WHERE ARE THEY NOW?
Dr. Peter E. Black
Eileen T. Jeffis

You have only to sit down and talk with professor emeritus Peter Black, Ph.D., to quickly be drawn into his enthusiasm for his work and friendly personality. During his 43 years at SUNY ESF, Black considers his interactions with colleagues, students, and community and advisory board members the most enjoyable aspect of his job. He would rather focus more on public service than case study analysis.

Black grew up in Manhattan and became interested in forestry through field trips with the Boy Scouts. “With an absence of forests in New York City, I really enjoyed Boy Scout Camp,” recalls Black. “Also, reading Bob Marshall’s books increased my interest in forestry. I was an American forester, wilderness activist, explorer and writer, was also a high school classmate of Black’s father. Black received bachelor’s and master’s degrees in Forestry from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and his Ph.D. in Watershed Management from Colorado State University. He received the first Ph.D. in the program. While earning his master’s degree, Black worked as a research forester in Watershed Management at the Coweta Hydrologic Laboratory, Southern Forest Experiment Station of the U.S. Forest Service in Asheville, North Carolina.

Upon completing his Ph.D., Black taught water resources and watershed hydrology at Humboldt College in Arcata, California. As a new professor, Black was invited to attend the welcome convocation for incoming freshmen students. When asked to address the new students, Black gave them this piece of advice: “I believe in conservation to get away from people, forget it, because you are managing public resources for the people. Two students got up and left, the admissions people weren’t too happy,” recalled Black.

Black’s philosophy that environmental conservation is a public matter and concern remained with him throughout his career. “I have always enjoyed public service more than research,” said Black. “That started the first week on the job in California when the forest supervisor of Six Rivers National Forest called and asked me to serve on the Six Rivers National Forest Advisory Committee. I have been a member of advisory committees ever since.”

What attracted Black to ESF? “It was serendipity,” he responded. “I was in the right place at the right time, with the right credentials.” Black had visited the campus previously and when an opening occurred, he applied and was hired. While at ESF, Black taught forest hydrology, watershed hydrology, soil and water conservation policy, and an environmental impact analysis course, plus several other courses intermittently, and seminars. He also did a small amount of research.

In 1967, Black built a 3’ x 3’ rainfall simulation in Marshall Hall that was used to research the relationship between rainfall intensities and storm runoff, soils and topography. There were five other universities in the U.S. and England that had created rainfall simulations, but no one else modeled the soil. “Because of my background in forest and water research, I knew that the relationship between rainfall and soil were not complex, but real. And they deserved study,” said Black. The rainfall simulator was used for research purposes until 1978. “They were members of advisory committees such as the Six Rivers National Forest Advisory Committee. ‘It’s the most amazing group,’ said Black. ‘It’s a group of 25-50 professionals who get together once a month to talk with each other about conservation policies and practices.’ The group coordinates the work of the 57 soil and conservation districts. Conservation has been my life and my group embodies it. It is why I find it so rewarding,” Black said that part of the group’s mission is to make policy recommendations to all state agencies involved in soil and water conservation.

He also serves on local advisory committees such as the Onondaga Soil and Water Conservation District, the New York City Watershed Agricultural Council, and served two terms on Corps of Engineers Environmental Advisory Board, to name a few. “I’ve spent a lot of time on advisory councils. I enjoy it. It’s where the conservation action is,” said Black. “It’s where ideas take place for humans — the cutting edge of conservation.” Black has also stayed active in the American Water Resources Association (AWRA), and is a member of several other organizations.

Keep in mind that these awards are presented to those whose accomplishments might be considered “pioneering,” whose work has positively affected society, or is otherwise inspirational to students and fellow alumni.

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Edward Mullen ’47, Alumni Association President David Tessier ’88, and Jake McKenna ’77 at the December Citation Dinner.

Dr. Harrison H. Payne ’50

Professor George Curry

PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR

Masten House

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

I hope that you have had a rewarding and restful holiday season. The season gives us the opportunity to reflect on our relationships and accomplishments in 2008, and to both dream and plan for a rewarding New Year.

2008 was a very good year for ESF. We brought in the largest freshman class in the history of the College and we held our own with our transfer cohort of students. Between our Spring and Fall semesters, approximately 572 undergraduates and transfer students joined our community, along with approximately 140 full-time graduate students. Approximately 22% of our incoming freshmen students were from out-of-state, while approximately 39% of our incoming graduate students were international.

A recent check on our research projects showed that in 2008 we had 57 international research projects with at least one project on every continent. The international scope of our faculty's research continues to amaze me. At our Feinstein Awards Banquet, we honored Betty ’79 and Jesse Fink ’79 and had Dr. John Holdren as our keynote speaker. Some of you may have noticed that Dr. Holdren's been selected as the Presidential Science Advisor to President Obama.

The profile of the College continues to be elevated in college rankings. In its August issue, US News and World Report ranked ESF as the 35th best Public National University, and ranked the College 15th under the National University listing of Great Colleges/Great Prices. This is quite a distinction for your alma mater. Equally significant reviews were provided in the Princeton Review and in the Forbes.com listings.

Our faculty has also drawn national recognition. In December, Professor George Curry was named by the Carnegie Foundation as the New York State Professor of the Year. George was honored at a luncheon and reception in Washington on November 20th.

We have begun an ESF intercollegiate athletic program building upon our Woodman Team, with the addition of both men's and women's soccer and a men's golf team. All our men's and women's teams have experienced great success. Under guidance of coaches Ramin and Turbeville, we expect to submit application for admission to NAIA in June.

As we enter 2009, the College faces significant challenges. During 2009, our New York State budget was reduced by 7.1% with an approximate 3% of our increasing costs such as energy and inflation not covered by State support. We expect further reductions in State support in 2009. These reductions are coming at a time when there is increasing demand for our educational and research services.

At this date, there is a 20% increase in applications for the Fall 2009 entering class compared to last year.

I ask for your continued financial and moral support. We will shortly be initiating a major fundraiser called the "Campaign for Excellence." Please be a part of that campaign and a part of our continuing journey for excellence.

For those of you who have not been on campus for some time, we have recently completed the $44M renovation of Baker Laboratory, now an awesome LEED Silver certified green building. This summer we completed a $1.9M campus renovation project and will soon begin the design of a new Gateway building. If you haven't been on campus recently, please visit.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
David W. Tessier ’68, ESF Alumni Association President

Greetings, Fellow Alumni,

I am looking forward to serving as the President of your Alumni Association. A big thank you goes to Mary Clements for her fine job as President, making my tasks easier as I follow her lead. I also know that she will remain an active part of the Association as Immediate Past President.

Some of us (now old timers) remember the construction of major buildings in the 1960s and 1970s that changed the look of the campus. These included Black Hall, Moon Library, and Walters Hall, i.e. the Pulp Laboratory. More recently we have seen the addition of the John Laboratory for chemistry, and the “extreme makeover” of Baker Laboratory.

If you think that there were major improvements, or that nothing else is needed (yes, I said Dormitories, or Residence Halls), please visit. 1

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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 Association is a concerned group of individuals who act as observers 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 College by acting as a facilitator between alumni and students, faculty, staff and administration.

The Association, working as a partner with the College, assists and promotes the College in the attainment of its objectives.

A committee of the Board of Directors has been meeting to update the Alumni Association’s Constitution. (L to R): Bob Sand ’50, Stuart Hosler ’52, Annie Lanckton ’61, Jennifer Palladino from the Alumni Office, President Justin Culkowski ’73, and Walt Neuhauser ’71.

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MASTEN HOUSE

The DEC and Open Space Institute partners to put historic Masten House at the center of ESF’s broad-ranging educational institute in the Adirondacks.

Reprinted from Inside ESF, Fall ’08 issue.

A rambling, historic mansion called Masten House, deep in the Adirondacks, will be the site of a new leadership and training institute that focuses on the research and management of northern forests.

The Northern Forest Institute for Conservation Education and Leadership Training, which will be administered by ESF’s Adirondack Ecological Center in Newcomb, will educate and train policy makers, business leaders and educators to guide future decisions and learn more about the 25 million acres of forested land that blanket portions of four northeastern states.

It’s about making connections between those who are in need of the information and those who do the science that generates the information,” said Dr. William F. Porter, executive director of the AEC. “In the northern forest, it’s all about how you can simultaneously promote wilderness, and at the same time, grow the economy to provide the quality of life for the people who live there.

Establishment of the institute was announced this summer, with Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Pete Grannis, ESF President Cornelius B. Murphy, Jr., and Open Space Institute (OSI) President Joe Masienski gathering at the AEC with other state and local officials.

This world-class educational facility will help DEC learn more about the forestry resources and challenges unique to our region, while also contributing significantly to local economies,” Grannis said. “By supporting the growth of public and private higher education with this and other initiatives in the Adirondacks, the DEC, its partners and the region, stand to benefit.

The northern forest region extends from Lake Ontario at Tug Hill, across the Adirondacks to northern Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. The institute’s location is adjacent to the Adirondack High Peaks region and includes the historic towns of Adirondac at the southern entrance to the High Peaks Wilderness area. The town was settled in 1826 and was home to one of the region’s first iron mines and early blast furnaces. The remains of one blast furnace still stand near the Masten House.

In recognition of these achievements and contributions, the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry Alumni Association proudly presents Edward K. Mullen with the Graduate of Distinction Award.

HOW TO SUPPORT THE NORTHERN FOREST INSTITUTE

You can make a gift to support the Northern Forest Institute by electronic funds transfer (EFT) made out to the ESF College Foundation (note “Northern Forest Institute – General Fund” on the memo line), 214 Bay Hall, 1 Forestry Drive, Syracuse, NY 13210-9974. Or make your gift online at www.esf.edu. Click on “Make a Gift to ESF” in the “Scholarship & Other Funds” section, click on “N” in the alphabetical list and then click on “Northern Forest Institute – General Fund.” For assistance call 315-470-6683 or e-mail gifts@esf.edu.

E ward K. Mullen ’47 belongs to what Tom Brokaw termed the “Greatest Generation.” He was a student at the end of World War II. In 1948, Mullen joined the Army Air Forces and served as a pilot for three years. After the war, he returned to Syracuse University to finish his degree in pulp and paper. While a student, he met his future wife, Joanne, at Syracuse University.

Upon graduating, Mullen worked for the Richard Gair Company, a manufacturer of paperboard. In 1958, he joined a family-owned company, Newark Boxboard, and in 1962, co-founded a separate company, Book Covers, Inc. Along the way, he and a business partner earned 10 patents dealing with paperboard structures.

In 1976, Mullen merged Box Covers, Inc., with Newark Boxboard, bought several mills from Continental Can, and then acquired Newark Boxboard from its original owners. He turned this into the Newark Group, which uses vast amounts of waste paper to make a variety of high-quality products, and employs hundreds of workers while promoting recycling. Today, we take recycling for granted. But Mullen’s the Newark Group, as long ago as 1990, was using 30 percent of all wastepaper collected in the United States when overall, only 30 percent of waste paper was being recycled throughout the country.

Mullen used his education, business instincts and hard work to build a successful business and develop a model for what today is a green and sustainable industry. He has demonstrated that the industrial use of waste paper can transform what was once waste into products such as concrete forms, book covers, game boards, cereal boxes and paperboard.

Mullen has been a strong supporter of ESF and the Syracuse Pulp and Paper Foundation. He supported the John Laboratory campaign, and is a member of the 1911 Society. He is also a staunch supporter of the Syracuse Pulp and Paper Foundation (SPPF). As a paper science graduate he has given generously to the SPPF Endowment for Management Education in Paper Science and Engineering, and also supports the J.P. Clift Golf Tournament.

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James “Jake” McKenna Edward Mullen

James “Jake” McKenna credits his ESF education as a key factor in his success. “I always felt that I got an incredible education at ESF,” said McKenna, construction management ‘77 BS, ‘79 MS. “I always felt very positive about my education. It has been a very important factor in my success.”

McKenna is owner of Parsons-McKenna Construction Co., a general contracting company based in Liverpool, N.Y., that concentrates on the design/build method of project delivery. Parsons-McKenna is a mid-sized general contracting business that partners with clients and architects to produce high-quality projects.

He not only built a successful business, but also played a key role in revitalizing the village of Baldwinsville in the northern part of Onondaga County.

Baldwinsville’s Red Mill was the first gristmill in the village, built in 1830, and the last one standing in Baldwinsville. It operated as a flour and grain mill until 2002. When another developer’s renovation project fell through, McKenna and his business partner purchased the property in 2005. The facility now serves as an inn and conference center.

McKenna’s community involvement isn’t limited to Baldwinsville. He is also the president of the ESF College Foundation, Inc. McKenna is using his knowledge of construction to provide the Foundation Board with an added perspective as they work on the student residence hall project and other future construction projects on campus.

This isn’t the first time McKenna’s come back to ESF. After getting his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in construction management from ESF, he came back to the College for three years in the ‘80s as an assistant professor to teach classes in the construction management department. He now sits on the Industry Advisory Board for the wood products engineering program to review the curriculum and advise the faculty as to what the construction industry is looking for in college graduates.

In recognition of these achievements and contributions, the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Foresty Alumni Association proudly presents Jack McKenna with the Graduate of Distinction Award.
It was the summer of 1923 and Dr. Bill Harlow, then a college sophomore, was completing his final weekend trip in the Adirondacks as his summer camp classes were ending. We pick up his story as he and some class mates had left the Adirondack Lodge and had already spent almost three hours hiking. It is noon as they begin their descent down the mountain.

We most willingly stopped at the Osining Canoe Club ahead of us. They were cooking rice and raisins. So were we very soon. I discovered that they had just come from the canoe meet on the St. Lawrence and that they knew an old friend of mine from the Ken-e-end, a club in Syracuse. Soon after, we had more company in the form of two New York scoots who had hiked over a range trail that day. And to find out, one of them knew Louie Homchek, class of '23. The last addition came after dark. His name was Glass and he had hiked over Marcy and the range and back again by way of the John’s Brook Trail.

Abercrombie and Finch was the subject of conversation until bedtime and we found that the canoeists were carrying forty and fifty pounds apiece – but they didn’t carry prunes because of the weight of the pots! They told us that they had met a party of girls on the trail from Indian Pass who were intending to sleep in the lean-to that we nearly decided on at Feldspar Brook. So it was just as well – or too bad – that we didn’t stay down there.

We expected to sleep cold but with the eight of us crammed in together we slept fine. The night was one of those rare warm ones at the lake. We could have gone to sleep but after the range trail the next day, we were cooking breakfast. The last we really saw of the sun was during the few minutes we were crossing the Fred Lake. The highers who had climbed the clouded it before, until we hit timberline. Here we stopped to find ourselves in an envelope of cold driving mist. It looked like smoke driving over the most rocky slope. We plunged ahead, the gale warning the mist about us as it swirled by. The cold moisture soaked into our clothes as we drew our sweaters on during a momentary rest. The sun appeared and disappeared as though controlled by a fade-out diaphragm. My hat blew off from the camera case over which I flopped off our packs and stretched ourselves near the town.

A few minutes later we were strolling out of Keene Valley toward St. Hubert. In about five minutes the mail truck picked us up. At every box one of the fellows would lean way out to grab the prodding mailing as we ran past. If a light misstep took us wrong, the wary shot around a nearby telegraph pole proved to be a diversion from the general monotony of bag matching, and at length we hopped out of the mist and on to the round roads.

We thought we might get soaked for the ride as there was a sea back of the driver’s but he said “that’s all right” and started off. We turned around and not fifteen feet away reposed a Nash touring car with a West Virginia license. An elderly couple was up from their home near the town. The Mrs. leaned out and inquired of Ed, “Can you tell us if this is the way to the main road?”

Ed had to reply something about not exactly being sure. This too was good to lose. I cut off with “You don’t want some extra room?” and I guess so. Sure, climb in if you can find room.” And we did. We assured them that we were on the right road and got out the map to make sure. We told them about camp and happened to say something about showing Polaris. He looked interested and asked if we could drive down. We told him about an engineer and found that he is building roads down in West Virginia. In about two hours when we had better become acquainted, Mrs. the Tomes kept knocking to let us know about how we got away.

Ed said, “Do many fellows hail you for oldies?” and Mr. Comstock, not thinking how it might sound, said, “Oh, no, we aren’t bothered much that way, as that is it any bother if we go in a light room. In fact, glad to have somebody for weight behind.” But Ed and I looked at each other and silently grinned.
We hummed over a few Fraternity songs and then relapsed into silence before the comfortable hum of the speeding motor. “What happened to the songs?” said Mrs. Comstock. So we started up and pulled out the whole assortment. We guess they enjoyed them. Anyway they laughed and when we pulled into Saratoga Springs that night, they said, “You mean we might travel with them the next day.”

Ed was in a hurry to get home so we hiked over to the R.R. and found that he could get a train to Albany in a few minutes. The Y.M.C.A. was not open, so I got a room in the Adirondack Inn near the station and leaving the packs there we set to see Ed off.

I had a bowl of bread and milk and some chocolate and then turned in. I woke to the sound of fierce quarreling below. They were sure they were calling each other a lot of choice names. When I came down, a thin, wiry fellow was talking heatedly to the clerk. This was interesting, but I intended to make Syracuse by night so I hurried out to get breakfast and to mail Ed’s pack to Syracuse. Being Labor Day, the P.O. didn’t open officially until eleven, but after talking around I finally found a postman who said he’d mail it for me.

I walked down the main street and after four blocks picked up a Ford going to Ballston Spa. On the way out of Saratoga Springs we passed by the big state nurseries. Extensive beds of pine transplants lined good foster beds of year of planting. At Ballston Spa, I walked about two blocks when along came a new Chevrolet Roadster. As the driver swung open the door I saw a Syracuse banner in the bottom of the car. His name was Joseph Ferrer and he was a graduate from Liberal Arts. He was driving from Cambridge, N.Y., to Bates, so I was all set to come right through to Syracuse. I said so long at Salina and Genesee Street at 2:00 PM and then ended the last trip of the summer.

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Professor George Curry of the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF) was named 2008 New York Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. Professor Curry will be the Keynote Speaker at the Alumni Association’s 2009 Metro NY reception on May 21 at the Scarsdale Golf Club.

Curry, the Kennedy Distinguished Faculty Chair in Landscape Architecture at ESF, was selected from among nearly 300 top professors in the United States. He is a licensed landscape architect and a specialist in urban design and historic preservation.

Curry joined other honorees Nov. 20 at an awards luncheon in Washington, D.C. He was honored during a reception on the ESF campus Dec. 10. The day was declared “George Curry Day” in the city of Syracuse by Mayor Matt Driscoll, who attended the reception and read a proclamation in honor of Curry’s contributions to the community over the last 40 years. “The job of teaching has been a wonderful way to spend my life,” said Curry, “and to be honored for that is quite exceptional.”

Curry has taught at ESF for more than 30 years. He founded the program’s Off-Campus Student Abroad Program for fifth-year LA students. His involvement in cultural landscape preservation research with the National Park Service and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation has been a major professional focus for the last 18 years while he continues to teach under-graduate and graduate students at ESF.

Curry has been instrumental in revitalizing a number of neighborhoods, including Syracuse’s Armory Square. By the early 1990s, Armory Square had suffered through decades of decline although its buildings continued to be architecturally impressive. In 1982, Curry partnered with local real estate developers Bob Doucette to revitalize Armory Square.

They started with one building, the Labor Temple Building. Curry said they wanted to show people this was a concept — the combination of retail, office and residential space — that could work in Syracuse. “From that building, a thriving downtown district has grown, with restored buildings filled with restaurants, specialty shops, an art house, pubs, and residential living,” said Curry.

Curry has been honored by groups as varied as Phi Beta Kappa. He has also been recognized as a State University of New York and, in particular, ESF translates into a strong workforce and improved quality of life for all New Yorkers, now and for future generations.

At ESF, Curry helped develop the college’s pioneering “Off-Campus Program” that requires each landscape architecture student to spend a semester working in the field on a design project they propose and develop. The Off-Campus Program brings an international dimension to the curriculum, since more students choose to complete their design projects in other countries, with department faculty facilitating study abroad opportunities and travel arrangements for groups of students.

Curry was selected from faculty members nominated by colleges and universities throughout the state.

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching was founded in 1905 by Andrew Carnegie “to do all things necessary to encourage, uphold and dignify necessary to encourage, uphold and dignify the profession of teaching.” The foundation is the only advanced-study center for teaching, and has been honored by groups as varied as ESF students and the SUNY Research Foundation.

Carnegie and the Carnegie Foundation have been partners in offering Professor of the Year awards since 1981. TIAA-CREF, one of America’s leading financial services corporations and higher education’s premier retirement system, became the primary sponsor for the awards ceremony in 2000.

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For more information and to join others who have chosen to support the program, call 315/455-5439 or see 2009MetroNYreception.com.

The Council for Advancement and Support of Education is the largest international association of education institutions, serving more than 5,400 universities, colleges, schools, and related organizations in 61 countries.

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Cornelius B. Murphy, Jr., President

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the 2009 legislative session will be critical to the long term success of ESF. A system-wide grassroots network of faculty, staff, students, community members and alumni have launched SUNY Advocates to promote the state’s investment in public higher education during the 2009 legislative session.

Members of SUNY Advocates are encouraged to talk with their friends, family, neighbors — and especially their elected officials — about the value that the State University of New York offers to the state. We know that your knowledge and experience of ESF can be a powerful voice in these conversations.

Strong state support for the State University of New York and, in particular, ESF translates into a strong workforce and improved quality of life for all New Yorkers, now and for future generations. ESF has its Vision, “A Better World: Environmental Discovery,” and New York must continue to support this timely and critical vision.

As the legislative process moves forward, it will be essential that our students, faculty, staff, parents, alumni and community supporters work together to build public support for ESF and all the state colleges and universities throughout the state.

For more information and to join others who see the significant benefits of SUNY, visit www.SUNYAdvocates.org.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
In Response to the Profile on Dr. Arthur Eschner

Excerpts of “Letters to the Editor” in response to the profile on Dr. Arthur Eschner in the Summer ’08 issue of the Alumni News:

Chuck Davey ’50
I’m not sure if you remember me, but you were my major professor from 87–89 in the GIPES program at ESF. It was wonderful to see the story written about you in the Alumni News, and I’m happy to see that retirement is treating you so well. I truly enjoyed attending your classes, remembering learning quite a bit and always had hoped to get to know you better while at ESF. Again, it was great to see that story on you, and I hope that you continue to enjoy your busy retirement.

Dale Borchert ’89
I enjoyed reading all about you in the ESF Alumni News. Still appreciate of my years at Penn State and then ESF. Could you have imagined the story that was told about you in your years at ESF? I could only wish that ESF….Again, it was great to see that story on you. I hope that you continue to learn quite a bit and always had hoped to get to know you better while at ESF. Again, it was great to see that story on you, and I hope that you continue to enjoy your busy retirement.

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Memorabilia

This banana and these patches are part of the collection of memorabilia that the Alumni Office is collecting as the College nears its 100 year anniversary in 2011. Alumni who would like to donate any items that relate to the College’s history, should contact the Alumni Office.

Contact: alumni@esf.edu or 315-470-6632

LOOKING FOR A JOB? LOOKING FOR EMPLOYEES?
New Service at ESF Might Help You–GreenLink

Recently the ESF Office of Career Services unveiled a new software program that is designed to help both individuals looking for employment and employers looking for employees. Partnering with the ESF Alumni Office and Alumni Association, the Office of Career Services just added a link to the ESF Website called “GreenLink” and it offers many capabilities that should be of interest to alumni.

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Specifically, the system requires those who enter it to be alumni of ESF whereas a previous system simply posted employment opportunities which were then viewable by virtually anyone. The GreenLink program requires alumni to contact the Alumni Office, provide name and date of birth, after which a username and password will be provided to allow alumni access to the system. In this way, some job postings will only be viewable by alumni.

In addition, for the first time, alumni may post their resume’s, and provide access to potential employers to contact them. The system is a nationwide one where employers throughout the country and even outside of the U.S. may contact alumni looking for employment or those who are just interested in potential jobs.

Also, because the GreenLink system is a part of an “e-Recruiting network,” alumni will have the capability of looking at job postings from throughout the country from employers who may or may not be looking for those educated in ESF’s traditional disciplines. Mr. John Turbeville, the current Director of Career Services, has worked diligently to get the system up and running and while current students are being encouraged to get on the GreenLink system, it is very much a service that alumni should access whether looking for employment or employees. He added, “Another great aspect to this system is that it will allow alumni to stay current with career activities. Our popular career fairs, programs on resume writing, dressing for success, etc. will be posted on the site and alumni can see what we are doing here and even participate in some of these activities. It is another way to stay connected.”

Debbie Caviness, who is an assistant in the Alumni Office and who has been working with Mr. Turbeville, noted, “This system has many more capabilities to help alumni and as we get used to it, we expect hundreds of alumni to use it.”

The system was made possible by a grant from the O’Brien and Gere company in Syracuse which has employed numerous ESF alumni over the years. The initial cost of buying the software and installing it was made possible by O’Brien and Gere and they, no doubt, hope to recruit alumni for their firm as alumni become a part of the GreenLink system.

Again, to gain access to GreenLink, e-mail the alumni office: alumni@esf.edu and provide name, class year, and date of birth and you will get a response within two business days providing a username and password so that you can get on the system.

CALL TO ALUMNI
Final Request to Honor Alumni Veterans of Korea & Viet Nam Wars

As noted in previous issues of the Alumni News, the Alumni Association, in conjunction with the Class of 1959, has been working to properly honor alumni who died while on military duty during the Korean and Viet Nam Wars. To date, the following names have been submitted:

David Finger, died 1969
James T. Germann, died 1970
John D. Livingston, died 1970
Richard Schott, died 1972
Gary Scott, died 1968
William Steiere, died 1966
William “Bill” Strobel, died 1967
Rollin T. Wheat, died 1966

We would appreciate it if alumni would contact the Alumni Office if there are any other alumni who are missing from this list. Dale Davis ’59 is designing and constructing a fitting plaque for this purpose with the intent of displaying it at the Class of 1959 reunion to be held this June. It will be displayed with a plaque that lists the names of the 48 alumni killed during World War II. Again, please review this list and note if there are any alumni missing so that we can properly pay tribute to the deceased.

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137 ESF ALUMNI SERVED
 Were You in the Peace Corps?

Did you know there have been at least 137 alumni who have served in the Peace Corps? Jesse Dubin ’62, a Peace Corps volunteer, contacted the Peace Corps and learned that 137 graduates of ESF have served, but he could not get their names. The Alumni Office would like to update its files and Jesse would like to create a scholarship to honor the Peace Corps. The Alumni Office has a list of just over 80 who served in the Peace Corps, but it would like all 137 names. If you served, please contact the Alumni Office and give the dates and location of your service. If you email this information, we can send you the Peace Corps list we have and you might have additional names for our files.

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Organic Compounds in Water

Extracting & Monitoring Volatile

Ph.D. Candidate Lindsay Harrington

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Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are common pollutants in natural water and in water: the main VOCs observed include trihalomethanes (THMs) and volatile hydrocarbons. THMs, such as chloroform, form as a result of chlorination. Volatile hydrocarbons, such as benzene and toluene, are due to gasoline contamination from recreational boating, roadway runoff, or accidental spills. In some cases, such as in drinking water, the concentrations of these contaminants would ideally be monitored at all times. The traditional methods of sampling for VOCs including purge and trap and solid-phase microextraction involve several steps making automation difficult. The use of membrane-based extraction devices greatly simplifies the process of extracting these contaminants from a water sample. An extraction cell has been designed to extract VOCs from a continuous water sample stream. The Water-MMOTHER (Water Membrane-based Monitor for Organics Temperatures-controlled Heated Extraction in Real-time) consists of two stainless steel plates with corresponding channels machined into each plate, with a polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS) membrane placed in between the two channels. The water sample flows through a channel on one side of the membrane and a clean gas stream flows through the second channel on the other side of the membrane. The VOCs in the water sample dissolve into the membrane and then volatilize into the gas stream, the gas stream can then go directly to a GC (gas chromatograph) column and detector, directly to a detector, or it can be passed through a trap for further concentration. Because the Water-MMOTHER is heated, less volatile organic compounds known as semi-volatiles or SVOCs can be extracted as well as VOCs. This device coupled with a trap and a GC-MS (mass selective detector) was used to monitor the concentrations of VOCs in the Syracuse City tap water (sourced from Skaneateles Lake) from February to October 2008. It proved to be successful at detecting VOCs of interest including chloroform, benzene, toluene, and xylenes. Concentrations of VOCs were closely monitored over a summer holiday weekend and the expected small increase in gasoline contamination due to increased recreational boating was observed.

The Water-MMOTHER has been found to be a robust and easy to use extraction device and could be easily automated. Future work on this project will include coupling the device to more affordable detectors, automation, the continued monitoring of tap water quality, and short-term monitoring of a natural body of water, most likely Onondaga Lake.

Ph.D. Candidate Geoffrey Evan Eckerlin

Assessing a Virus among Bass in the St. Lawrence River

Geoffrey Eckerlin tending a gill net on the St. Lawrence River.

I assessed Great Lakes viral hemorrhagic septicemia virus (VHSV) genotype IVb Among Smallmouth Bass (Micropterus dolomieu) in the St. Lawrence River using a real-time quantitative reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (qRT-PCR). I characterized the distribution and abundance of this virus through an annual cycle. I also described viral load across demographic groups (sex and maturity). Strong temporal variation in viral prevalence was evident through the annual cycle, with peaks corresponding to the smallmouth bass spawning period and a water temperature range of 10-14°C. Viral prevalence was markedly higher among subadult fish. I described the observed correlation of round goby (Apollonia melanostomus) density and VHSV prevalence in associated smallmouth bass, taken as evidence of the invasive species potentially high reservoir competence. Given the strong temporal trend in VHSV prevalence, I recommend monitoring resources should be focused on spring spawning periods, when water temperature is within the aforementioned range.
After several successful years of combining Homecoming with the traditional “Parent’s Weekend,” the Alumni Office once again joined forces with the Office of Student Life to host several hundred alumni, students, and families for the 2008 Fall BBQ Weekend. This year’s events were held on September 26 and 27th on the Syracuse campus. Though held earlier than in year’s past (due to the SU football schedule), the events were as popular as ever, and campus was crawling with excited alumni, students, and parents.

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The format of the weekend’s events was similar to previous years, kicking off with the Alumni Association Annual Meeting on Friday afternoon. Immediately following the meeting was a Welcome Back Reception where returning alumni from the classes ending in “3” or “8” had the opportunity to mingle with students, parents, and College faculty. Moon Library provided a beautiful venue for the Reception.

A special celebratory dinner was held on Friday night for the “Silver Anniversary Class,” the Class of 1983, in the Bray Hall Rotunda. In addition to the members of the Class, College President Dr. Neil Murphy attended, as did several current and retired faculty members who were instrumental in the education of the Class of 1983. They included Rainer Brocke, Robert Chambers, George Curry, James Halligan, Joel Howard, and Bob Werner. It was a wonderful evening filled with reminiscing, praise for the faculty, and promises to get together more often.

Saturday’s line-up of events began with a continental breakfast in the Alumni Lounge, followed by demonstrations of academic subject areas by faculty, and guided tours of campus buildings and facilities. The annual barbecue was held at lunch time, followed by a wide variety of activities that participants could choose to attend, including the SU football game versus Pittsburgh, the Woodsmen Team demonstration, a guided tour of Helderberg Memorial Forest in nearby Tully, NY, and specialty tours of the Roosevelt Wildlife Collection, the College Greenhouses, and the Paper Science labs and equipment. Topping off the weekend, alumni, students, and families were invited to a new event called “A Taste of Central New York.” Attendees gathered in the newly refurbished Baker Laboratory to sample the many varieties of locally-produced wines and cheeses. Non-alcoholic beverages were also available so that the entire family could attend! This new component to the weekend was extremely popular and will be offered again next year. The 2009 Alumni and Family Fall Barbecue will likely be held in October, so please mark your calendars! The Syracuse University football schedule will dictate the actual weekend, and that should be available by April. Keep checking the ESF Alumni Office website for the most current details on this and all of our events! www.esf.edu/calendar/alumni.asp.

The GOLD (Graduates Of the Last Decade) group held a successful gathering at the Inn Complete in late October. Over 70 recent graduates attended, some traveling from out-of-state to reunite and catch up with their college pals! The GOLD group will be holding several events throughout the year. Their next scheduled gathering will be held in conjunction with the Festival of Places on February 21st. For more information, e-mail alumni@esf.edu.

THESE ALUMNI ARE “GOLDen!”

The first GOLD event drew a large crowd, including Brian Platt ’01, Meghan Myhre Platt ’01, Eric Haslam ’98, Ali Napieralski Haslam ’99, Jeremy Davidheiser ’03, and Nicole Kadey ’04.

Chris Schreer ’05, Andrew Holz ’04, and Bradford Nelson ’04 catch up at the Inn Complete.
CLASS NOTES

• Those alumni reported as deceased are listed in Memoriam at the bottom. 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 10, 2009. The next issue of the Alumni News will have a deadline of June 30, 2009.

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

1941

Allan Anderson (FRM) says, “Greetings to all of my classmates. My wife and I miss our Hampton, SC home, but the Greenville area is very attractive. It is very convenient to the UPT County of Hendersonsville and Caesar’s Head and much closer. One of these days I will get to see Lewis Russell ’41. We have been here since 2001 and enjoy this city and our grandchildren being about a mile away. I graduate to age 89 this October and the good thing is that I still can drive the car and do some visiting. Best regards to all.”

1942

George Creamer (PSE) and his wife, Jeanne Mills Creamer celebrated 60 years of marriage at Minnewbrook Conference Center on the weekend of August 15-17. All five children and twelve grandchildren and spouses were able to attend the two-day affair. Thirty out-of-town guests joined the family on Saturday, August 16 in the afternoon and evening for dinner and cocktails. After living in Westchester County and Northern New Jersey, the Creamers moved to Ticonderoga, George and Jeanne are now settled back in Erie Village, enjoying their real retirement.

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Edward Mertel (FRM) writes, “After 50 years in north Florida, retiring from the U.S.F.S. (Southeastern For. Res. Sta. in January 1979 as a Supervisory Research Entomologist). After my wife’s death (9-18-04), I moved to a retirement home in northern Virginia. Having grown up in the Berkshire Mts. of western Massachusetts, my move north has brought me closer to my boyhood northern mixed hardwood/conifer forests. Even though I’m 85, I enjoy my hobbies, i.e., wood carving and artistic painting of wildlife.”

1947

Robert Banger (PSE) announces that he and his wife Frankie celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on September 27, 2008. A family celebration was held at the Brewer Inn in Cazenovia, NY.

1948

William Waters (FRM) writes, "Life goes on in endless words. I’m in good health and spirits—heart problem last fall (Halloween eve) now resolved. Usual chassis problems. Bowl regularly (165 book average). Just returned from 10 day trip to Ecuador, great fun.”

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Julius Eckert (FRM) writes, “My wife Thelma and I celebrated our 65th wedding anniversary on March 6, 2008. We were married and had two children when I entered college in the fall of 1946.”
Robert Hall Green (LA) passed away on August 28, 2008. He was born in a schoolhouse in Woodstock, VT. As he grew, he worked hard helping on the farm, attending school, and participating in community and church activities. He often recalled his youth and enjoyed poetry - reciting a line or two at the drop of a hat. He loved telling stories, especially to his grandchildren the process of making maple syrup, milking cows, buying, and life on the farm. In 1942 he was called to military service where he served in the South Pacific, 172nd Infantry, 43rd Division until 1945 when he returned to Vermont. After attaining his degree from ESF, he was hired by the City of Dallas. His professional life as a City Planner and Landscape Architect can still be seen as his work: Marmon, Mok & Green (later re-named Place Collaborative) designed numerous projects in Houston and around the state of Texas. He never stopped working, doing landscape design for friends, family and the community in his retirement. He served on the board of the Spring Branch Memorial Friends of the Library. He was involved with The Park People and in earlier years, the Civil War Round Table. One of the most enjoyable areas of his life was doing genealogical research and writing his autobiography. Most every weekend, one could find Bob and his wife, Jane, playing bridge with friends, working in the yard, and/or enjoying family gatherings. Bob loved to travel and was blessed to have many opportunities to travel in such places as China, Japan, South America, and Australia. Bob is survived by his wife, two sons, two daughters, six grandchildren, and his sister.

On September 18, 2008, George Howard (FRM) was awarded the New York Metropolitan Outdoor Press Association’s Lifetime Achievement Award for 2008. The award was in recognition of Mr. Howard's commitment to furthering fish and wildlife conservation in New Jersey. He devoted a lifetime to promoting the need for professional fish and wildlife management, and developing methods to sustain and restore native populations.

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Kenenh Watson (WPE) writes, “Attended my Ranger School 65th Alumni Reception in Wanakena on August 12, 2008. Not many of us left now. Only Bob Klein and Fred Johnson of my graduating class of 25 students were able to attend - but we are all in our mid-80's now. Many dear classmates, roommates, etc.”

Everyone has a story

Back by popular demand in this issue is our latest feature, “Everyone Has a Story.” We have selected 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: who they are, 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:

1. Name (including name you went by while at ESF, if different)
2. Your major at ESF
3. Degree(s) and year of graduation from ESF
4. Other colleges attended
5. Where you currently reside (city, state or country)
6. Current family, divorced, children, spouse, partner, etc.
7. Current occupation/employer
8. Favorite or most helpful course at ESF & why
9. Favorite or most memorable professor
10. Course you wish you had taken at ESF
11. People you would like to hear from again (classmates, roommates, etc.)
12. Hobbies
13. Why did you attend ESF?
14. In a few words, what does ESF mean to you - how did it affect or change your life?
The Bray Hall Rotunda provides a festive atmosphere for the Silver Dinner.

The campus was ready for the more than 600 attendees after completion of a $1.9 million renovation project. Here, new pavement for the sidewalk bordering the quad.

Dr. Don Leopold, Chair of the EFB Department, leads a walking tour (through the rain!) of the trees and shrubs on campus.

The Class of 1983 at their 25-year Reunion Dinner.

A formal shot... and a not-so-formal shot!

Attendees examine plant species in the on-campus greenhouse during one of the tours.

Professor Emeritus Joel Howard ’73 chats with returning alumni at the 25-year reunion dinner.

Carol Ann and Fred Gerty ’63 enjoy the pre-game barbecue in a tent stationed outside of Marshall Hall.

The Class of 1973 at the Silver Dinner in Bray Hall Rotunda.

Alumni Association President David Tessier ’68 mingles with students and parents during the Welcome Reception in Moon Library.

Dr. Robert Werner, a Professor Emeritus, and his wife Jo, enjoy conversation over dinner in Bray Hall Rotunda.

Professor Emeritus Rainer Brocke and his wife Judith joined the Class of ’83 at their 25-year reunion dinner.

A new event this year was the “Taste of Central New York,” where participants were able to sample locally-produced wines and cheeses. Held in the newly refurbished Baker Lab., this event was extremely popular and will be offered again next year.
A. Saranac Hoodie
Don’t miss out on this "limited edition" hoodie. Features a great full-chest design with Syracuse on the arm and a patch trio of trees on the pocket. We have a limited supply and once they’re gone, they’re gone!
Sizes: S–XXL
Price: $45.00

B. Infant Onesie
Start them off right with our "Born to Be Green" onesie. Available in white, yellow, pink, blue and green. All items are 100% cotton (green is made from organic cotton)
Sizes: Newborn, 6M & 12M
Price: $14.00

C. Striped Beanie
It’s two hats in one with a great design on both side of our reversible knit hat!
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D. Fish Shirt
Life can only go swimmingly in our rainbow ESF fish shirt. Available in black, brown and dark green.
Sizes: S–XL
Price: $15.00

E. Block Letter Hat
Unstructured garment washed with adjustable buckle and raised ESF. Comes in three great colors: sage, chocolate and light gray.
Price: $17.00

F. Bamboo Keychain
Our natural wood bamboo keychain is laser etched with the new College logo. Also features a large ring for your keys, but is made of light weight bamboo so it won’t weigh you down.
Price: $7.00

G. Women’s ¼ Zip Sweatshirt
You’ll love our ¼ zip pull-over with stand-up collar and straight bottom. The sweatshirt features "ESF" on the collar in addition to a left-chest script design. Available in burgandy and green.
Sizes: S–XL
Price: $32.00

H. Green Since 1911
Let everyone know that ESF was "Green" right from the start.
Sizes: S–XXL
Price: $15.00

I. Compass Carabiner
Perfect for hooking Nalgene Bottles on backpacks. Available in green or black.
Price: $3.00

J. Youth Sweatshirt
Kids will love our new zip sweatshirt made just for them. Comes in navy or green and features side pockets and a banded bottom. Youth sizes: S–XL
Price: $25.00

K. Raccoon/Fox
Outfitted in an ESF t-shirt, and a sly little grin, our stuffed fox will steal your heart and while our stuffed raccoon looks like the real thing, he won’t cause you any trouble.
Price: $7.50

L. Fleece Scarf
Keep warm with our fleece scarf with an embroidered ESF and oak leaf with an acorn.
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Thank you for your order!
David Wood (FRM) writes, “I retired in 1994 but am still active in teaching (freshmen seminar: issues in Natural Resource Conservation) and research (two introduced pests: Sudden Oak Death [SOD] and Pitch Canker of pines - both have new associations with native bark beetles). Family members are well and we are thankful. Granddaughter Kate graduated from high school in 2007 and grandson Alex will graduate this year. Joe is a sophomore. Catherine is a marriage & family therapist and Jonathan is a real estate specialist. My wife Caroline has been quite active in the CA. Am. Assoc. of Univ. Women. I correspond with Ray Smith and Bob Levine, old friends over the many years (for which I am thankful again.)”

Robert W. Carpenter (FRM) writes, “The year 2007 was one that my wife and I try to forget. We both had bouts in hospitals. But, even though we have age-related inconveniences, we are still very much alive. With help, we can get around our 35-acre woodlot, but have to pace ourselves. My 86-year old body doesn’t react the same way it did in 1954! Best wishes to all my fellow graduates. Wish I could attend the reunion but it’s too difficult to travel anymore.”

W. M. Carson (FOR) writes, “My wife Betty (Elizabeth Maynard Carson) and I graduated from Penn State University in 1947. We retired and have lived here in Florida for over 25 years! We are both over 80 years of age! I’m still playing tennis 3 days a week a.m. (W-K-F) 7-9AM. Here in Lee County, we have 8 tennis courts within 3 miles of our home. We old timers play doubles only! Thanks for keeping the door ajar for us!”

James Henr (PSE) writes, “To the Class of 1954: if you missed our wonderful reunion in 2004, you have another chance to visit with your old classmates by attending our 55th in 2009. So clear your calendar of less important stuff and fill in the date to spend some time with us. We’re not getting any younger and you never know when again this great chance will come along. Let’s all be there in 2009 to revisit our great college and old friends.”

Robert Reimann (LA) writes, “Getting older? Looking for a cabin in the woods.”

George Rosenfield (FRM) writes, “My classmates were Evert Johnson (FRM), Bob Shone (FRM), and Bob Baker (FRM). Our instructor was Art Faulds (SU). We have all lost touch. It would be nice to hear from them. I just had my 83rd birthday, and Carolyn and I had our 60th anniversary in June. Hang in there, baby!”

Francis Zelinsack (FRM) writes, “Lost my wife of 47 years in 2006 - just getting used to that. Devoting my time to spoiling grandchildren and great-grandchildren and an occasional assault on the fish population.”

1955

Thomas Luche (FRM) writes, “Look forward to next reunion. I cherish the bond involved in politics, local and welcome President-Elect ‘Cool Hand Luke’ Obama to reception at the 2008 Alumni and Family Association, to attend a dinner in your honor with the Charlotte chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. A music enthusiast, Petro was a tenor in the Amherst Glee Club and had his own jazz band, the Rhythmaters. He also coached girls soccer for the Buffalo Soccer Club. Petro is survived by his wife of 48 years, Carole, three daughters, and eight grandchildren.

Petro Zullo (WPE) tells us, “I am still working a little bit selling lumber and plywood for concrete forms for high risers and also giving my wood tech. info. to my customers.”

1956

Robert Adams (FRM) tells us, “My wife & I built a second home on Cranberry Lake (about three miles from Barbary Point) several years ago and finally sold our farm in Virginia last year and moved here as permanent residents. It’s a wonderful place to live - we love the fishing, hiking, and boating. And we love to cross-country ski and snowshoe. But we do leave sometime in February when the temperatures are approaching 40 degrees below zero and escape to Houston to be near our daughter and her family. Two grandchildren have made us ‘soccer grandparents!’”

James LaCasce (WPE) writes, “I’m still raising Christmas trees and timber here in central Maine. One of the few benefi ts of old age is being able to observe the results of half a century of forest management activities. If you get to Maine, please look us up.”

1957

Robert Denny (FRM) writes, “I forgot how fast some trees grow. Number 4 son brought home a sequoia seedling when he was an Eagle Scout. It was planted, transplanted, died back to its roots...now it’s 40 feet tall and still head up. I spent the summer in Cuba skipping a Coast Guard patrol boat. I spent the getting older.”

Cyril Gacevint (PSE) writes, “New office opened in Beijing, China. 1998 company continued to grow and expand worldwide - new R&D products under development including tumor markers, Alzheimer testing, and others. Enjoying very busy life.”

Joseph Haug (FRM) writes, “Spent a wonderful week with my freshman roommate, Larry Knight, at his ‘palace’ on upper Saranac Lake. He even dedicated his new house in my name. Can life get better than that!”

Charles Huppach (FRM) writes, “I enjoyed meeting with Leonard Graf (FRM) after 50 years and talked about old college days and some of our travels. Len lives in Waynesboro, VA in the Shenandoah Valley - only a few miles from my home.”

Cliff Robbins (LA), director of design and construction at Appalachian State University, has received the President’s Council Award from the North Carolina chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (NCASLA). The award recognizes an NCASLA member for major contributions to the achievement of the profession of landscape architecture in North Carolina over a minimum period of five years. Robbins came to Appalachian in 1993. “His vision for the university has unified the campus’s architectural standards and protected the mountain character of the university, its heritage and value of the outdoor spaces.” In addition to his degrees from ESF, he holds an MBA in economics and a Ph.D. in business administration from Georgia State University. Robbins served as an assistant professor in the doctoral program at Georgia State and as an associate professor of the College of Architecture at Georgia Institute of Technology. Robbins began his career with the National Park Service, the U.S. Forest Service and
was a planner for the U.S. Marine Corp. His military ca-
reer continued with the U.S. Navy and U.S. Navy Reserve
where he retired with the rank of captain. His work experi-
ence included planning and landscape architecture in the
private sector, as well as numerous positions as director for
planning, design and construction, facilities and physical
operations for the Georgia Institute of Technology.

1959

‘59 Reunion 2009 — This is the big one — The 50th!
As you know, the dates are June 4-6 in Syracuse. It
all gets started on Thursday, June 4 at the Senior Reunion
Dinner. On Sunday there will be tours of campus, updates
from the College President, and a tour of a nearby paper-
board factory. Friday night, a picnic dinner is planned at
Dick Garrett’s home. Saturday you can go to Cranberry
Lake, visit the local attractions, or get a group together.
Saturday night is the Forestry Class of ’59 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 lodg-
ing materials will be sent to you in March. Looking forward
to seeing you in Syracuse!

Lee Bender (FRM) reports, “We live on the shore of
Smith Vic Lake. I still love the trees and enjoy the lake
and mountain view. We’re very fortunate.”

Michael H. Jones (FRM) writes, “Well, this grandpa
with seven grandchildren is anxiously looking forward to
our Class of 1959 reunion. Also, I’m lining up a great plastic
surgery promises to make me look at least 15 years
younger. Unfortunately, he can’t fix the memory, so don’t
forget your name tag.”

Richard Montag (LA) informs us that he teaches several
courses in sociology and one course in anthropology at
Chattanooga State Technical College in Tennessee. His
wife, Susan, is an RN at a local hospital. “We’re looking
forward to the 50th reunion.”

Col. Richard Rouseville (FRM) writes, “Jackie and I
look forward to seeing all our classmates at the 50th, 46th-
June 2009.”

Bob Schenck (LA) and Rosanne moved from their beloved
Chesapeake (5 years ago) to North Carolina where their 5
children, 14 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren live.
Bob writes, “Now still in MD, we got together the past Satur-
day with our 3 children and 8 grandchildren at our home
on Deal Island with Guy Rando (’59 FRM), Olaf Swanson (50 LA),
Jan Vrooman (59 LA).”

Stephanie (Howitt) Labumbard (FRM) writes, “Getting
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I keep busy maintaining several flower gardens and trying to
keep the lawn mowed. I hear from Fred Robinson (FRM) and
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Ed White (FRM) reports, “Still enjoying partial retire-
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several key state/regional/national Committees. Most
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Agriculture Award from the North Carolina Association of
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2. Wood Products Engineering
3. B.S.
4. None
5. Hampton Bays, NY (on Long Island)
6. Married to Ann, whom I met at the College.
7. We have three children and 7 grandchildren.
8. Semi-retired. I sold my lumber business, but still work
part time. I worked on the World Trade Center (supplying
lumber and plywood for concrete work) and helped to design the Verrazano Bridge.
9. An accounting class was very helpful because
I learned about money and how to handle it.
10. I can’t remember names.
11. Any of the courses… I always took what was
recommended.
12. Sam Costanzo — pulp & paper department.
13. My hobbies include hunting and fishing.
14. ESF made my whole life very successful in my business as well as my personal life. I would
not have succeeded without ESF. I was able to supply customers with more efficient ways to do their
form work. The College should be very proud of itself, as I’m very proud to have gone to ESF.

Dr. Terry Amburgey (FRM) announces that he was elected
as a Fellow of the International Association of Wood
Science in 2008.

John Gray (FOR) writes, “As I’m not busy enough in re-
tirement, I’ve started a mail-order business, the Bunny Fern
Farm. Raising native ferns from spores for specialized garden
applications is a rather narrow niche business. It won’t make
me rich, but it is interesting. I would enjoy hearing from
anyone, especially if you live and garden in the northwest or mountain states.”

John Kegg (FRM) writes, “It’s been a good year for the
Kegg family. During the past year I attended the baptisms
of my first grandson (Gabriel) in Sedona, AZ and my
second granddaughter (Ciera) in San Francisco. Also, I spent some time going through my Forestry College yearbooks
(1959-63) and recalling many fond memories of springing
& summer camps. It’s hard to believe that 45 years have
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Hermann Welm (FRM) announces, “A few years in the
Navy, 20 years in manufacturing, and 15 years as a consul-
tant, I am retiring at the end of 2009!”

Harry Barber (PSE) says, “Barbara and I are both retired
and living on the Wachusett River near Worcester, WA. I
am spending lots of time volunteering for the Coastal
Conservation Association. CCA is promoting selective
fishing for hatchery salmon and steelhead in an effort to
assist the recovery of wild salmon populations.”

is a year of fulfillment; the completion of 40 years of pro-
fessional service to the Maui community as a landscape
architect and urban planner. At this time, I am planning
to continue my role as President of Chris Hart & Partners,
Inc. until I reach age 72 in 2013. When visiting Maui, stop
by for lunch, etc. Call 808-242-1955.”

Emest Paskey (LA) was appointed by Governor Tom Crist
to FLBOLA (Florida Board of Landscape Architecture).
He writes, “Spent time in Jacksonville, Fort Myers, Tallahassee,
and other points around the state and a great involvement
for yet another semi-retired LA graduate of SUNY ESF.
Thanks for a good beginning of a wonderful career, Eustace
P. Nilkin.”

Donald Wirth (LA) writes, “We have given up guiding
wilderness canoe trips on the rivers of arctic Alaska and now
paddle about the lakes and ponds close to our cabin in west-
ern Maine. Still do a little consulting landscape architectural
work — mostly related to active adult housing developments.
Spend half the year in Maine and half in Connecticut. Plus
a little traveling.”

William J. Byrne, Jr. (LA) announces that on July 29th,”
he was appointed to the McCain Georgia Leadership Team
as the John McCain Chairman for Polk County.

1964

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1963

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Bob Edmonds (FRM) and another 40-year forester established the Nature Resource Institute, LLC, providing natural resource education, grant writing, organizational management, strategic planning and FSC audits. The company also provides “ecotourism light” - that is no extreme activities, just education and fun. Bob and his wife, Denise, winter in Punta Gorda, FL, and summer on a lake in New Hampshire. Bob notes, “Wearing an ESF shirt attracts alumni all around the country at unusual places.”

Willard Hamran (EFB), president of the Class of 1965, received a PhD from Cornell University in limnology (the study of fresh water lakes) in 1968, and has been a faculty member at the SUNY College at Oneonta since that time. He is the Director of the College’s Biological Field Station on Otsego Lake in Cooperstown, NY, which through his efforts has grown from 30 acres to more than 2,600 acres of forested and agricultural lands including 9 major buildings used for faculty and student research and education. A Distinguished Service Professor, Bill now occupies the College’s first endowed chair, the Rufus J. Thayer Chair for Otsego Lake Research. Funded by local foundations and citizens, the Chair now formalizes environmental monitoring and management of Otsego Lake as a mission of the College. At 71, he is still physically active, is an Adirondack 46er, and just completed an 18 day hike with his wife Barbara and old dog, Bathsheba, from Yosemite Valley to Mt. Whitney on the John Muir Trail, 220 miles through the high Sierras. He feels Summer Camp at Cranberry Lake and Spring Camp at Warrensburg the most formative experiences of his life. They have impacted everything he has done professionally and personally since then. Bill cannot thank the faculty and friends he met at the College of Forestry enough for their contribution to his character and quality of life. “So far it’s been quite a trip.”

Dan Maciejak (LA) writes, “Related to four offspring, some by marriage, and newly a grandfather. I worked for 27 years designing and building state parks for NYC region (Empire Fulton, Clay Pit Ponds, Roberto Clemente). I was also a Green Market farmer and renovated Park Slope brownstones. Fifteen years ago I reconnect with my high school sweetheart Marcia. We now divide our time between Rhode Island, Cranmore Park and Poitiers, France where we own a one-bedroom flat in its medieval heart as well as an idyllic place on the Clinton River. Thanks to Prof. Sears and Earle for their commentaries for me.”

Bruce Martin (FRM) and David Hulse (FRM) continued their annual outdoor reunion with another fall boating trip on the Chesapeake Bay. They bring their bicycles aboard their annual outdoor reunion with another fall boating trip. Earle Sherrod for opening cross-campus opportunities for me.”

Robert V. Patrick, Jr. ’64

1. Robert V. Patrick, Jr.
2. General Forestry
3. Graduated in 1964 with a B.S. degree
4. N/A
5. 1750 Marshall Road, Cassville, NY 13318
6. Family Status: My wife Mary and I have four grown sons, David, Philip, Stephen, and Jonathan. They all live in the Northeast. We have three grandchildren, and a fourth one on the way.
7. Currently a retired NYSDCA forester, but take on enough consulting work in retirement to maintain my interest in forestry.
8. Dentrology was probably my favorite course at ESF and, of course, Dr. Ketchledge my favorite professor. I remember him at Cranberry Lake summer camp in particular. In addition to his reputation as a dendrologist, he was an excellent role model for my generation of foresters.
9. See above.
10. N/A
11. Would enjoy hearing from any of my fellow classmates from Class of ’64. I can’t believe it will be 46 years coming up within months.
12. Hobbies — traveling, hiking, hunting, motorcycling. On our travels to distant lands such as Ireland, Australia, and Alaska, the trees and forests are still a prime focal point.
13. I attended ESF because I wanted a career in the outdoors. I was lucky at a young age to know what I wanted to do. ESF has always had the best reputation in forestry education.

Dan Phelps (FRM) informs us, “Presently living aboard my ocean going trawler in Solomons, MD. In February I’ll be heading to Bundaberg, Australia. Bundaberg is located on Australia’s eastern shore. Last year, David took a month-long trip to on the Chesapeake Bay. They bring their bicycles aboard their annual outdoor reunion with another fall boating trip.

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1967

Bob Patrick ’64 and his wife Mary during a trip to Australia in September ’86.

4. What ESF means to me: in addition to gaining the technical skills I needed to pursue my career, my experience at ESF taught me self-reliance and gave me a sense of belonging which is still with me today. I’ve been back to Cranberry a few times over the years. Last time was on a day trip with classmate Carl Vogt and some other alumni. Also on the boat were some prospective students and their parents. The parents were amazed at our enthusiasm for this reunion trip. Their comment was that if we were still enthused about our college days after all these years, they were happy their kids were considering attending ESF:

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Bob Daubert (FRM) shares, “My son & I traveled to Argentina and then onto Antarctica in March 2008. We both ran the Antarctica Marathon. I am trying to complete a marathon on each continent, 6 down out of 7. Weather in Antarctica was 57°F & rain. The three miles on the glacier with the water running down the glacier was interesting. Lots of mud, and penguins, and mud, and mud — did I mention the mud? It was a trip of a lifetime, we spend a total of 2 weeks in Antarctica.”

John Fritz (LA) announces that he has been enjoying retirement as of March 2003.

Stephen Glasser (EFB) says, “Hello to all my fellow classm- mates. Retirement has been wonderful thus far. I am in the early stages of writing my memoirs - we'll see how that goes.”

David Toussignant (FRM) just completed his 37th year with SmartStart Storage Container and is looking to slow down and think about retirement in a year or so. He always enjoy reading the articles and achievements of his classmates and fellow alumni in the newsletter.
Leslie Wedge (UNK) writes, "On our way back north from visiting our son in Atlanta, Diane and I stopped to visit Chad Covy (’64 FRM) and Judy this past June. We enjoyed their hospitality and their beautiful home on Hickory Lake, NC. Then in July I traveled to Seward, AK for a week of fishing with Dick Szymanowski (’68 WPE) my brother Ed and a friend of Dick’s. Good fishing and good friends. Since then, time has been spent at family reunions, gardening, and enjoying our grandchildren."

1968

Ema Baumann (FRM) writes, “I recently bought a house on the coast in Washington County, Maine. What it lacks in adventure, gardening, and enjoying our grandchildren.”

James Mason (FRM) reports that he recently published two novels: Bosque Boy and Patricio, Why For You Here?

1970

John Boreman (EFM) tells us, “After 34 years of federal service, I’ll be retiring at the end of 2008. I’ll be stepping down as Director of the Office of Science and Technology for the National Marine Fisheries Service to the rolling hills of Durham, NC. Away from the ocean and back to the forest!”

Thomas Catchpole (FRM) informs us, “I am going into my seventh year of retirement from the USFS. Our first granddaughter is over a year old and doing fine with our youngest daughter & family in Colorado. My wife Susan has been able to visit them in Colorado for several years this year. I still work between the five part-time jobs of substitute teaching, newspaper writer, conservation & forestry presentation to schools, and editor of the wood products tribecookies for teachers, as staff of NORTCL& SAF’s Forestry Institute for teachers. Worked with the four-week long FIT camps this summer that trained over 100 teachers. We still are in a drought in California with constant threat of wildfire created by the lack of proper forest management on most forest ownerships.”

EVERYONE HAS A STORY

Tom Catterson ’67/73

1. Tom Catterson
2. BS in Biological Sciences 1967; MS in World Forestry
3. See above
4. Obtained a certificate of advance tropical ecology from the Organization for Tropical Studies, affiliated with the University of Costa Rica.
5. 7572 Feste Road, Clinton, New York 13323, about 50 miles east of Syracuse, my wife’s hometown.
6. Currently reside with my wife Susan Kimball (SUNY Upstate Medical Nursing) and her mother (SU Class of 40). Two of my two sons are currently in Alaska, one full time and the other seasonal with the US Forest Service on the Yakutat Ranger District of the Tongass National Forest. My third son lives in Boulder where he works at a high school and coaches track & field.
7. I am currently employed by the International Resources Group (IRG) (IRG) as a Senior Manager in the Environment/Natural Resources Division, while working out of my home in Clinton. But returning to the home offices staff, I spent two years in Southern Sudan, as Team Leader for the USAID-funded Sudan Transitional Environment Program (STEP), and living in a tent on the banks of the Nile. After my BS, I went into the Peace Corps in 1967 and have never looked back, having spent my entire career living and working overseas. Three languages and seventy-five countries later, I am still at it, although seriously considering giving up full-time employment.
8. My favorite course land there were many that I really enjoyed was World Forestry taught by Mr. Henry Kernan, who Dean Charles Larson (another great man who was very influential on me) brought to campus to give us a real idea of what a genuine international forester did. Henry was one of the first, having begun in the early 40’s searching for Cinchona trees in Colombia, providing quinine for the war effort. I was to become a life-long protege of Henry and still see him on occasion. At SU, living in South Warwick, New York (near Oneonta), he often welcomes me to the Charlotte Forest where he has been managing the northern hardwoods for generations.
9. My most memorable Professor was Dr. C. Eugene Farnsworth who played an enormous role in helping me think through the career options ahead of me when I was still an undergraduate. Dr. Farnsworth gave me respect and demanded it and was the definition of a gentleman and a scholar, and a mentor to me during the heady days of the sixties. His silhouette courses, along with Dr. Ketchledge’s dendrology courses were what convinced me that I was a forester at heart.
10. Can’t think of any courses in my field that I missed but hey, I spent nine years at the College; I must have taken them all! I regret I could not have taken summer camp every year, even with the black flies.
11. I am slowly getting active in Alumni activities and enjoy seeing fellow classmates; reach me at: thomasc782@sd.com
12. Fishing, hunting and just being outdoors, especially in the Southwestern Adirondacks.
13. As a city boy, growing up in New York City, my father was a Boy Scout leader took us “upstate” a lot, camping and fishing. Spending my life outdoors was very appealing and the reason why I went to ESF.
14. I was in the College in the turbulent sixties and was as turbulent as the next guy. Despite all the tendencies of the time, to drop out or take another path, the College was strong enough to keep me on course, with several deviations (ask Dr. Harry Payne but don’t print it here please!). I grew up in a family, lots of teacher great aunts where education was valued and we were told it would lead us to the future, to service to our community and our society and to the great things that would be expected of us. Clearly ESF and all the wonderful people there including staff and faculty did exactly that. I am honored to say I am an Alum.

Bob Cooper (EFB) writes, “My wife Ellen and I are enjoying my retirement by living in Florida for several months during the winter, and the rest of the year in uptown New York. We have three grandchildren living in Milwaukee with one daughter, and two “grand-puppies” (a St. Bernard and a Newfie here in upstate New York with our other daughter). I helped lead the ESF Alumni eco-tour to Alaska with wonderful animal sightings and unbelievable scenery.”

George Murphy (EFB) writes, “After 25 years of Middle School science at Calhoun School in Manhattan, I’m now doing ‘education-line’ with the munchkins and staff of a local K-3 public school. Harvey and I celebrate 50 years together this Fall and we are up to 12 grand-niblings (nibbling is collective term for niece/nephew). We’re spending some of our time in Tucson, AZ, these days. Music projects: see ‘Natalie and George’ or ‘The Quazals.’ Also leading adult birding groups from the local UU, a very Stumpy thing to do.”

Edson Settiff (EFB) and Dorene (Lyon) Settiff (EFB) inform us that Edson retired at the end of 2001 after a 21 year stint in Canada as a researcher and teacher. “In 2005 we returned to Donner's home in the town of Nelson, southeast of Syracuse. The fungi still keep me busy.”

1971

Kenneth Gifford (LA) writes, “After retiring from the City School District of Albany in October 2007, I returned full-time to my private practice and I’m currently leading the effort with the Gilbane Company, re-building Syracuse City Schools and have established another residence in Syracuse. Daughters Mary (’85 Environmental Engineering) is currently a Ph.D. student at Berkeley, majoring in the economics of climate change. Son Kenneth David (’85) is now a junior in the ESF landscape architecture program.”

James Urban (LA) new book, Up By Roots: Healthy Soils and Trees in the Built Environment, has been published. James is the recipient of the ASLA Medal of Excellence for his work to improve trees in urban environments. He has been instrumental in changing the approach to tree design by landscape architects and has helped to develop many innovative concepts including tree soil trenches, structural soil, and structural cells. Up By Roots is a manual for those who are designing, specifying, installing, and managing trees in the built environment.

Douglas Wilcox (CHE) tells us, “After 35 years of federal service, I retired from the U.S. Geological Survey and began a new career in academia. I was offered a tenured, full professor position as Empire Innovation Professor of Wetland Science at SUNY Brockport and moved from Michigan back to my native western NYS in August. I will teach Wetland Ecology, which I previously taught for 15 semesters at the University of Michigan, Restoration Ecology, and some follow-up courses. My research will focus on Lake Ontario wetlands and effects of water-level elevation changes. If you come near Brockport, stop by to see me in Lemon Hall.”

1972

Pete Buist (FRM) writes, “Retirement has been great, but it’s not a complete retirement. I still take the occasional fire assignment to supplement my meager pension. This summer I worked in northern California, including a stint as Public Affairs for a national area command team.”

Kenneth Kasprzyk (FRM) shares with us that he explored the Grand Canyon and Zion area last fall and was amazed at the form class (taper) and stocking (B.A. 30q. ft/ac) of the ponderosa Pine Forests. “Oh, yeah, rocks were fairly spectacular too.”

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EVERYONE HAS A STORY

Victor F. Wehnau ’72

1. Victor F. Wehnau
2. Forest Biology – Forest Wildlife Management
3. B.S. – 1972
4. None
5. Hadley, Saratoga County (Corinth mailing address)
7. Retired (4 years) from NYSDEC.
9. Dr. Morrison, Dr. Kethridge, Dr. Chambers, Dr. Graves
10. Course on ID of herbaceous plants.
11. Dave Bowman (just bumped into Bob Thaisz ’73 a few weeks ago).
13. I wanted to do something involving wildlife.
14. ESF is the place where I learned a lot of interesting and wonderful things. Some useful, some not, but there’s nothing wrong with knowing for knowledge’s sake!

1973

Albert Gomolka, Jr. (FRM) shares, “I have just complim-
ed my 35th year with the N.J. D.E.P., Division of Parks and Forestry. Besides being the superintendent of Cheesequake State Park, Edison State Park, the Proprietary House Historic Site, and the Twin Lights Historic Lighthouse, I received the new distinction of being the “Regional Black Bear Coordinator and Educator”, which I am enjoying. I received the new distinction of being the "Regional Black Bear Coordinator and Educator", which I am enjoying. I received the new distinction of being the "Regional Black Bear Coordinator and Educator", which I am enjoying.

1974

James Cane (FRM) writes, “I have been a tough year here in Portland. In April, I crashed my bicycle and now have a chrome steel and titanium hip replacement. On the bright side, I have a great PT and am getting back to age 56 ‘normal’. I plan on steelhead fishing in September and on downhill skiing this winter (but only in good snow conditions). My wife Carol is finally retiring next June on downhill skiing this winter (but only in good snow conditions). My wife Carol is finally retiring next June on downhill skiing this winter (but only in good snow conditions). My wife Carol is finally retiring next June.

Christopher Dunn (EFR) writes, “I moved to Hawaii from Chicago almost 2 years ago to accept the position of Director of the Lyon Arboretum (the University of Hawaii’s botanic garden). It is 190 acres of lush tropical rainforest (14 feet of rain per year!) and the only university-owned tropical botanic garden in the US. I am close to ending my 2-year term as President of the American Public Gardens Association, which will give me more time to entertain the fairly steady stream of mainland visitors. Anyone who wants to visit for any reason is more than welcome! Staff listing is available on the arboretum’s web site: http://www. hawaii.edu/lyonarboretum/”

Michael Fullam (FRM) sends a “Hello” to Dr. VanDruff, Ellen Skiff Hogan, Bob and Dan Peterson, Eugene Repoff, Paul Wildner, and Warren & Terry Knapp.

Juanet Kunman Hesselbarth (FRM) writes, “With great sadness I announce the passing of my dear husband, Forest "Woody" Hesselbarth, 2 July 2008, from complications of arypi-

Michael Kominoski (EFR) tells us, “I retired in November of 2007 from the New York State Office of Real Property Services after working for 33 years. My wife Sandy and I have two children, Heather, who is a teacher at Jamesville-

Jean Shaback (EFR) says, “Hello, all - not much is new. Still waiting for a worker's comp/EEOC situation to conclude. Have been reading Farley Mowat’s book, Lost in the Barenst to stay in the FBA/Dendro/topo mood - it's worked great!"

1975

Thomas Kummerer (EFR) was the keynote speaker at the Kentucky Governor's Conference on the Environment in October 2008. His talk focused on green and sustainable business practices.

Mary (Antalek) Kropelin (EFR) passed away on July 13, 2008 after a three-year battle against cancer. Mary had been employed as a Biology teacher at St. Albans Town Educational Center in St. Albans, VT.

Rev. James Larson (EFR) and Karen (Seitz) Larson ’75 (EFR) writes, “Hello to our long lost friends. We married right out of college in ’73 so it’ll be 33 years this November. Our 2 boys are grown. David is doing post-doc work with NASA. Tom is married, a carpenter journey-

Robert Slavicek (EFR) received the 2008 James Marston Fitch Award for Lifetime Achievement in Historic Preservation. The award hon-

Robert Melnick (EFR) has been appointed by the National Council for Preservation Education (www.ncpe.us) to re-

James Cane (FRM) writes, “I met up briefly this spring to camp and catch up on the skirts of my dear husband, Forest 'Woody' Hesselbarth, 2 July 2008, from complications of arypi-
carcinoid cancer. Woody was employed by the USDA Forest Service, Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forest in Fort Collins, CO at the time of his death. His wistful good sense of humor and strong love of the wilderness lives through his 'best-selling' USDA-FS publication, ‘Trail Construction and Maintenance Notebook.’ Thank you so much to all of my Stumpy/ESF friends who sent me condolences...you know who you are.”

George Steele (EFR) tells us that he was the 2007 Gold Award recipient of the NYS Outdoor Education Association for outstanding leadership and contributions to the field of outdoor education in New York State.

1977

James Cane (EFR) writes, “Bob Nuzzo (EFR) and I met up briefly this spring to camp and catch up on the skirts of Mr. Niblo in central Utah. He was out for meetings. He was to sample bee faunas surviving the 2007 Salt Creek fire, part of a larger effort to aid seed growers and land managers to enhance restoration seed mixes with wildflow-

Mark Rosenthal (EFR) writes, “Beginning December 22/, I will be in a new position as the Fire Management Officer for the Arizona Strip District of the Bureau of Land Management. My office will be in Saint George, UT. This move follows six years as a Fire Management Officer for the National Park Service. During that time I lived at Dinosaur National Monument in Dinosaur, CO.”

Sandor Scott (EFR) recently joined VeriteK Technologies, Inc. as Vice President of Field Services and Research Development. VeriteK develops green technologies for destruction of recalcitrant contaminants in soils, ground water and sediments.
Christopher Motyl (LA) tells us, “With Clough Harbour’s Environmental Group, designing and constructing a variety of water and wastewater treatment facilities and solid waste projects. My teenage son is a ski instructor in Mass., but still like those Green Mountain slopes and Adirondacks when the snow starts flying. Hello to the LA’s - 30 years ago.”

1980

Timothy Delorm (FRM) celebrated the 10th anniversary of his founding EDAW’s, New York City Office with clients and colleagues on November 12th. The office has grown to 70 and practices globally in New York, Los Angeles, Hong Kong, Korea, China, and the U.S. Timothy writes, “On the home front, my wife Bezie is returning to form after a series of health challenges. Son William is a freshman at Boston’s Emerson College and daughter Emma is busy completing university applications and enjoying her senior year at Glen Ridge High. Best wishes to all for a happy and healthy New Year!”

Les Epstein (FRM) writes, “I went to Boston University College of Health and Human Services as a Masters in Physical Therapy. After 12 years in the field as a PT, I entered healthcare sales in 2001. I now sell healthcare to urologists. My wife Adele is a realtor for Caldwell Banker in Cambridge, MA. My older son, Nolan, is a high school senior who hopes to enroll at the University of Chicago in the fall. My youngest son Joseph starts high school next year. We continue to hike, but I still enjoy running and cycling.”

Betsy Koenenker (LA) writes, “Living South Carolina more and more! Just joined Ikebana International today. Also involved with Midlands Clay Arts Society: Lexington Stormwater Consortium (which is holding a rain garden demo in December); our neighborhood book club in Melrose Heights; along with studying up for a Leed exam! Planted a Japanese maple grove out back last spring and they’ve all survived beautifully. Y’all come down & visit!”

Marina Lane (EFB) tells us, “Finally, nearly 25 years after leaving EFS, I am working in a place, St. Planner for the Town of Union, NY, where I can do my part to help protect the environment. It’s been a pleasure to meet and work with a capable team at EFS, all of whom have become friends. Maggie Crawford (94 EFB), who have been so helpful.”

John Laviert, Jr. (LA) writes, “It is with deep sorrow that I report the passing of our classmate Bob Mainem (79 FRM). Bob passed away during the early morning hours of Sunday, July 20, 2008 after fighting a courageous 2-year battle against Stage IV C/R cancer. For anyone who may be interested, a scholarship has been established at SUNY-EFS in his memory. Contributions to the EFS College Foundation in the name of Bob Mainem should be mailed to Mr. Robert Quinn, 1 Forestry Dr., 214 Bray Hall, Syracuse, NY 13210.”

David Nicholas (FRM) writes, “Working for Symmetriscus, a San Jose based company in precision clocking and timing solutions. Taking each day at a time but life is generally very good. Fond memories of my time and education at EFS!”

Tara (Mahon) Vincenta (LA), principal and founder of Artemis Landscape Architects, Inc., received two Merit Awards from the Connecticut Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (CTASLA). The awards recognize outstanding projects. Tara M. Vincenta’s professional work as judged by her peers. Of particular significance, Tara was the only dual honoree of the event. The first merit award was received under the category of Small-scale Projects. It was for the “Litchfield Hills,” an exceptional property in Washington, CT. The second merit award recognized SOL Environment (Sequential Outdoor Learning Environment) as unique outdoor play and learning environment for children with autism and special needs. This award was received in the category of Communication and Research.

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1981

Leonard Ditomaso (LA) writes, “LA's Class of '81: it was fun to see you this summer at our little get-together...stay young! Lenny D.”

Joseph Martens (FRM) received one of the 2008 Advocates from the Environmental Advocates of New York. This annual award honors contributions whose contributions and leadership have made the state’s environmental community a strong and effective force. “As President of the Open Space Institute, Joe’s commitment to protecting scenic, natural, and historic landscapes continues to earn him the respect and admiration of his colleagues throughout the environmental community. His focus at the Open Space Institute is on a conservation strategy that emphasizes permanent protection on a landscape-level scale, thereby preventing the fragmentation that disrupts important wildlife corridors. It strengthens communities, and diminishes the beauty and scenery of natural areas. And the successes have been vast, with more than 100,000 acres in New York protected through direct acquisition and conservation agreements.”

Joe joined the Open Space Institute in 1995, first as Executive Vice President, and then President in 1999. Before that, he served as Governor Mario Cuomo’s chief energy and environmental advisor. He was instrumental in drafting and securing legislation to encourage renewable energy sources in New York’s landmark environmental laws, including the state’s first Open Space Conservation Plan, and the Environmental Protection Fund. In addition, Joe was responsible for developing and implementing environmental and energy policy, including strategies for complying with federal statutes such as the Clean Air Act, protecting open space, promoting energy conservation, and lowering energy costs.

Joan (Colell) Nichols (FRM) was awarded the David M. Smith Outstanding Forester Award for 2008 by the Yankee Division of the Society of American Foresters which represents the states of Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island.

Liz O'Rourke (EFB) shares, “Where does the time go? Our Emergency Veterinary Hospital - Animal Urgent Care is growing by leaps and bounds. Instead of working with wildlife, I am working on pets affected by wildlife... also am also still doing wildlife rehabilitation. Lately I am doing some veterinary work - which I love. My oldest, Erin, started high school and youngest, Kerry, started middle school this year. I managed to fit in more hiking than when I lived in Alaska this past year! Guitar. Please let us go out in Colorado at 303-420-7387 or 303-589-3682.”

Timothy D. Spy (WPE), 57, of Annandale and Doylestown, Pa., died of pancreatic cancer Nov. 50 in Pennsylvania. Mr. Spy was born June 13, 1935, in Fort Washington, N.Y., to Francis Dill and Thomas Spy. He graduated from Paul Schreiber High School, Hobart College and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He studied at Yale School of Forestry and Science. He built a successful 30-year career in the lumber industry, founding and operating his own company, Old Bay Hardwoods. He was an avid sports fan, enjoyed golf and biking, and was an excellent athlete who played soccer well into his 50s. His passion for life was marked by his diverse interests in politics, foreign languages, photography, travel and wine making. He loved all animals and always had a Labrador retriever or two at his side. Survivors include his wife, Patti; one son, Michael; one daughter, Krista; and one granddaughter, Elise. mark (“Stine”) Thompson (LA) writes, “Thanks to all those 1981 LA classmates (especially Lenny and Colleen) who made it to the Summer Ditomaso reunion bash. For those who couldn't make it, hope to see you next time!”
1982

Thomas Bellinger (FRM) has informed us that he has retired as Principal Hydrologist from the Bureau of Reclamation (Interior) in 2008. He is now semi-retired as a hydrologist/management consultant. He extends a hello to SILVICO executives and invites them to join Bill Stebbins (FRM) and himself to a future Colorado Office “Bored” Meeting.

Michael Haas (LA) currently serves the New York Upstate Chapter of ASLA as President. He sends his regards to former classmates and friends and hopes to see many old faces at the National Conference in Philadelphia. Mike hosted former roommate Mike Ernisch (LA) and his family last summer and had a surprise visit from President Bush.

Meadville, Pennsylvania, hinges his career on maintaining the safety of the town once again in time for winter. The blasting work was done by Earthmoving, LLC helps keep bears out of the ESF booth at the Conference in Rochester, NY.

1983

John Greibowski (FRM) writes, “I am finishing up my earth shifted house. A project which is taking forever. It’s funny, I cut trees for a living but it kills me to cut my own trees around the house. No solar power there; too many trees. What I will have is a house that blends in with the land and is very energy efficient. Anyone interested in seeing the house, drop me a line at 845-541-7202 or tecco1111@gmail.com.”

Jeffrey Herter (FRM) attended his 25th reunion in September 2008. He states, “Great to see the folks that showed, disappointed at the light turnout...maybe everyone will come back for 50? I know that Albany isn’t much of a destination, but it is a fairly common pass-through point...so if you’re on your way somewhere else and need a place to pause, look us up.”

Robin (Viala) Kruse (FRM) informs us that their son, David, just turned 20 and is currently a sophomore at Benedictine College. Their daughter is spending her junior year in high school in Germany. So it’s an “empty nest” for a while. Mike still works for the MO Department of Conservation, and Robin is still doing research at the University of MO-School of Medicine.

Ellen Manno (FRM) writes, “I enjoyed seeing fellow Stumpies from the Class of ’83 who returned to campus in September for our 25th reunion. It was fun to reminisce! A special thanks to Joel Howard and Jim and Stasia Halligan for attending and spending time with us.”

Richard Teck (FRM) writes, “Wish I could have made it back this year for our 25th class reunion. I can’t wait to see the pictures. Life is good in Colorado. The family is healthy, the job continues to provide both security and growth opportunities and soon the snow will be flying again. Oh yeah, and only a few more months and we can finally welcome in a new U.S. President. Either way, McCain or Obama, it will be an improvement for everyone.”

1984

Robert Reville (FRM) informs us that he retired from the USAF on August 1st, having served 23 1/2 years. He currently resides in Huntsville, Alabama where he is continuing to serve our Country as a govern- ment contractor.

Bill Wanner (ES) of Wanner Earthmoving LLC is happy to report another successful and fun-filled year of exca- vation, blasting and land clearing in the once-sacred mountainous areas of New Hampshire and Vermont. Bill writes, “Working closely with Rod Finley (’83 FEC) of Finley Canals, we completed the excavation work on Lock 2 of the Lyme Canal Project, and haggis are running to the north of town once again in time for winter. The blasting work was very exciting, and most of the town is still relatively intact.

The annual Guayler River Trip was suspended this year so our fledging Building Movers division could complete the first of 3 building moves in the Tahawus region of the Adirondacks, including the relocation of our Newcomw office, following the historic Teddy Roosevelt trail. Rafting will resume on Columbus Day Weekend 2009. In other Wemlock family news, Ned Kurz (’84 FOR) is busy restoring and trading rare Wimkam diesel golf cars in Tampa, FL. He says they are temperamental, noisy, and small, but the high torque engine is well-suited to golfing. Jim Ostensen (’84 FOR) is still raising and caring for orphaned cars when he is not teaching tennis or muck on Long Island. Jim and his wife, Laura, and son George live on a tall ship he restored in Westhampton, NY. It has also come to my attention that Mike Stogensee (’84 FOR) has been given a large plane in which to fly about and take pictures...I am looking for him. While not making mud or moving earth, we help create wildlife habitats and partici- pate in an annual black bear study and inventory. Special thanks to Gabe for letting me have all my noisy toys, and letting me wear my dirty overalls every day.”

Richard Zaluzki (ES) tells us that he’s entering his 25th year as owner/operator of Absolute Pest Control, Inc., based in Schenectady, NY, which serves the greater Capital District region, Saratoga Springs, and Glen Falls, NY.

1985

John Scalon (FRM) (FRM) writes, “Was a busy year working around the new homestead. Put a lawn in after hauling and raking topsoil, did some landscape work. Eldest son Shane is a senior this year and will be off to college in September. Clarkson for engineering, perhaps. Ellen and youngest son Ryan (16) are fine. Took a nice back (8-pointer) deer in the Adirondack Forest Preserve on 11/4/08. Saw Randy Ross in December, who stopped to say hello. Randy worked with us at the SUNY Experiment Station during the summer of ’84 (?). Will have completed 21 years with the Forest Rangers this month.”

David Sutherland (ES) is now working for C.R.E.C. (Capital Region Education Council - Hartford). He is teaching science at C.R.E.C.’s Public Safety Academy in Enfield, Connecticut. He writes, “I would like to give a shout out to all my crazy Kappa Phi Delta brothers. I hope you’re all doing well! Stay in touch.”

1986

Gary Lipp (ER) (ER) writes, “It was great to see Greg Wagner (FRM) at our annual science conference for New York State Science Teachers. We were also happy to see Justin Culkowski ’73 at the ESF booth representing our great College!”

1988

Beth Ann (Bollman) Arthur (PSE) writes, “PSE grad - anyone coming to the Fall BBQ?”

Carole (Mosseau) Cleveland (EFB) reports that she has recently accepted a position as the Marketing Director for TOTAL-e-MEDICAL; a Diabetes Testing, Medical Equipment and Supply company based in Boca Raton, FL. She is pleased to be able to apply her educational background in Biology from ESF, along with her 16 years of work experience in the Pharmaceutical, Medical Equipment and Lab Testing Services sales industry, to lead the newly formed Marketing Department for TOTAL-e-MEDICAL; a small, Orthodox Surgeon owned, family run company. As this year-old, fledging company expands into the fur- ther, Carole is excited to join in on the forecasted, rising future; “It’s truly a great time to be joining TEAM; The compa- nies’ growth has been and continues to be exponential by multiple 100’s of % each year.” If any of Carole’s former classmates from EFB or other any other ESF alumni need or have a family/friend/interest in need of acquiring home-delivered Diabetes supplies, medical equipment or home healthcare supplies, she would be more than happy to help you out by seeing that you are given top quality specialized, customer service, and put in contact with one of TEAM’s highly professional, physician trained, sales and service agents. Also, if you live in southeastern FL and are interested in either a full-time or part-time inside, medical sales position, she would be happy to assist you with that too. “We need high quality, intelligent, dedi- cated employees, with the solid educational background and work life experiences that many of ESF graduates and alumni possess?” Please contact Carole at: TOTAL-e- MEDICAL (877) 750-5252: cel@totalemedical.com, www.totalemedical.com. She also states, “If you’re ever in the vicinity of Destin Bay, FL, you may want to check out The Sandoway House Nature Center. They are dedicated to educating people about beach and wildlife preservation of the Flora and Fauna of Florida’s Atlantic Coast. I’ve become involved with the center over the past couple of years and am very impressed at their efforts to educate the general pub- lic, especially with children: www.sandowayhouse. com.” Carole would love to hear from any former friends and classmates she has lost touch with over the past 20 years, since graduation in May of 1988.

Brian Danger (FRM) reports, “I took a new job with the Conservation Fund in Chapel Hill, NC after 13 great years with International Paper. It’s a fantastic place to raise a family.”

Janet (Essman) Franz (ES) and her husband, Paul Franz, welcomed a baby boy on March 1, 2008. Zac Franz is healthy and beautiful. He greatly admires his big brother, Adam, 5. He already shows an interest in plants, animals, and outdoor recreation.

1989

Jackie (Lukowski) Broder (EFB) tells us, “I’m currently a single mom working as a substitute teacher so I can currently afford a home for my girls (Rachael, 9 and Dylan Rose, 8) when I need to. I also serve on the Board of a local environmental group, the Bashakill Area Association, whose mission is to steward the largest freshwater wetland in southeastern New York State. The Bashakill Wildlife Management Area fledge 3 bald eagles and one osprey this year. It is also a stop on the migration flyway, hosting over 200 species of birds. Also great for hiking, kayaking, and fishing! Worth a visit!”

Glenn Sandiford (FRM), finally nearing completion of his Master's degree (an environmental history of the humble common carp), is starting a NSF post-doc in October 2008 with the University of Illinois. He and three colleagues are writing a book (it's really a post-mortem) about America's failed attempt to build a $6 billion atom smasher in Texas known as the Superconducting Super Collider (SSC). As for Glenn's kids, 12-year-old daughter Tarika rides horses and runs a barn and country while 11-year old Kiraan honors his British ancestry as a soccer player for the Chicago Fire youth team. Glenn tells us that they're hoping for a Syracuse/Canterbury Lake visit in 2009.

1990

Lisa Buckshaw (EFB) writes, “I’d love to hear from friends that went to school with me in the late 80’s and 90’s. Drop me an e-mail at lsbuckshaw@rochester.rr.com.”

Steven Stein (ES) led a research team that conducted the most comprehensive litter study ever completed to deter- mine the amount, sources and costs of litter in America. The team analyzed the quantity and types of litter across the U.S., as well as how litter generation and its behavioral components have evolved over time. He also led his team’s efforts to develop a forensic methodology to help define the likely sources for litter found in various survey sites. This
methodology was based on scientific principles utilized by archaeologists. A story about this project is featured in the December of 2008 issue of National Geographic Magazine.

Matthews Steven (ES) writes, “I’ve been working with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy for seven years in the New England Regional Office. As Conservation Resources Manager, I spend much of my time on the A.T. MEGA-Transect project, which uses the Appalachian Trail as a transect to gather ecological information about the forests and waterways of the eastern U.S. I still regularly meet many ESF agrs and am glad to hear from all of you.”

1991

Linda Burd-Garn (ES) writes, “A quick hello to Mark Miller ’91 (ES and family) My husband Mike & I have been very busy with 3 young daughters. Still renovating this HUD house - who knew it would be so long and so much money. Our daughter Emily will be traveling north to Canada for a November caribou hunt with her grandpa. No girls in our house! Miss you all - send a note to LGarn@cwcntr.com”

John Moynahen (LA) writes, “The slowdown in construction has granted a needed break to towns and cities interested in how to respond to the next economic upturn. I am involved with strategic revitalization plans for several towns and cities who want specific and useful tools for dealing with development pressures. These plans usually intertwine economic, policy, environment, and urban design. The intent is that towns and cities realize their uniqueness and grow according to their economic reality, urban character, and environmental assets. Johnmoynahen.com for contact.”

Thomas Pappas (LA) writes, “In 2006, my wife and I purchased Neil’s Archery Pro Shop, Inc. It has allowed me to expand my hobby into a business. Please visit us at www.neilarchery.com, or if you are in the Southern Tier area, stop by our shop in Endicott, NY.”

1992

Aaron R. Vogel (LA), age 39, Executive Director of the Thousand Islands Land Trust (TILT) died suddenly on Wednesday, November 26. Mr. Vogel was a graduate of Bishop Carney High School, Rochester. He acquired his love of the outdoors from his grandparents, Anna and Joseph Snyder, spending many enjoyable weeks at the family farm in Waterloo, NY. Aaron first joined TILT as an intern in 1996 when his primary duty was to design the Grindstone Island Nature Trail which connects Canoe and Picnic Point State Parks. Because of his obvious skills and love of the river, Aaron was employed full-time as Land Steward by TILT. Aaron became a vital member of the leadership of TILT and was promoted to the position of Executive Director in 2005. He worked closely with many community organizations including New York State Parks, the Village and Town of Clayton, Ducks Unlimited and the US Fish and Wildlife Service, among many others. Under Aaron’s leadership, TILT expanded the Zenda Farm Preserve located at the edge of the Village of Clayton to 190 acres, the Crooked Creek Preserve in the Towns of Alexandria and Hammond to over 1600 acres. He led the expansion and training of TILT staff and expanded the TILT community outreach programs - TILTtracks and Talks, and the annual Community Picnic at Zenda Farm. In conjunction with the TILT board and other volunteers, Aaron raised hundreds of thousands of dollars that were invested in habitat restoration and natural space preservation of properties in the North Country. Aaron was a leader within the environmental movement, particularly within the land trust community. He was a member of the New York State Region 6 DEC Open Space Advisory Committee, The Land Trust Alliance’s New York Advisory Committee, and the Clayton Local Development Board among others. He is survived by his wife, Robin Hoffmann Vogel of Clayton, his mother Nancy Vogel and his grandmother Anna Snyder of Waterloo, NY and his father, Charles Vogel of Fairbanks, Alaska. A memorial service will be held in the summer of 2009 in Clayton, New York.

1993

Jeanne (Brutman) Cunningham (ESF) writes, “My website www.jeannebrutman.com will go live in October of 2008. I am getting married to Jerome Cunningham, Jr. on 11/16/08. Life rockin’”

Heidi (Rieckermann) Harrington (EFM/FRM) says, “Hello from Atlanta. Nothing really new. My little guy Dillon is a 1 1/2 years old now and is the youngest arborist in Atlanta - going to work with his mom 2 days a week. We’ve traveled a lot and plan on being in Nevada for the National SAF meeting. Hope to see some folks there!”

1994

Jeffrey Domanski (CHE) along with his wife, Kristian Flynn and their dog, Sam, welcomed the birth of their first child in November, Sophia Flynn Domanski. They are currently spending much time in Princeton, New Jersey where he is working as the Associate Director of Princeton University’s Office of Sustainability while he is completing his Ph.D. in environmental policy at Princeton’s Woodrow Wilson School of Public Policy & International Affairs. Jeff’s dissertation explores the development of carbon emissions trading markets in the U.S.

Christopher Pinecone (WPE) and his wife Jennifer welcomed their first baby boy, Samuel, into this world on June 28, 2008. Christopher is currently Vice President of Picone Construction Corp., located in Buffalo.

1995

Brian Kliemann (EFM/FRM) writes, “Hello Folks! I received my B.S. from the dual degree program and my M.S. in Plant Ecology which was followed by a three-year stint with the Willow Biomass Program. Currently I am a Biologist with the USEPA working in the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) in the Environmental Fate and Effects Division (EFED), mostly writing risk assessments for pesticides. I served 2 years as chair of the Plant Tech Team and in my four years here have helped advance the state of the science for assessing pesticide risk to nontarget plants. Of greater interest for the future is looking to incorporate potential for non-adverse risks to plants from pesticides, particularly ALS-inhibiting herbicides. I am also one of five members of EFED’s Statistical Working Group which deals with statistical evaluation issues.”

Clarence Wilmot (LA) writes, “I have been highly engaged in the environmental community, helping to improve the quality of life for the residents of the Upstate of South Carolina. I am currently serving as Vice Chair on the Board of Directors for the Greenville Organic Foods Organization. The big project I have been working on with the organization is building organic gardens at local elementary schools. I recently started the Sustainable Greenville Online Network. It is designed to connect people to the local organizations, events, and businesses that are focusing on developing a higher quality of life through sustainability and natural health.”

Katherine (Terry) Radomski (EFM) writes, “I am working on several nature tourism initiatives here in eastern Arkansas. If anyone has had success with nature tourism or agrotourism on private lands, please contact me at K_radomski@yahoo.com. Thanks.”

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EVERYONE HAS A STORY

Elizabeth Bella ‘96

1. Elizabeth (Libbly) Bella
2. Dual
3. BS-1996
4. MS-Forestry, University of Montana, 1999; PhD-Ecology, UC-Davis, 2008
5. Anchorage, AK.
6. Timothy Alzheimer (horticulturalist), dogs Fox & Starbuck
7. HDR Alaska, Inc., a consulting firm. Prior jobs were with the Forest Service in Seward, AK, Missoula, MT, and Petersburg, AK. I’m a vegetation ecologist, working on large scale wetland delineation projects, invasive species response to climate change, and other vegetation ecology based projects. I also volunteer on our state’s invasive species committee board, and am working on developing a business to grow and distribute native plant materials for the expanding suite of ecological restoration projects underway in Alaska.
8. Systematic Botany. This class combined my love of plants and my tendency to be overly organized, as well as sparked my continuing interest in rare plant species. (Yes Lien, I still label my spice jars and keep them in order).
9. A memorable professor is Dr. Howard from the Wa nanaka summer forestry session, as all who were there with me will recall. All of my professors were memorable in some way, and I had many favorites. A memorable location is the dock at Wa nanaka.
10. Dual Majors - what was left to take?
11. Any of you – email me at ebella25@gmail.com.

Libbly Bella ’96 with her dogs at Club Rock, Kenai Peninsula, Alaska on a backpacking trip.

12. Skiing (any kind), ski trips to cabins, endless new trips to AK backcountry locations, brewhing beer and cider, road biking, digging potatoes, reading, cooking.

13. ESF was the only college I applied for. I knew from an early age that I wanted to work outside. I felt lucky that my home state had its own world-class natural resources based college. I’ve met lots of alumni up here and in all my travels – we already have a bond.

14. ESF through the program, the friends I met there, and all the local activities, set me up for not only a great conservation based career, but also an entire lifestyle embracing conservation principles and living near true great wilderness. I spend a lot of time both personally and professionally on developing solutions for creating a sustainable future in the north. ESF and my peers there provided the inspiration for this path.
Peter Filler (FRM) writes, “My son, Joel Filler, turned 13 this year. He goes to school in NY at Chilton Fine. Hopefully, he will go to ESF in about 5 years. I live in Jacksonville, FL and visit my son on July 4th and Christmas. We usually go to Lake Place, NY. If any fellow classmates want to join us use email me at fillet.peters@gmail.com. We usually ride bikes on the mountain in the summer and ski in the winter.”

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The new group of sculptures underway.

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Armin Studlein (FEG) announces that in December 2008, he completed his Ph.D. degree in Geotechnical Engineering at the University of Washington. He is continuing to work at Shannon & Wilson, Inc., in Seattle, as a consultant for large infrastructure projects and harbor projects in the Pacific Northwest and beyond.

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Asa (Chester) Cowdery (CHE) and Nicole announce the birth of Josalin Ern Lothschansky on June 17, 2008. Their son just turned 3 and “has quite a love for animals, already.”

2000

On December 20, 2007, Stacy McNulty (’97 EF B) and Paul Hai (EF B) welcomed their second daughter, Rowan Kathryn. She joins her older sister Lauren Elizabeth, born in June of 2005. By nine months old she follows in Lauren’s footsteps, already having “climbed” her first mountain, enjoyed a four-day camping trip, and spending longs of time in the canoe.

Sarah Meyer (ES) lives in her hometown of Geneva, NY and has worked for the Finger Lakes Institute at Hobart and William Smith as their Community Outreach Coordinator since April of 2004. Contact her at smeyer@hws.edu to connect.

Rashel (Hodgetts) Nelson (FRM) states “I just started a new diplomatic assignment in Ankara, Turkey. This is my second overseas assignment after spending 3 years in India. I represent USDA as the Agricultural Attaché. My hero at ESF is Hugh Cathans (retired) and my best memories are from my summer job at wonderful, amazing Cranberry Lake.”

Hope everyone is doing well from the Class of ’99!”

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2007

Margo Liszka (EFB) tells us, “I just moved to Portland, OR after spending the summer in Montana working for the Forest Service identifying plants along stream banks. I have a job here in Portland working for a Native Plant Nursery. I’ve also been able to meet several alumni in the area and hope to connect with even more.”

Janet Marsden (ES) received a NYS Library Research Residency Grant to conduct research on the topic of “Achieving Energy Sustainability through the Examination of Past Energy Technology Practices at Various Historic Sites in New York State.”

Elizabeth (Konopko) Mattice (CHE) reports that she got married to Derek Mattice on July 19, 2008.

Catherine Nolan (ES) graduated from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University with a Master’s in Public Administration. She has relocated to Washington, DC and is working as a consultant for Grant Thornton Global Public Sector.

Wayne Prindle (EFB) writes, “I am finishing up my Master’s of Studies in Environmental Law at Vermont Law School. I completed the George Perkins Marsh Conservation Fellowship this past spring through Vermont’s Environmental Law Center studying the ecological and legal aspects of creating wilderness buffers or transition zones using Glastonbury Wilderness in Vermont as a case study. Currently I am an assistant researcher for the WWF Northern Great Plains program in north central Montana working with the restoration of prairie flora and fauna, in particular Plains Bison and black-tailed prairie dogs. In the future I plan on going for a higher degree at the JD or Ph.D. level.”

More Event Photos

Alumni gather at SU’s Lubin House in New York City. (L to R): Nicole Williams ’06, Angela (Eddy) Hartnett ’04, Zachary Crawford ’07, and Elizabeth Reif ’05 that with each other prior to dinner. This year’s Metro New York event will be held at the Scarsdale Golf Club on May 21st. More details will be sent in the spring.

Golfers (L to R): Michael Aloi, Dave Soderberg, Taylor Foy, and Tom Fletcher pose with an autographed football at the reception following the annual ESF Alumni Association Golf Tournament. The football, signed by outgoing SU coach Greg Robinson, was one of the raffle prizes. This year’s tournament will be held at the Highland Park Golf Club in Auburn, NY on September 17th.

Alumni enjoy a meal at the Ranger School Reunion Weekend in August. This year’s reunion will be held at the Highland Park Golf Club in Auburn, NY on August 7-9.

The GOLD (Grads of the Last Decade) Group hosted a happy hour at the Inn Complete in October. (L to R): Laura DiCarlo ’05, Carol Roman ’03, and Laura Eiselen ’04 are the group’s main organizers. They plan to coordinate more get-togethers throughout the year, including the next gathering which will be held in conjunction with the Festival of Places in late February.

Wayne Prindle ’07 is an assistant researcher for the WWF Northern Great Plains program in north central Montana working on the restoration of Plains Bison and black-tailed prairie dogs.

The Class of 2008 celebrates their graduation at the Alumni Association’s annual Champagne Toast and Pin Ceremony.

2008–2009 Legacy Scholars pose with Alumni Association Past-President Mary Clements ’82 at the Ice Cream Social for Incoming Students. (L to R): Ellen Wright, Megan Reymore, Kevan Baza, Charles Milewski, Mary Clements ’82, Anna McCarthy, Robert Miller, Tyler Nowak, and Hannah Gibbons.

Class of 1976 alumn Don Moore, Associate Director for Animal Care at Washington, DC’s National Zoo, leads a group of alumni and prospective students on a “behind-the-scenes” tour of the zoo.

Class of 1976 alumn Steve Barry ’88, Kate Aitkenhead ’01, Janiece D’Angelo Schemer ’37, and Julim mar Cooper ’01 talked to prospective students on Long Island last fall.

The Alumni Association welcomed new students to campus in August with an Ice Cream Social following Student Orientation.
MOURNING THE LOSS OF

Dr. Harrison H. Payne ’50

Dr. Harrison H. Payne died December 23, 2008 at Canton-Potsdam Hospital, Potsdam, NY. A spring memorial service to celebrate Harry’s life will be held at Hendricken Chapel on the Syracuse University campus on Friday, May 1, 2009 from 2 – 5 p.m. The service will be followed by a gathering of Harry’s family, friends, and colleagues at Alumni Lounge in Marshall Hall on the ESF campus.

Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend the 2009 Central New York Dinner on Thursday, April 16th. As an event of the 2009 Central New York Dinner on April 16th.

As we go to press, the Alumni Office is trying to set up the Cranberry Lake Reunion held every other year. There may be logistical problems this year that may force the Cranberry Lake Reunion to be postponed one year, but as 2009 progresses, the situation at Cranberry Lake will become clearer and the reunion may take place. The reunion format would be the same as past programs with alumni arriving on a Friday afternoon and leaving on Sunday before noon. In between, alumni would take hikes, attend lectures, enjoy recreational opportunities, and commune with nature - an Adirondack tradition continued throughout his career at ESF. He married Sarah L. “Sally” Elliot in 1944. He is survived by his wife, a sister-in-law and her husband, and a brother-in-law and his wife as well as nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-great-nieces, and great-great nephews.

Dr. Payne was appointed Director of Admissions at the State University College of Forestry at Syracuse University in 1964, following a distinguished career as Chairman of the Science Department at the Pawling High School, Pawling, NY. He had maintained close ties with student recruitment and alumni programs at the college since his student days in Syracuse. His familiarity with high school science programs across the state was a significant factor in bringing outstanding students to the college's many academic programs. As the environmental movement started across the country, he was particularly effective in counseling students and parents about new and exciting career choices already in place at ESF. He subsequently became the Dean of Students, and when the college was re-chartered in 1972, as the State University College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF), he was appointed the first Vice President of Student Affairs.

Dr. Payne's interest in student recruitment continued throughout his career at ESF, with the goal of a more diverse student body, which achieved significant increases in the enrollment of women students, and transfer students continuing their education from community colleges. His advocacy for student interests led to the enlargement and improvement of various programs, including financial assistance for students with a variety of scholarships, grants, and loans available; extensive career and job placement resources with professional counseling; computerizing and reorganizing student record systems; initiating new student activities and clubs; and creating Nifkin Lounge, an area in Marshall Hall, with a lunch counter, where students can socialize and study. Perhaps Dr. Payne's most important contribution to ESF students was his friendly rapport with young people, coupled with the optimistic attitude that every problem had a solution. He made unforgettable impressions on students, as he never seemed to forget a name, and his door was always open for a chat.

Dr. Payne also had professional interests in biology and related sciences, especially in the fields of wildlife management and ornithology. As time permitted, he frequently offered courses in these subjects to ESF students.

Dr. Payne was deeply involved with alumni affairs at the college his entire adult life, and he held all of the volunteer positions in the ESF Alumni Association, from secretary to president. He was still serving as a member of the Alumni Board at the time of his death. A favorite activity was organizing reunions for the Class of 1950 every five years. But it was his personal approach to all alumni that best defined his contributions, as he answered constant requests for recommendations from graduates, sent congratulations on achievements, and offered consolation during trying times. His contact with literally thousands of alumni continued throughout his retirement years. Similarly, Dr. Payne was an active volunteer with the ESF College Foundation, Inc. for more than 40 years. He had a keen interest in securing private financial support, especially those providing student scholarships. He was instrumental in building relationships with countless donors, including J. Lawrence Murray, a former SUNY administrator, who left the College one of the largest financial gifts in history. Dr. Payne was an elected Foundation Board Member from 1992 to 2001, and continued serving as an emeritus member until his death.

Further professional interests of Dr. Payne included The Nature Conservancy, where he served on the state Board of Directors, and on many volunteer projects on local and regional levels. As an officer in the Air Force Reserve, he was proud to serve for a period on the selection committee for appointments to the Air Force Academy from the Syracuse area.

Dr. Payne retired in 1987, at which time he was appointed to ESF’s emeritus faculty. He continued to advise students, until recent months, about their education plans and career choices from his office in B lick Hall.

Donations may be made to the Harrison Payne Scholarship Fund SUNY-ESF
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