member of the Binghamton City Council. Before his retirement, he was a financial planner for several firms in the area. Previously, he was also proprietor of Amps Bar. Dick was an avid fisherman and a member of the Johnson City Sportsman’s Club, and he was preparing for the annual fishing trip when he passed away. He was a good friend to many and loved by all.

Allen Marsters (FRM) writes, “April, 1963, when I discharged from the Army, little did I know that in June I’d be sitting on the dock at Cranberry Lake waiting for the ferry to Summer Camp. The first person I met was Steve Stutzbach (60). This April, after forty years, we got together in Sherburne, NY to talk over old times.”

1967

Henry Beder (PSE) tells us, “After 40 years of pulp mill process and environmental engineering for Weyerhaeuser Company, I’ve elected to retire. I feel fortunate to have had a career that I’ve thoroughly enjoyed, but I also am fortunate in having two grandchildren that will get more of my attention.”

Dana Chapman (FEG) writes, “Agricultural Engineering Services is expanding. I started the company in 2005 and this past year I added three employees. We recently received a contract to design a new agricultural facility at SUNY Alfred. The dairy will be half organic and half conventional. The farm will also include housing for hogs, sheep, and alpacas. AES continues to serve northeast agricultural clients in meeting environmental compliance requirements.”

Edward Schmitt (PSE) writes, “We have formed a company called Pulper Mining, LLC. Its mission is to provide consulting services to pulp and paper mills that will significantly reduce their solid and liquid waste costs. The waste audit is provided at no cost to the mill and any documented savings are split 50/50 with the mill for the 3 to 5 years. After that, all future savings are retained by the mill. Finding business has not been a problem.”

Mark Sprague (WPE) tells us, “Retirement continues to be ‘hard work but somebody has to do it’! I’m still working with Dr. Glen Stanosz (76, EFB) of WW-Madison and cottonless cottonwoods that are not crosses (i.e. hybrids). Also, have gotten involved with organic gardening through the county extension office. My own garden has become full of heirloom vegetables.”

1968

Erna Baumann (FRM) says, “I had a wonderful impromptu ‘reunion’ with Jeryl Schriever (69, LA) in Maine this summer where we both live on the coast. We found that we had continued to stay active with the essence of our majors studied at ESF.”

David Paul (WPE) is still living in northern Vermont with his wife, Kathy. He writes, “Since retirement in 2000, I have only been basset. My spinning wheels can now be found on 6 continents, looking for an Antarctic customer. Local elementary school still continues to use me full-time after 9 years.”

1969

Bruce Reid (FRM) writes, “On Labor Day weekend 2009, the Vermont State Rifle and Pistol Ass’n held a series of rifle matches at Jericho, Vermont. I shot in the Garand Match and one of the other competitors was Roger Rubrecht. Class of 1966. We got a chance to play the ‘do you know’ game. This chance meeting was a fine addition to a day of competitive shooting and good company.”

Jeryl Schriever (LA) shares, “The landscape architecture class of ’69 had their own 40th mini-reunion on Saturday night, October 3rd at The Retreat in Liverpool. Eight alumni alumni, 3 spouses, 8 grandchildren, 6 Grayson Jones, Steve Curtis, Robin Salisbury, Jeff Anthony, Pat Holmes Harman, and Margaret Vike Napoleon and five guests enjoyed a lively evening with famed professor George Curray. Broklets with old photos, new photos and reprints of recent e-mail messages from the class started lively conversations about road trips and old friends. Others who sent email messages and photos but could not attend were Guenther Vogt, Fred Hagenberger, Bill Renninger, and Bob Burnett.”

David Barone ‘74 “At Grey Towers.”
1970
Terry Bluhm (CHE) recently retired from Xerox in Webster, NY. He arranged for the donation of a D5000 power x-ray diffractometry system to the SUNY-ESF Department of Chemistry. The equipment is being in-stalled in the x-ray lab in the basement of the Edwin C. Jahn Laboratory.

Thomas Catchpole (FRM) writes, “Continue as Retired USFS Forester. Work on ‘retirement jobs’ - substitutes, teacher, newspaper writer, small wood product business, conservation and forestry education.” “Talk About Trees,” naturalist in USFS campgrounds in summer. In July 2009, youngest daughter Laura Fuller and husband had a new baby, Josephine. My 84 year old big sister Aja Sequia Fuller (2). Middle daughter Emily’s hus-band Edwin Simpson was promoted to Forester 1 in CAL FIRE and moved back to our area. They expect a child in February 2010. Oldest daughter Heather Catchpole continues in medical research in San Diego, CA. Tom continues with the NorCal SAF Education Committee as staff member of Forest Conservation Days (FCD) and the Forestry Institute for Teachers (FIT) educating students and teachers about forestry.”

Bob Cooper (EFB) shares, “My wife of 39 years and I have moved to Walhuy, NY to be closer to the cottages on Lake Ontario and Sodus Bay as well as Ellen’s father in a Brighton nursing home and her one-day-a-week work. I grew up in Williamson, NY near where we are now. I still enjoy hunting and fishing. I will be helping lead a nature tour for ESF alumni this coming spring. I also volunteer at my former employer, the Cumming Nature Center, where the ESF and Ranger School send teams for the annual Timber Sports competition. My youngest increased her ‘herd’ of dogs, a St. Bernard and Newfoundland with a Timber Sports competition. My youngest increased her ‘herd’ of dogs, a St. Bernard and Newfoundland with a Great Pyrenees - they don’t believe in small species!”

Kenneth Magdziuk (LA) says, “Uncle Ken is a life & well”

Dennis Parent (FRM) writes, “I am still a forester with Island Empire Paper Co. and expect to continue for 5 more years. I am currently in charge of all silviculture and inventory on 116,000 acres. One of my projects: a turn key regeneration system which includes seed collection, planting, quality control, and early plantation survival, protection, and growth. I plan to do some sort of consult after ‘retirement’ in what else but forestry. I’m getting my NFI exam a few years ago at ESF. I’ll get back for a reunion one of these years.”

Brian Skinner (FRM) writes, “Still enjoying my work at National Grid as a Senior Arborist helping to assure elec-tric delivery services through 16,000 miles of lines in central/southern New York. Who’d think the trees we rely on for poles and crossarms (and even power to produce elec-tricity) could be our 2nd most serious case of outages. Talk about a challenge and a never-ending job! All 4 kids are now married and we’re enjoying 5 grandchildren (from 4 to 4 months). Get to visit ESF periodically in working with Dr. Doug Morrison’s Urban. Forestry-class and yes, utility arboriculture is a profession!”

1971
Jeffrey Dietz (EFB) writes, “For the past 30 years, I have been employed as an Environmental Analyst with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in Buffalo, NY.”

Carl Newton (FRM) writes, “After 34 years as a professor of forestry and academic administrator at the University of Vermont, I took an early retirement in 2007. Since then, my wife Judy and I have enjoyed traveling, spending time with our grandchildren in Utah and New Hampshire, and pursuing our hobbies. I have recently returned to temporary part-time work helping a new administrative team at the University of Vermont Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources - and can hardly wait to return to my retirement.”

Peter Rzasza (CHE) tells us, “I am finishing up my 35th year at the Hospital of Saint Raphael in New Haven, CT. I am currently the PEMS administrator in charge of the radiology department’s digital imaging system. I am looking forward to retiring next year and spending more time with my three grandchildren and volunteering at our local nature center.”

WHY ATTENDED ESF? I thought I wanted to be a forest ranger or ecologist which changed after I took botany. I ended up in horticulture after graduating with various jobs in that field.

WHAT ESF MEANS TO YOU: ESF truly instilled a love of trees and particularly the Adirondacks. We brought a cabin on Friends Lake in Chestertown, NY 10 years ago. It is our little piece of paradise in the Adirondacks. We enjoy our summers there.

Jean Torrance Brown ’78 and her family. Left to right: daughter, Emily, husband Peter, Vicky and Jason added a second grand-children camping which we enjoy very much.”

Jean Torrance Brown ’78

1972
Pete Buist (FRM) writes, “I still serve on the Command Staff of the Alaska Interagency Incident Management Team. I accept a few fire assignments each season - merely to supplement my meager pension. This allows me to trav-el and hunt during the off-season.”

Clifford Chetwin (FRM) shares, “Finally about to finish building our retirement house in Santa Fe...can’t wait to leave the big city and return to the high desert. Still trying to be active in wildfire fire and teaching ICS around the country, but it seems like I’m spending all of my time hanging drywall.”

Jim Goulet (FRM) writes, “I will be serving as the new SUNY-ESF cross country coach for men and women and Go Mighty Oaks!”

Kenneth Kasparyk (FRM) writes, “After his retire-ment, Harry Payne continued to give us alumni excellent advice on how to have a good retirement. I’ve tried to follow that advice by ‘keeping active in professional or-ganizations, maintaining contacts with colleagues, and doing some useful volunteer and part-time work.’ The part about ‘getting and keeping financial affairs in order’ is more difficult but doable.”

1973
Lafferty Lumbers in LeMoyne, Pennsylvania, owned by Eudell Bivens (WPE) announces a solar array project to be installed in the first quarter of 2010. The $1.2 million dollar project will result in several positive environmental impacts. Bivens and co-owner Mike Garner state that they do not believe in man-caused global warming, but think it is a good idea to reduce dependence on fossil fuels when feasible. Eudell and Mike further state that solid wood products are recognized as carbon negative building ma-terials, and they feel blessed to be involved in an industry that provides 100% renewable and sustainable materials.

1974
David Barone (FRM) writes, “The year 2009 has been very special (and busy) for Chris and me. Our son Dan and his wife Jessica presented us with our first grandchild on January 2nd - Caley Joy Barone. On May 1st, our daugh-ter Vicky and her husband Jason added a second grand-child - Oliver Thomas Bennett. We love our new roles as grandparents and hope to be very busy interacting with Caley and Oliver in 2010.”

Mark Buckbee (FRM) is the Associate District Manager of the Bureau of Land Management’s Roseburg District Office. He is the 2009 state chairman of the Oregon Society of American Foresters and hopes to see some ‘74 stumps at the National Convention. mbuckbee@blm.gov

Jim Cain (PSE) reports having a nice, brief, reunion with Nick Arvan (’74 PSE) while he was visiting Portland. He writes, “I also had a guest June week fishing in the Missouri, MT area. My wife Carol retired after 31 years of teaching. My daughter Liza will be a high school senior this year. We have begun the college search. The tuitions seems quite a bit higher than the $400 a year Forestry cost back in the early 70’s!”

Joseph Sahl (FRM) writes, “Hail to the Marion Hall Gang class of ’74! Jim Wiltkins (FRM), Dave Heatl (PSE), Bob Kobelia (FRM, etc. Seems like yesterday we lodged in SU’s west room housing.”

Robert Schrader (EFB) writes, “I’m still working at Greenville Central School as Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds. I married Karen Morin on September 26, 2009 and we have a total of 8 grandchildren. We enjoy luking and camping. We are known for taking seven of our grandchildren camping which we enjoy very much.”

EVERYONE HAS A STORY
Jean Torrance Brown ’78

MAJOR: Forest Biology
DEGREE: BS, 1978
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Farmington, New York
FAMILY: Married almost 20 years to Gary (Professor at Farmingdale State College), son, Scott 17, daughter, Emily, 15, 2 married stepsons; 2 grandchildren.
CARER PATH: Forest Service (10 yrs); Long Island Arboretural Association; Secretary/event planner for the Farmingdale State College Horticulture Committee
FAVORITE COURSE: Dendrology-piqued my interest in trees and lead me on a path to horticulture. Also, enjoyed Cranberry Lake courses.
FAVORITE PROFESSOR: Dr. Ketchledge
COURSE(S) WISH TAKEN: Resource Mgmt. courses.
WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM: Jim Bagley, Gerry Kakmor, Rob McLeod, Kemmy K. Roomeate Betsy (Frickager) Bibia and I remain friends after all these years.
HOBBIES: Because of my daughter’s disability I am very active in the special education community. I serve as a parent member on CSE’s; Past President of my Special Education PTA; volunteer in church thrift shop.

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Some members of the landscape archi-tecture class of 1969 at a mini-reunion held in Syracuse (Back Row, l to l: George Curry, Lou Chandler, Grayson Jones, Steve Curtis, Robin Salisbury, [Front Row, l to r]: Jeff Anthony, Pat Holmes Harman, Margaret Vikre Napoleon.

At the NYSAPS reception in Oenida, NY in January: Alan Densmore (RS’ 69) and Everett Quackenbush, Jr. (RS’ 83).

At the 2009 Fall BBQ welcome recep-tion in Moon Library: Bob Kobelia ’74 and Dave Barone ’74.
1975

David Lombardo (FRM) writes, “After 16 years consulting for private land owners, the economic meltdown has slowed the demand for NE hardwood timber sales. But with the green movement picking up momentum, I have been busier than ever with chain of custody (FSC, SFI) certification. It’s a whole new world of forestry from stumpy days! Not only has this work taken me throughout Pennsylvania, NY, and Ohio, but also to Mexico and Peru. Also I had a chance to visit with Jim King (FRM) who recently retired while on one of my jobs. Working as a forester sure has changed – but the fun part hasn’t. And then there is the carbon credit work (fun?).”

Mike Maloney (PSE) decided to retire from Domtar Paper this year. He currently lives in Kentucky and finished his career with an assignment at a coated ground paper this year. He currently lives in Kentucky and finishing/drafting class with Frank Maraviglia.

Sarah Haskett (FRM), director of Baxter State Park, was honored with the fifth annual Austin Wilkins Forest Stewardship Award. The Maine Department of Conservation and the Maine Forestry Association presented the award to Sarah Haskett during the 2009 ASLA National Meeting in Chicago to recognize the exceptional stewardship of the park’s Scientific Forest Management Area (SFMA). The award was presented by Jane Lincoln, Gov. John E. Baldacci’s chief of staff. The Austin Wilkins Forest Stewardship Award is the major recognition for landowners and individuals who are outstanding examples of managing the working forest of Maine in an exemplary and sustainable way. It is the only award that recognizes stewardship of the working forest.

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Linda Mascho Michels ‘76

MAJOR: Landscape Architecture Major

DEGREE: 1975 Bachelor in Environmental Studies, 1976 Bachelor of Landscape Arch.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Strasburg, PA (Lancaster County)

FAMILY: Husband Bill (just celebrated our 25 year wedding anniversary), 2 step-daughters, and 5 grandsons

CAREER STATUS: Landscape Architect/Project Manager at David Miller Associates Inc., a small LA, Planning and Engineering Company in Lancaster, PA. (Have been at this company 20 years now!)

FAVORITE COURSE: Loved most classes but particularly enjoyed dendrology and the summer plant materials classes. The graphics and design studio courses were probably the most helpful and influential for my career.

FAVORITE PROFESSOR: “I’ll never forget the Freshman drawing/grafting class with Frank Maraviglia.

WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM: Would love to hear from any of my old classmates and my former housemate Robin. Please look us up!

HOBBIES: Gardening, hiking/traveling, pastel painting, and working on our 1850 farmhouse.

Linda Mascho Michels ’76 and her husband, Bill, at Watkins Glen State Park on a very foggy day last fall.

1976

The Maine Department of Conservation and the Maine TRED Foundation honored a professional forest manager with more than 30 years of outstanding service with the fifth annual Austin Wilkins Forest Stewardship Award. Jensen Bissell (FRM), director of Baxter State Park, was given the prestigious award during a ceremony for his extraordinary work at the park’s Scientific Forest Management Area (SFMA). The award was presented by Jane Lincoln, Gov. John E. Baldacci’s chief of staff. The Austin Wilkins Forest Stewardship Award is the major recognition for landowners and individuals who are outstanding examples of managing the working forest of Maine in an exemplary and sustainable way. It is the only award that recognizes stewardship of the working forest.

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Douglas Porter (FRM) writes, “Recovery Act work keeping me busy at GSA. 40 acres of additional solar PV at the Denver Federal Center will help meet our carbon reduction goals. New position, Program Manager - Design and Construction - Rocky Mountain Region, GSA. Lots of challenges keeping life interesting. All the best to Forest Engineers - 1977.”

1978

Dennis Bryers (LA) was elected to the ASLA Council of Fellows at the 2009 ASLA Annual Meeting and Expo in Chicago in September. See photo on page 19.

Peter Dunleavy (LA) writes, “Having traded in our shoe-box apartment in beloved Brooklyn for a house in Troy, we’ve been enjoying tomatoes, eggplants, peppers, zucchini, cucumbers, beans, pumpkins, and more from our garden.”

Philip Hertzog (FRM) writes, “My wife Lisa and I have been very active the past year volunteering with Mt. Rainier National Park. Last winter we served on the Nordic Patrol and helped park visitors by marking ski trails and answering questions. We assisted this summer by patrolling trails and helping with the park’s recreation areas. We both still teach school in Tacoma and have incorporated our Ranger experiences into our class lessons.”

1979

Stuart Appel (LA) was inducted as a Fellow at the 2009 ASLA Annual Meeting in Chicago. See photo on page 19.

Peggy Brown (LA) recently had a project featured in the September issue of Better Homes & Gardens magazine. She won the “Exterior Improvements Home Improvement Challenge.” The project was selected as the winner out of 1,000 submittals. Peggy says “Hello” to everyone in the Class of ’79.

Kevin Cavaíolo (LA) was inducted as a Fellow at the 2009 ASLA Annual Meeting in Chicago. See photo on page 19.

Julie Eldridge (FRM) writes, “It’s hard to believe Bob Maimone ’79 has been gone for a year now. I still think of how he called the chemo pump he wore ‘Silent Bob’ and referred to his occasionally grumpy moods as ‘Irritable Bob Syndrome.’ In a memorial gesture to his short time with us, I wholeheartedly voted for the MSU Foresters for life 50 years and older to have a colonoscopy. It’s easy. The worst part about it is the lack of memory of the goofy things you said while under the influence of the anesthetic. Live a little. Bob would salute you.”

Mary Kierman (CHE) writes, “Just want to say Hi to all the folks from the Class of ’79, especially the Chem. folks. I would love to come to a reunion where we could get together again.”

M. Keith Redenbaugh (EBF) has joined Arcadia Biosciences as Senior Regulatory Manager. Arcadia Biosciences is developing agricultural products to benefit the environment and enhance human health. The company, located in Davis, CA, uses advanced screening, breeding, and biotechnology techniques to create value for consumers, processors and farmers. From 1998-2009, Keith was Associate Director, Regulatory Affairs for Seminis Vegetables Seeds (a Monsanto company) providing direction on biotechnology, contracts & licensing, variety registration and plant pathology.

Dianne Monge Rowse (FRM) writes, “I’m still working as an Interpretive Naturalist for Three Rivers Park District (25 years), currently at Lowry Nature Center, 25 miles west of Minneapolis, MN. In addition, I just completed 2 years as Coordinator of the MN Odonata (dragonfly) Survey Project, training volunteers around the state. My husband Nick Rowse (’77, EBF) still works as a Fish & Wildlife Biologist for the US Fish & Wildlife Service - Twin Cities
EVERYONE HAS A STORY

Eva Forkas Briggs ‘80

MAJOR: Forestry

DEGREES: AGS ‘76 in Forest Technology, MS ‘80 in Forestry

OTHER COLLEGES: BS University of Vermont 1977, MD SUNY Upstate Center 1984

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Marcellus, NY

FAMILY: Married, husband Russ Briggs, also a SUNY-ESF grad (1976 AAS, 1978 BS; 1986 PhD); 3 children: Rachael – PhD 2008 from MIT, lives in Australia; Daniel – BS 2008 from SUNY, lives in NYC; Ariel – Student at University of Louisville.

CAREER STATUS: Physician at urgent case centers operated by Cayuga Medical Center and Oswego Hospital.

FAVORITE COURSE: Dendrobiology, because it was my first “field” course and that’s the reason I went to SUNY-ESF – to learn about trees!

FAVORITE PROFESSION: Tiberius “Mike” Cunia, my major professor. He’s the smartest guy I’ve ever met.

COURSES(I) I WISH TAKEN: Soil Science (so I’d understand what my husband teaches better) and more wildlife biology courses because I love animals. And ornithology – I never really learned bird identification.

WOULD LIKE TO LEARN FROM: Pete Sharkey, Vesna from Yugoslavia and Julieta from Costa Rica.

HOBBIES: Reading, Search and Rescue Volunteer Canine Handler

WHY ATTENDED ESF: Because I love science and I love being outdoors.

WHAT ESF MEANS TO YOU: The academic rigor and high expectations at SUNY-ESF made medical school much easier for me than for many of my classmates who weren’t used to working so hard. Even though I don’t work in the discipline that I studied at ESF, my life is so much richer for the understanding that I gained about the natural world around me. And – this is very crucial for a search and rescue volunteer – I can find my way in and out of the woods without getting lost.

Keith Poerschke (WPF) says, “Recently found out, through the SUNY-ESF group at LinkedIn, that former classmate Jeff Braun (80, WPF) worked next door to our home office and only ½ mile away from me! We have gotten together several times for lunch here in Charlotte, and have enjoyed catching up on the past 30 years.”

Bryan Wood-Thomas (LA) and Carleen Esposito (’80, LA) say hello and ask if someone is coordinating plans for a class reunion next year?

1981

Susan Guhl Brown (ES) is a geologist with the Alaska division of oil and gas. She works on wise resource development projects looking toward growth of renewable energy opportunities. She and her husband, Steve, enjoy living in Eagle River Valley, Alaska.

Lisa Canellos-Weber (EFB) writes, “I am enjoying in Philadelphia, PA and begins grad. school at Temple.”

“Darn it, that is not a pine tree!” exclaimed Lisa Canellos-Weber (EFB). As an ESF alum, Dave was tired of geocaching, but still wanted to add to his series in the future. He was busy this summer, as usual.

Thomas Harvey (LA) writes, “Our youngest daughter, Jillian, began her college career at D’Youville College in Buffalo this fall semester. Getting used to an empty nest.

Our oldest daughter, Katherine, starts her 3rd year of teaching in Philadelphia, PA and begins grad. school at Temple.”

Jude Lasota (ES) tells us, “I was in Puerta Maldonado, Peru last October to help Catholic missionaries in the Amazon region. Though my work was mostly pastoral, I used my ESF training in site planning and agricultural development.”

Pete Miller (FRM) has completed 25 years of employment with the Luke Mill, though it has had three ownership changes during that time. He continues to work on cost containment and corporate integration teams as NewPage assimilates the mills acquired from Stora Enso North America. Karen (Naslund) FRM, has completed 15 years as the Executive Director of the Maryland Forests Association. Pete writes, “We enjoyed the month of October on the beach at Emerald Isle, NC and have photos posted on Facebook.”

Manfred Owe (FRM) tells us that he has retired from NASA after a 30-year career as a research hydrologist with the Earth Sciences Program at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, MD. He devoted his career to developing hydrologic applications for space-based remote sensing observations. He specialized in the monitoring of global surface soil moisture with microwave sensors, and led numerous domestic and international research programs supporting such research, global climate modeling, and global climate change studies. Dr. Owe also retired recently from the U.S. Army after a combined 36 years of active and reserve service that included several mobilization tours during the last 20 years. He lives in Columbus, MD.

Richard Weber (EFB) writes, “Class of ’81 graduates Anthony Esposito (EFB), Chuck Cranston (EFB) and I camped and fished on Cranberry Lake in July, and had a great time. 2009 was the 22nd time we did this trip together. The Biological Station was in session, and we got to say ‘hi’ to some of the students.”

Craig Corona (LA) writes, “As with many of my colleagues, 2008–09 was a time of change. I was fortunate to have the chance to work in China for most of 2008, working on some great urban design projects with EDAW. Changes in the company and a unique opportunity led me to join Olsson Associates, a multi-disciplinary firm in Lakewood, CO in April. I’m glad to be back in Colorado with my family and friends. Loving life! I’ve got all of my ’82 LA classmates. I hope you are getting along…”

“Darn it, that is not a pine tree,” exclaimed Dave Obbie (FRM). As an ESF alum, Dave was tired of geocaching and being told the cache was in or near a pine tree when in fact the tree was not a pine tree. So he decided to place geocaches teaching people about trees. He called them, “DirtStumpy’s Dendrology Series.” This series was nominated for the 2008 Northern Virginia Geocaching Organization (NoVA/OO Cache) Awards for Best Theme/ Series. Each geocache in the Dendrology Series includes the Latin name and other educational facts about the trees. From the legs up, the cache finders, they enjoy learning about the trees just as much as finding the cache. Dave plans to add to his series in the future. He was busy this summer getting married – in a FlashMob wedding! Of course the wedding pictures were taken in the bride and groom’s favorite woods with plenty of caches to find! Maybe some fellow ESF alums can start their own Dendrology series where they live! If you are interested contact Dave at TeamObbie@gmail.com. Dave caches under the name DirtStumpy and is a member of TeamObbie1.
finishing her senior year at University of Washington, and Morgan, a senior at a local high school. David would love to reconnect with former MLA fellow students from the Class of ’88! Please write!

William Janovsky (EFB) was recently promoted to Assistant Fisheries Program Manager for Region 2 - the Rocky Mountain region of the Forest Service. He now covers fisheries and aquatics issues in Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, South Dakota, and Wyoming. He writes, “Rob Weller (EFB) and I took last week off and hit some high elevation lakes and streams. We saw some great country and caught plenty of fish. Fun to watch a 20” splake Georgia rainbow hit at around 12,000 feet!”

Mike Hange (EFB/FRM) will be out archery hunting for elk in three weeks!”

Robert O’Brien (FEG) writes, “Daunt (Dailey) O’Brien (ES, Class of 1988) and I built a new house (timber frame that we raised with a little help from friends). We’re still in Candor, NY, just on a different hilltop.

Barbara Tombacaraisen Senecha (ES) would like to hear from old Woodlawn’s Team friends! E-mail her at bsenechal@wcu.rr.com.

Scott Davis (EFB) says, “I always look forward to ice fishing and welcome any/all fellow grads to join me if interested. I can be reached at yankeepike@msn.com. I usually fish waters in the Hudson Valley and Albany area.”

Shelia Myers (ES) is the education outreach coordinator for the Finger Lakes Institute at Hobart & William Smith Colleges. She works with science teachers and their students to educate them about the Finger Lakes environment. She has held this position for the past three years. Shelia is also working as an adjunct at the Finger Lakes Community College teaching ecology. She lives in Skaneateles, NY (a Finger Lake) with her husband, Joe, and their three children. You can reach her at smyers@hws.edu

Tom Powers (ES) writes, “We stopped into ESF recently while visiting family and friends. Our daughter in 10th grade is interested in environmental education. We spoke to folks in admissions and ES, and toured campus, including the greenhouses in Illick. Was great to be back and especially nice to get a warm welcome from the folks at ESF.”

1983

James “Randy” Hall (FRM) shares, “Celebrated 25 years of marriage, turned 50, oldest child survived first year of college, survived prostate cancer surgery. Living life large.”

Kevin McAndrew (LA) was promoted to Partner at Cameron Engineering & Associates, a 75-person multi-disciplinary engineering firm located in Woodbury, NY.

Anthony Ponzo (ES) is currently Senior VP for Life Safety and Environmental Management for ML/Bank of America. His office is in the One Bryant Park building, which is the only LEED Certified Platinum building in NYC. He writes, “I live in the Columbus, OH area. She has worked for the local county metro parks for the past 5 years as a naturalist focusing on programs for senior citizens. Contact her at ricker@videoonwest.com

1984

Peter Palmitto (FRM) has taken the position of Program Director for the Conservation Biology concentration in the Environmental Studies Department at Antioch University New England. Prior to ESF, Dr. Palmitto attended Paul Smith’s College. He received his MFS and DF (Doctor of Forestry) degrees from Yale University School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. Peter has served as a core faculty member in the Environmental Studies Department at Antioch New England since 2001, and serves the institution as Director of the Monadnock Ecological Research and Education Project (MERE), Co-Director of the Center for Tropical Ecology and Conservation (CTEC). Peter also serves as Chair of the broader community as an alternate on the Town of Walpole’s conservation commission and as a member of the Puget Technical Committee which advises the State of New Hampshire on the development of a Master Plan for the Puget State Park, NH.

Karen Tub er Ricker (ES) and her husband Steve still live in the Columbus, OH area. She has worked for the local county metro parks for the past 5 years as a naturalist focusing on programs for senior citizens. Contact her at ricker@videoonwest.com

1985

Paul Felix (FRM) writes, “My son Zachary (17) and I were inducted into the ADK 46er club this past spring. Next we’re going to climb the High Peaks in winter. Just can’t get enough of the North Country!”

Christine Price Pechner (LA) writes, “The ASLA Convention in Chicago was fantastic. I saw LA classmates Keith Wagner, Terry Clements and Karen Arent in addition to our profs. at the ESF reception.”

John Scarsella (PO Box 223, Katonah, NY 10536).

Joe Scarsella Memorial Scholarship Fund to be established at John Jay High School c/o Lisa Scarsella (EFB) writes, ”We’re still living in north – south Pennsylvania. We have numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Memorial contributions may be made to Joe Scarsella Memorial Scholarship Fund to be established at John Jay High School c/o Lisa Scarsella, PO Box 223, Katonah, NY 10536.

Mark Terenz (EFB) writes, “My son, Anthony, visited ESF this summer. He is interested in attending next fall. The visit reminded me what a beautiful place - people and campus - ESF is.”

1986

Barbara Skye Siegel (LA) is greatly enjoying community service with the Desert Dweller’s Center Project in Tuscon, AZ. Her work with this group and others has been featured in both the Arizona Daily Star and the Tucson Green Times.

Kenneth Chaissen (EFB) recently retired from the Air Force after 21 years of service. He settled in Ballston Lake, NY with his wife Carol and two daughters, Claire and Krista. He writes, “After living all over the world, it’s great to be back in upstate New York.”

Todd Rothermel (WPF) graduated from Widener Law School with a Juris Doctor degree in May of 2009. He passed the Pennsylvania Bar Exam and is now an attorney concentrating in construction law claims.

David Wright (LA) has remarried to Syd Fredrickson on May 9, 2009 and is an in-house sustainable design and planning consultant. He has two daughters, Joanna (20)

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Brett Armstrong ’97

MAJOR: Dual EFB & RM

DEGREE: B.S., 1997

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Erieville, NY

FAMILY: Wife – Emily Dorn (’99, FRM); son – Wyatt Armstrong and daughter – Esther Armstrong.


FAVORITE COURSE: Summer session at Wanska was most helpful. It prepared me for the communications and writing skills you need and to have that outside college.

FAVORITE PROFESSOR: Dr. Douglas Allen who was my advisor. I worked a summer of research with him.

COURSE(S) WISH TAKEN: More wildlife courses.

HOBBIES: Love to be outside, whether hunting, camping, or working.

WHAT ESF MEANS TO YOU: Met most of my best friends and wife while attending ESF.

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Pauline Troicke Burnes (LA) says, “Greetings to Fellow Stumpies! I have recently been appointed to the position of Acting Regional Landscape Architect at the New York State Department of Transportation Region 6 (Honeoye, NY - Southern Tier). This office has two other landscape architects (Ruth Hart ’01 and Jeff Spencer ’01 - both ESB grads) and two environmental specialists. Thanks to all who have helped me in this transition.”

Jeffrey Speich (FRM) writes, “20 years since Ranger School. Nearly 20 since ESB. Job moves along even with all the NYS budget problems. Continue volunteering at the scout summer camps. Anyone visiting NYC, look me up.”

James Commodons (ES) published Waiting on the Train: The Embattled Future of Passenger Rail Service in November. Waiting on a Train (Chelsea Green Publishing) is both travel narrative and investigative journalism. While riding 20,000 plus miles on Amtrak in 2008 and 2009, Commodons explored how the country may move passenger rail forward in America and what role government should play in creating and funding mass-transportation systems. Commodons is an associate professor teaching journalism and nature writing at Northern Michigan University. He has worked as a freelance and travel journalist for 25 years, publishing in the Los Angeles Times, New York Times, Better Homes and Gardens, and Audubon Magazine.

John Orlowski (EFB) writes, “I have relocated to Cincinnati, Ohio with my wife and three girls (10, 8 and 5) to assume a role as Environmental Affairs Counsel with The General Electric Company. I support the Aviation and Transportation businesses on compliance, remedial and transactional matters at over 150 locations all over the world. In my free time, I am also serving on the Land Committee of the Cincinnati Nature Center, and on the Board of Directors for the Standard Alcohol Company of America, Inc., which seeks to benefit from its patents on the use of higher mixed alcohol fuel in combustion processes - a truly ‘green’ fuel made by gas-to-liquids technology using various carbon-based feedstock, including waste and abundant ‘dirty’ coal.”

Michael Keys (EFB) has been a biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Florida’s Big Bend region since 1998. Previously, he worked for the National Park Service and U.S. Forest Service throughout Florida and several other Southeastern states. He lives near the Wakulla River with his family and two chickens.

Thomas Gibbons (LA) tells us that he and his wife, Toni, had a baby girl, Maggie Rose, on August 22, 2009.

Christina Russett Walseleben (EFB), a science teacher at Central Square Middle School, was recently given an Outstanding Teacher Award by the Technology Alliance of Central New York.

Peter Filler (FRM) says, “Hey my fellow alumni. It’s been great catching up with my friend Brian Chatfield. I hope to hear from you, too. He found me on Facebook. I like Twitter now, and YouTube. It’s been outrageous the deniers of climate change comments I receive when posting a video in favor of the idea that humans have affected and can correct/inhibit this global climate change. I had one in particular who kept sending me graphs saying Al Gore is wrong because he left out earlier cooling and warming trends data. So it’s been tough trying to help save the environment. There are a lot of people who are against any drastic changes and raised taxes.”

Aaron Fodge (ES) says, “Margit and I traveled to County Clare, Ireland this past spring to chase the Fudge Family Tree.”

Patrick Motel (EFB/FRM) writes, “Wow! Having two spoiled brat toddlers and one needy wife is tough on the environment. Diapers, plastic toys and daily clothing catalogue arrivals in the mail make me feel guilty. So…to offset this consumption I don’t wash, eat more than 500 calories, and use Poison Ivy leaves as toilet paper. Just doing my part.”

Laura Robinson Barca (FRM) is pleased to announce that Margherita “Daisy” Ann Barca was born on May 11, 2009 at 10:15 a.m. She weighed 8 lbs., 13 oz. and was 21½” long.

Karen Hummel Gaidasz (EFB) and Dan Gaidasz (97; FRM) announce the birth of their son, Max Gaidasz, born on February 21, 2009. Max joins his sister Emma who will be 4 years old in April of 2010.

Karl and Anne Kennedy-Shean (LA) have been honored to have their historic estate featured in this fall’s Victor Home Tour presented by the Ontario County Historical Society. They spent several years restoring the home and the grounds. One of their goals in the renovation was to use green materials and methods. The home boasts reclaimed brick as flooring and reclaimed barn wood for walls. Passive solar energy is utilized, and the heat source is geothermal. This summer, Karl and Anne welcomed their third baby, Evan.

George Bumann (EFB) writes, “We’re expecting our first little one in October of 2009! Very exciting, very scary...and yes, we’ve gotten just about every bit of advice one could ever imagine as expectant parents. Fine art world has been good to us as of late - got to do my first monumental bronze sculpture this summer of a running white-tailed deer and have still been teaching ecology and art programs in The Park. Very best wishes to everyone out there in ESF Land from Jenny and I. The pics of the bronze will be on the web once it is installed in October...just before the little one arrives! www.georgebumann.com.”

Jamie Parrish Chesser (FRM) writes, “Hello to all. I continue to live in Denver, CO with my husband of 3½ years, Will Chesser. We love Colorado and have not looked back since moving here from Redlands, CA in October of 2006. I have been working with the Nature Conservancy for the last year and a half, and just love the work I am doing. I am an E-Learning Designer focusing on the moment on ‘Introduction to GIS for Conservation’ web-based training course. My husband and I are joined in Denver by our adorable Rottweiler/Boxer mix pooch named Buttercup. Take care everyone, and please, if you have the time, come and visit us.”

Dan Gaidasz (ES) lives in Penfield, NY with his wife, Katie, and son, Charlie. He teaches 5th grade in East Rochester, NY.

Lynda Duckett (EFB) was married to Erik Randall on September 12, 2009 in Offices, VA.

Allison Sacerdoti (EFB) tells us that she defended her doctoral dissertation on the reintroduction of extirpated flatwoods salamanders in restored wetlands at Northern Illinois University in July. She will be joining the NIU department as a Visiting Assistant Professor for the next two years, teaching herpetology and ichthyology, and conservation biology.

Armin Stuedlein (FEF) has accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Geotechnical Engineering in the School of Civil & Construction Engineering at Oregon State University. He began teaching classes in soil mechanics and foundation engineering in the Fall of 2009, and is conducting research in ground improvement, re-inforced earth, and reliability of foundations. He writes, “Go Beavers!”

Nicolle Cerrato Chiapparo (EFB) and Greg Chiapparo welcomed their second child, a little girl on November 3, 2009. Riley Morgan Chiapparo was born at 3:24 a.m. and was 8 lbs. and 20 inches. She joins big brother Mason, who is so excited to have a little sister.

Heather Hawkes Davis (LA) and Philip Davis are pleased to announce the birth of their baby girl, Lindsey Corinne, on May 19, 2009.

Brian Jerose (FEF) writes, “My range of projects include composting systems and watershed protection on the Lake Champlain basin of Vermont. One project getting me back into NY is at the Quinn’s farm Sunset View Acres in Washington County. They will capture renewable thermal energy from their composting system. It is under construction with a targeted late winter/spring start-up.”

Dana Barbarossa Maikels (CHE) and Bruce Maikels announced the birth of their baby girl, Lilliana Sophia Maikels, born November 12, 2009.

Lisa Tessler (LA) is an Adjunct Instructor at SUNY Delhi in Humanities and Architecture/Construction.

Nate Hommel (LA) and Nicholle Campbell Hommel (01; EFB) welcomed their daughter, Olivia Naidene Hommel, on November 10, 2009 at 11:13 p.m. She weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz. Nate writes, “Nicki is recovering well and the baby is healthy and we could not be more excited!”

Elizabeth Patchett Ruckdeschel (EFB/CHE) and Maxwell Ruckdeschel welcomed a baby boy, Benjamin, on June 26, 2009. Benjamin was 8 lbs., 3 oz. and 21 inches long. They are happy to have moved back to Syracuse as Elizabeth started her residency at Upstate after graduating from SUNY Buffalo with an MD and Ph.D. this past spring.

Jack Tessier (EFB) was promoted to Associate Professor of Biology at SUNY Delhi.

Angel Engman Rohne (EFB) and Adam Rohne (93; EFB) were married in October of 2009. They moved to Jackson, MS where they currently reside. Angel is currently employed by the Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Agency. She is the Education Coordinator for the MS Museum of Natural Science. She is also the MS Project Wild State Coordinator. Adam is currently employed by Mississippi State University. He is a wildlife extension associate. Adam is pursuing his Ph.D. in Wildlife Management and Human Dimensions with the Wildlife & Fisheries Department at Mississippi State University.
2004

James Dumpert (FEG) received a Master’s Degree in Environmental Engineering from Michigan Technological University. He is currently employed by Ecology and Environment, Inc. in Washington, DC. He completed Peace Corp and Carter Center Ghana assignment in May of 2008.

Nicole Herman Fielder (EFB) writes, “Beginning in August of 2009, I was offered a biology teaching job at Jensen Beach High School in Martin County (FL). So far it’s been great and I’m able to transfer my enthusiasm and knowledge of biology to young students. In addition, I am coaching the girl’s junior varsity volleyball team. I also assist with coaching the varsity volleyball team which recently won the Class 4A State Championships. I love ESF and miss it!”

Angela Eddy Hartofilis (ES) says, “Jonathan, Stevie, and I would like to announce the arrival of the newest member of our family, Christopher William Hartofilis!”

Theresa Lahnen (EFB) writes, “After graduation I took an internship with the Student Conservation Association for six months in Pennsylvania where I collected and evaluated deer browse based on tree species and the effects of over browsing on forest composition at Raystown Lake, PA. After this I got a job with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation in the forestry department as a Forestry Technician. I am currently in this job and plan on pursuing a Forester position in the future with the state. I also recently got married in August of 2009. Best wishes to the rest of the class, I hope you are all doing well.”

Jill Rasmus (EFB) tells us that she is attending the University of Edinburgh in Scotland for a MSc degree in Environmental Protection and Management.

William Russo (LA) is now Nevada Registered Landscape Architect #798.

Troy Townsend (FRM) writes, “Not much going on here, just the same old, same old. Let’s see... I met a wonderful woman named Megan, and in May I asked her to marry me. She said yes... poor girl, I hope she realizes what she’s getting into! In June I accepted a job offer with ACRT, Inc. as a utility forester working under contract with Florida Power and Light. Moved both myself and Megan (broken foot and all) to Port Orange, FL to start a new job and new life together. I’m still getting used to the heat and humidity, but won’t miss shoveling snow. I’m studying to become a certified arborist and considering becoming a certified forestier as well. Oh yeah, and I’ve still kept the Honda Shiny Side Up! So like I said, not much new.”

2005
Susan Ruff (LA) tells us that on October 17, 2009, she married Aaron J. Thomas (SUNY Cobleskill ’02).

2006
Jessica Herrington (PSE) married ESF student Brian Money in October of 2009. Their bridal party was chock full of ESFers: 3 Landscape Architects (Brian Sleeman ’07, Joseph Augstein ’07, and Nicole Formoso ’07), and 1 EFB (Jonathan Odebralski ’07).

Stefanie Kennedy-Roth (EFB) and David Cassel (’05, EFB) were married in December of 2009 in the Caribbean.

2007
Jacob Goodrich (CHE) is now working for Eastern Chemical Co. in Kingsport, TN. He recently returned to ESF to host a graduate student competition for the best research presentation in sustainable materials research. $4,000 was divided among the best three presentations in the area.

Rachel Kaminski (NRM) writes, “Everything here in New York City is great! Planting street trees in Staten Island working for New York City Dept. of Parks and Recreation. Hope all is well with my fellow alumni. Please visit me in the Big Apple.”

2008
Frank Cetera (FRM) has been named Board President of the Alchemical Nursery, the 501(c)3 Community Benefit Organization he co-founded with Elizabeth Slate in Syracuse. The Alchemical Nursery is committed to the development of regenerative urban lifestyles and landscapes, furthering the principles of Permaculture, with the goal of right livelihood and community utilizing the “ecovillage” philosophy.

Ariel Diggory (EFB) writes, “This September I had the pleasure of being the officiant for the wedding of Rebecca McGuire (’08 FRM) and Marc DiGirolomo (’04 FRM). They met each other, and I met them, when we all took the Adirondack Forest Ecology and Management course in August of 2006 at the Adirondack Ecological Center in Newcomb.”

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1. Stephen Bowes ’97 organized a San Francisco Bay area alumni gathering at the Pacific Coast Brewery in Oakland, CA in December.

2. Kappa Phi Delta alumni (L to R): Mike Geiss ’69, Jamie Steele ’70, and Bob Cooper ’70 reminisce over old photos at the 2009 Fall BBQ reception.

3. Sandy Bonanno ’89 and Jim Goulet ’72, Alumni Association Board members, distribute ESF pins to incoming students at the Ice Cream Social.

4. Freshmen wait in line for ice cream served by upperclassmen volunteers. Welcome to ESF!

5. Director of Alumni Relations, Justin Culkowski ’73, with Legacy Scholarship winner Rebecca McCullough, daughter of Russell McCullough ’75, at the Alumni Association sponsored Ice Cream Social in August.

6. The winter meeting of the Alumni Association Board attracted 25 members. On the agenda: a budget review and constitution updates.

7. Sponsors have a huge impact on the financial success of the golf tournament. This year, over $12,000 was raised for scholarships.

8. This foursome sported matching ESF shirts at the ESF golf tournament: (L to R) Justin Culkowski ’73, Bob Cooper ’70, John Littner, and Ben Choroser ’79.

9. Work has begun to make a road between Bray Hall and Walters Hall. The new Gateway Building will be constructed near Moon Library beginning in May, so an additional access road is needed.


11. Highland Park Golf Club in Auburn, NY featured a brand new clubhouse for ESF golfers. September 15, 2010 is set for this year’s outing.

12. The beautiful new clubhouse at Highland Park Golf Club hosted 120 guests for the golf awards banquet. The ESF golf tournament just gets better and better every year!

13. Freshmen pack into Marshall Auditorium just prior to the Ice Cream Social. Approximately 25% of the Class of 2013 are from out-of-state!
This is a page from a document discussing the Centennial Celebration of ESF (Environmental Science and Forestry). The page outlines the planning and activities for the celebration, including the importance of involving alumni and the public. It also mentions the creation of a Centennial website, the inclusion of special events, and the development of a Centennial logo. The text is rich with details about how to approach the centennial year, including special timelines, events, and activities.