

# TALLY SHEET

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

**MATT BORROR ('90)**

Hello to everyone reading the Tally Sheet. The fall semester at WVU has begun and the leaves have turned colors throughout West Virginia. There are a lot of exciting things going on around the Division this year. Joe McNeel will inform you of these in the **News from the Director** section of the Tally Sheet.

Before I go on, I would like to pay respects to those Americans who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. This was a day like no other in our lives. I am sure that each of you knows somebody, a friend of a friend or a family member that was involved with this tragedy. May we always see them in our minds and feel them in our hearts. As for our country, we Americans must pull together and stay strong, determined, and committed to the American way of life.

Now, I want to send a special welcome to the WVU Division of Forestry Class of 2001. Welcome to the Tally Sheet, your newsletter of your alumni association. The Tally Sheet is published three times a year and contains information about the Division, faculty, students, and alumni of the Division of Forestry. I hope that you enjoy the Tally Sheet. Dan Kincaid and Nancy Lough spend a lot of time putting this together for all to share. If you have any information you would like others to know, such as the new job, new address, marriages or just a note from you telling everybody "Hi", complete the FeedBack and FeedForward section on the back of the Tally Sheet and mail it to Dan.

Also, the Class of 2001 is receiving a one-year free membership in the WVU Forestry Alumni Association. I am sure that you will find this membership worthwhile and will be looking forward to getting an invitation from Treasurer Ralph Glover to become a dues paying member of our organization.

Have a great fall!

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**January 12, 2002**  
Alumni Association  
Executive Committee  
Meeting

**April 19-20, 2002**  
Alumni Weekend

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## NEWS FROM DR. JOSEPH MCNEEL, DIRECTOR, WVU DIVISION OF FORESTRY

We have two new faculty in the Division, as of August 15<sup>th</sup>. They are Dr. Kelly Bricker and Dr. John Brooks. I have included a brief vita for each of them:

**Kelly Bricker**, RPTR program – Assistant Professor

Education:

PhD in Leisure Studies from Penn State in 1998

MS in Recreation and Park Administration from Western Illinois Univ. in 1986

BS in Recreation and Park Administration from Western Illinois Univ. in 1981

Teaching Experience:

1998-Present – Lecturer in Tourism Studies at the School of Social and Economic Development at the Univ. of the South Pacific in the Fiji Islands.

Related Experience:

Director of Research and Marketing, Rivers Fiji Pacific Harbour in Fiji in 1998. She spent part of 2 years as River Ranger for the Bureau of Land Management in Folsom, California. Was Vice-President of the World Heritage Travel Group in Angels Camp, CA for 5 years. Has held other positions in Wyoming, Katmandu, Nepal and Sumatra, Indonesia, Illinois, and Florida.

**John Brooks** – FRM program – Associate Professor

Education:

PhD in Forest Biometrics from University of GA in 1992

MSF from WVU in 1977

BSF from WVU Forest Resources Management in 1975. Graduated magna cum laude.

Employment:

1992-Present; Forest Biometrician for F&W Forestry Services in Albany, GA

1978-1987; Glenville State College – Instructor with the Forestry Technical Program

### Other News About the Faculty:

The search for the forest economist/policy specialist is reaching a point where the Division will start the interview process with selected candidates, and we anticipate that a new Forest Economist will be on board with the Division in early spring. We also plan to start a search for a new position focused on forest business management later this fall. The position has been tentatively approved by the Dean's office with significant input from the forest products industry across the State.

Dr. Ben Dawson-Andoh and Dr. Mike Schuett both received promotions to Associate Professor this spring. Dr. Dawson-Andoh works in the Wood Industries Program, while Dr. Schuett works in the Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Resources Program.

### Faculty Awards:

Dr. Ray Hicks, Professor in Forest Resources Management, has been nominated as the Davis Endowed Professor for the Division of Forestry within the College. Dr. Hicks was selected based on his outstanding work in Forest Ecology and Management. He also authored in 1998 the College textbook, "Ecology and Management of Central Hardwood Forests". The Division is proud to have Dr. Hicks receive this highly prestigious award.

We also received word this last month that Dr. Kyle Hartman, Assistant Professor of Fisheries in the Fisheries and Wildlife Program received the annual Hoyt Outstanding Faculty Member Award. The award is made based on outstanding performance by a faculty member in the Division of Forestry in three areas; teaching, research, and service. Dr. Hartman has made a number of outstanding accomplishments in these areas since his appointment with the Division in 1996.

### New Staff:

New staff in the Division include Randy Slaughter, our new secretary/receptionist, and Beverly Hassler – Summer Courses Coordinator. Randy just started, but Beverly has been working as a "temp" in her current position for several months. She will be handling the coordination of our Summer off-campus courses and all on-campus professional development programs offered through the Division.

### New Bridge at the NRC:

We have finally completed work on the Westvaco Natural Resource Center Covered Bridge. This is a unique structure, in that the sub-structure (the running surface) of the bridge is a doveled-laminate construction using tulip-poplar parallam. It may also be the first bridge in the country to be built using treated tulip-poplar parallam. The bridge was built through donations of time, material, and funds by different companies and agencies including the Burke, Parsons, Bowlby Company, the Trus-Joist Company (A Weyerhaeuser Company), and the USDA Forest Service Wood in Transportation Program. We have also received funds to study bridge stresses over the next 5 years as part of a project funded by the USDA Forest Service.

### Enrollment:

Our overall enrollment for the 2001-2002 academic year has remained about the same, increasing by only a few students,

from 404 in 2001 to 406 in 2002. On the bright side, we are about the only program in the College to have seen any type of increase in undergraduate enrollment. We also have 71 graduate students in the Division this year, up from 56 in 2001. In general, enrollment is holding steady or increasing for each of our programs. The higher number of graduate students in the Division reflects a greater number of research projects being initiated in the Division in the past year. All in all, things are looking very good in terms of enrollment.

### **Research Projects:**

As noted earlier, research continues to expand in the Division, and I thought it would be useful to briefly illustrate the diversity of projects we are involved with and the value of those projects. Two of the most recent research efforts awarded to the Division are discussed, briefly, below:

#### ***The West Virginia Rural Recreation Program (WVRRP)***

Funded by the Benedum Foundation and awarded to Dr. Mike Schuett, Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Resources Program: Amount of award = \$250,000 over 3 years.

WVRRP is a rural recreation program that is available to communities of West Virginia. In June 2001, the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation gave the WVRRP \$250,000 to fund this program for the next 2 years. The WVRRP uses intern students from the Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Resources to lead and organize the programs in each community. Research is being conducted on the benefits of a recreation program to rural communities and their residents.

#### ***The Forestry Heritage Trails Project***

Funded by the USDA Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CREES) to Dr. Dave McGill & Dr. Theresa Goldman: Award = \$538,000 over 4 years.

Rural communities in West Virginia and western Maryland frequently commission studies to assess their economic development options. Heritage tourism often emerges as a recommended economic development strategy. Many communities recognize that they have valuable natural and cultural resources at their doorstep, but they lack the expertise to develop and market these resources as tourism destinations. Similarly, working in isolation, communities cannot leverage adequate funding for infrastructure development, nor can they create the cohesive tourism experience that attracts out-of-state visitors into remote areas.

West Virginia University and cooperating partners propose to plan and implement a region-wide rural development program based on forestry heritage tourism. This project will create a unified tourism theme for the central Appalachian Mountain region, from western Maryland to southeastern West Virginia. The goal of

this project is to organize existing and potential forest-based historic sites, artisans, manufacturing firms, and working forests into a cohesive network of forest heritage tourist destinations. Forestry-related heritage tourism can fulfill the need for public education among urban and rural populations; thus, contributing to an increased understanding of and importance attached to "good forestry" and proper forest stewardship.

### **Professional Development Efforts:**

We recently held two programs for Natural Resource Managers, one at Snowshoe resort and the other at the Natural Resource Center on the University Research Forest. The Council on Forest Engineering (COFE) 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting was held at Snowshoe and was jointly sponsored by the WVU Division of Forestry and Westvaco Corporation. We had over 120 participants at the 4-day event. Technical sessions were summarized and "recorded for posterity" in a proceedings published by the Division. If you would like a copy of the proceedings on CD-ROM (Cost=\$25), contact Joe McNeel at 304-293-2941, ext. 2471.

Dr. Darrell Dean, who teaches our Forest Road Design and Surveying courses, provided two workshops on the use of Global Positioning Systems (GPS) in forestry. Dr. Dean held the first workshop for staff in the WV Division of Forestry, with about 24 WV DOF foresters attending the 2-day program. He repeated the program later in the summer for professional foresters across the State. Attendees received Continuing Forestry Education credits for the program, and they spent their time learning the intricacies of GPS and mapping technology as they apply to forestry. We received a number of positive comments about the program and anticipate putting it on again in the spring. If you would like to get on the mailing list to be notified of this and other forestry professional development programs, be sure to contact Beverly Hassler at 304-293-2941, ext. 2490.

### **New Course for the Fall Semester:**

Dan Kincaid, USDA Forest Service in Morgantown, is teaching a class for us this fall for upper class students entitled, "Public Relations and Media Relations for Natural Resource Managers." Dan and I have talked about offering such a class over the past 3 years or so. Feedback from faculty and students has been positive and several prospective employers have applauded offering this type of course within the Division. Dan is a WVU Forest Management grad ('71) and has his Masters from Duke University ('73). He has been involved in communications, public affairs, and media relations for many years with both the USDA Forest Service and Westvaco, as well as having worked as a sports writer and weekly columnist for a daily newspaper in Ohio.

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## DR. MCNEEL CONT.

### Appalachian Hardwood Center Update:

We have at least two new publications provided through efforts by our specialists in the Center. The most recent is the Loggers Newsletter written by Steve Milauskis, our Extension Logging Specialist. If you would like a copy of this newsletter, call Steve at 293-2941, ext. 2458. We are also working with the WV Division of Forestry to publish the Forest Steward newsletter. Dr. Dave McGill, our Extension Forest Management Specialist, can get you a copy of this publication if you call him at 304-293-2941, ext. 2474.

### New Staff:

We have hired Mike Henderson, a recent graduate of the Wood Industries Program at WVU, as our new Geographic Information System Technician at the Center. Mike is working on a number of new projects, with considerable emphasis on the WVDOP Forest Inventory Project.

### New Specialist:

Ed Cesa will soon be coming on board as a Visiting Scientist from the USDA Forest Service around October 1. He comes to us from the USDA Forest Service Wood in Transportation Program and will fill the vacant Wood Products Specialist position at the Center.

—Submitted by Joe McNeel

### Web Site:

The Division of Forestry web site is:

[www.forestry.caf.wvu.edu/](http://www.forestry.caf.wvu.edu/)

Soon, Alumni information will be linked to this site.

## FORESTRY CLUB - 2001

The 2001 Cruiser was awarded second place in this year's national forestry school yearbook competition sponsored by the SAF. This publication has placed second or third in this competition in four of the last five years.

Kyle Friend is in charge of selling firewood this year for the club. Please contact him at 292-3386 to order.

Jason Grose is the captain of the Woodsman Team. He can be reached at 598-7638. The team will give demonstrations at the WV Jackson's Mill Jubilee and also at Volcano Days in Wood County. They will compete at the Crab Carnival, West Point, VA; 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Lumberjackin/Bluegrassin Jamboree, Twin Falls State Park near Mullins, WV; 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Fleming Timbersports Weekend at Lindsay, Ontario, Canada; and the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Mountaineer Open, Morgantown, WV.

Officers for the Club this year are:

Chief Forester – Chris Cartwright

Assistant Chief Forester – Kyle Friend

Secretary – Jason Grose

Treasurer – Misty Phillips

Advisor – A.C. Tomkowski

—Submitted by Tony Tomkowski

## MEMBERSHIP STATUS

The active (dues paying) membership is now 430 with 110 of these being Life members. The regular dues income is used to operate the association as indicated in the financial report. The Life membership fees are invested with the WVU Foundation. Only the interest from this fund is used, and it serves to support the Cruiser (\$500.00) and the second annual scholarship (\$1,000.00), which was added this year. Expenditures currently meet or slightly exceed our income. More can be done only through increased membership.

For the alumni who are currently active members, the dues renewal notices are mailed in mid November. If you do not receive a notice, you may have paid multiple years or your address may have changed. If you are not an active member, this can be remedied by filling out the membership form in this newsletter and mailing it along with your check for one year, multiple years, or Life Membership. The goal of the Executive Committee is to have an active membership of at least 500. We are near that goal. With your help, we can attain it.

—Submitted by Ralph Glover

Your Dues  
Sustain This  
Newsletter.

Join your  
Alumni Association  
Today!!

Let's Reach 500 Members!

## WILDLIFE SOCIETY HONORS EMERITUS PROF SAMUEL

(FROM A WILDLIFE SOCIETY NEWS RELEASE)

The Wildlife Society has honored a retired West Virginia University professor for his accomplishments as a researcher and educator. David Samuel, professor emeritus of wildlife and fisheries resources in WVU's Davis College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Consumer Sciences, received the Society's Special Recognition Service Award.

The award is intended to honor any person who has made an outstanding contribution to the wildlife profession; to the general areas of wildlife conservation, management, or science; or to a specific area of endeavor, species, community, ecosystem, or region. Samuel was honored at the Society's annual meeting in Reno, NV.

Samuel retired in 1998 after more than 30 years as a professor in WVU's wildlife program. During his tenure, he co-authored more than 100 scientific publications and advised more than 80 graduate students.

The Society took particular note of one of Samuel's most recent faculty accomplishments, the establishment of a cooperative research program studying the ruffed grouse. Work on the project is ongoing in Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia, and West Virginia. Researchers from WVU, the University of Tennessee, Fordham University, Virginia Tech, and Eastern Kentucky University collaborate with state natural resource and wildlife officials, and the project employs 15 graduate students, four at WVU.

The project will eventually offer critical information on grouse ecology and management in the Appalachian region and will guide future management efforts to address declining grouse population trends.

Samuel has been honored in the past with the creation of the Dr. David E. Samuel Faculty Excellence Award through the WVU Foundation. The award is presented each year to an outstanding faculty member in the Davis College. Samuel's mother, Mary Grace Samuel, established the Mary Grace Samuel Endowment Fund for support of the Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society at WVU.

These gifts were made through the WVU Foundation, which is currently undertaking Building Greatness Campaign: West Virginia University, a \$250 million fund-raising effort being conducted by the Foundation on behalf of the University. The WVU Foundation is a private non-profit corporation that generates, receives and administers private gifts from individuals and organizations for the benefit of West Virginia University and its affiliated organizations.

The Wildlife Society, founded in 1937, is an international non-profit scientific and educational association dedicated to excellence in wildlife stewardship through science and education. With approximately 9,000 members in 60 countries, its mission is to enhance the ability of wildlife professionals to conserve diversity, sustain productivity and ensure responsible use of wildlife resources for the benefit of society.

## WVU RENAMES COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

On September 4, WVU announced a \$18.4 million gift from two Morgantown sisters, Gladys Gwendolyn Davis and Vivian Davis Michael, with \$16.2 million targeted toward the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Consumer Sciences. The remaining \$2.2 million

will benefit the Colleges of Law and Creative Arts, as well as the new Downtown Library.

The dedication ceremony and announcement occurred on the Evansdale Campus and consisted of several speakers including WVU President David Hardesty; Agriculture, Forestry and Consumer Sciences Dean Cameron Hackney; WVU Foundation President F. Duke Perry; and others. The College will now assume the name of Davis College of Agriculture, Forestry and Consumer Sciences.

Interest from the gift will be used to support:

- ◆ Creation of a Davis-Michael Scholars program in pre-veterinary medicine.
- ◆ Creation of undergraduate scholarships.
- ◆ Faculty development programs.
- ◆ Improvement of instructional facilities, technology, and equipment.
- ◆ Library enhancement.
- ◆ Stipends to support student internships.
- ◆ Endowed professorships for each of the College's five academic divisions, which include Forestry; Animal and Veterinary Sciences; Family and Consumer Sciences; Plant and Soil Sciences; and Resource Management.
- ◆ Other activities.

The Davis gift to the University is the largest by a family in WVU's history. The Davis sisters, who are both recently deceased, are descendants of John Davis, one of the first lot owners in Morgan's Town in 1775. Visit the following website for more details about this gift: <http://www.nis.wvu.edu/releases/davisgift.htm>.

*At the September 4 ceremony, current Forest Resources Management student, Anthony V. Scardina, was selected to give remarks on behalf of students in the College. Those remarks, "The Student Perspective," are included on the following page.*

## THE STUDENT PERSPECTIVE: ANTHONY V. SCARDINA

### Forest Resources Management Class of 2002

As an undergraduate student, I am excited and honored to speak to you today. I am also pleased that I have the opportunity to share how influential the Davis College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Consumer Sciences has been on my life during the past 4 years.

When I came to WVU 4 years ago, I was a below-average student on the football team that didn't have any future goals set for myself. I was a general studies major until I spoke with a student who suggested that a career in forestry might reflect the love that I have for the outdoors. It sounded like something that I would enjoy, so I went to the College and got information on forestry and other related fields. I discovered that there were many fields within the College that were related to the things that I like to do, and forestry was the first to get my attention.

In the spring of 1998 I started my forestry major, and in the fall of 1998 I added wildlife and fisheries sciences after ending my football career. It is obvious that the College gave me the chance to pursue all of my interests, and it was the first step in helping me find my niche. The next important element was the faculty that the Division of Forestry had to offer.

During my sophomore year, I had a dendrology class with Dr. Ray Hicks. At the end of the semester we were required to turn in a leaf collection that consisted of specimens glued into binders and classified by family, genus, and species. I decided to take it a step further and scan each leaf into my home computer and put it on CD-ROM. After seeing the project, Dr. Hicks told me that I should continue to edit the

CD-ROM and then sell it to the University Bookstore. I didn't think it would happen, but the CD is now required for the course and I have sold over 600 copies in four different bookstores and on-line.

In the spring of 1999, Dr. Dean Coble was the next instructor to make a strong influence in my life. He was not only my forest mensuration professor, but he was someone that I could talk to at any time. He got me involved in several research projects, introduced me to numerous professionals, and answered many important questions that helped me make many critical decisions about my career.

In the fall of 1999, Dr. Mary Ann Fajvan led me in many positive directions. She got me involved in prescribed fire research, soil analysis, and sparked my interest in silviculture. I got the chance to work on numerous research projects with two of her graduate students, and they sparked my interest in pursuing graduate education.

In the spring of 2001, Dr. Harry V. Wiant, returned to WVU to teach forest policy and forest mensuration. He asked me to be his teaching assistant for forest mensuration and sparked my interest in pursuing forest biometrics in graduate school. He has also introduced me to many professionals, took the time to teach me his expertise in many different disciplines, has given me advice on my options in the future, and has become a good friend.

Along with the College and its faculty, the opportunity for scholarship is the one thing that has allowed me to pursue innovative ideas that have come to me since I published my first CD-ROM. This spring I received the WVU Forestry Endowment Scholarship and

the West Virginia Vegetation Management Scholarship. With these contributions, I was able to buy a digital camera and a laptop computer. With these tools and the balance of the scholarship money, I was able to get started on my next project. This summer I traveled 39 states, drove 12,000 miles, and slept in the back of a mini-van for 40 days. With my digital camera I took pictures of tree species throughout the United States, and I plan to create an interactive CD-ROM program that I will sell to universities, high schools, and libraries. Without these scholarships, I wouldn't have been able to pursue my idea, and it is likely that I would have passed the opportunity.

As you can see, it is apparent how important and influential the Davis College, its faculty, and its scholarship opportunities are. I know they have been the source of my achievements, and I think it is critical that they continue to be offered to all students in the College. The College provides numerous fields of study; the fields provide numerous, quality faculty; and scholarships assist numerous students in continuing their college careers or pursuing other options of interest. And there are students like me in all of these fields of study – students who have found their niche in the Davis College, who are motivated by faculty to excel, and who are helped by the generosity of scholarship donors.

Without your support and concern, students might not have the experience I have enjoyed. With your help, the College can better provide scholarship assistance to students, better reward its dedicated faculty, better support its diverse, innovative programs, and build greatness. Thank you.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

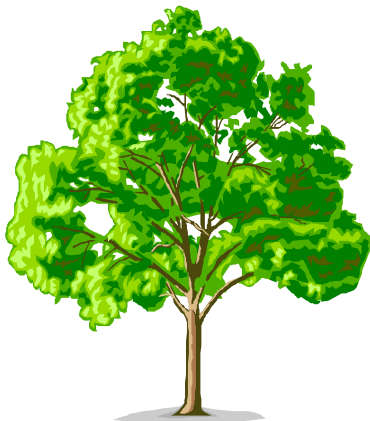
Members	Term Completed
Dave Samuel (Ret. Faculty)	2001
Tony Tomkowski ('67)	2001
Harry Wiant ('54)	2001
Bob Bridwell ('93)	2001
Bill Bleckley ('81)	2002
Matt Borrer ('90)	2002
Ralph Glover ('62)	2002
Dan Kincaid ('71)	2002
Joe Yeager ('60)	2003
Ron Moore ('78)	2003
Dave Lilly ('68)	2003
John Edwards ('80)	2003
Robin Ollis ('85)	Ex Officio

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**PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES  
AND  
JOIN YOUR ALUMNI  
ASSOCIATION.  
WE ARE SHOOTING FOR  
500 MEMBERS!**

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**MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER**

The association continues to be financially sound. A synopsis of the regular checking account is:

Balance January 1, 2001:	\$ 3,104.26
Revenue to Date:	<u>\$ 6,279.52</u>
Sub Total	\$ 9,383.78
Expenses to Date:	<u>\$ 6,884.01</u>
Balance September 15, 2001	<b>\$ 2,499.77</b>

The main source of income is from dues. There is a little other revenue from interest and the Silent Auction held in conjunction with the Forestry Club Banquet/Alumni Weekend. The expenses are grouped as follows:

Scholarships	\$ 1,500.00
Newsletters (3)	\$ 1,921.45
Postage	\$ 102.00
Bank Charges	\$ 49.55
Awards	\$ 337.13
Alumni Weekend	\$ 303.75
Silent Auction Sharing	\$ 520.13
Life Membership Deposit	\$ 2,025.00
Endowment Fund Transfer	\$ 125.00

The Life Membership Deposit is not really an expense, as such. It is really a transfer to the fund in the WVU Foundation, which is used to support one scholarship and the Cruiser. The Endowment Fund Transfer is simply relaying a donation, which was included with the annual dues payment. As can be seen, the majority of the revenue is used for Scholarships and the Tally Sheet, which is sent to all graduates.

—Submitted by Ralph Glover

**WVU FORESTRY ENDOWMENT FUND**

The WVU Forestry Endowment Fund was started several years ago by the Forestry Alumni Association to provide scholarships for students in the WVU Division of Forestry. The Fund currently supports seven scholarships in the amount of either \$2,800.00 or \$3,000.00 per year. These scholarships are funded by the interest earned from the donations of alumni, their families, or their employers. The Fund currently has a balance of \$427,072.02. During calendar year 2001 to date, donations totaling \$5,425 have been received.

Within the fund, there is the Percival Fund and the General Fund. Within the General Fund, there are seven memorial or honorary funds which now or will in the future support a scholarship. Six funds are in memory of Herman G. Yeager, Orris D. McCauley, Asher W. Kelly, H. E. Matics, George A. Myles, and Jack Byers. One honorary fund is in the name of Kenneth Carvell. Donations may be dedicated to the General Fund, one of the Memorial/Honorary Funds, or for the establishment of a new fund.

The Fund is guided by the Trust Committee, which consists of three alumni with lifetime appointments. Current trustees are Chairman John W. Crites, Edd L. Bills, and Harry V. Wiant, Jr. The Trust Committee has set a goal of increasing the fund to \$1,000,000. Make donations payable to the WVU Forestry Endowment Fund and mail to 806 Daverton Road, Charleston, WV 25303. Thank you for your support.

—Submitted by Ralph Glover

## FEEDBACK AND FEEDFORWARD

*Editor's Note:* We're hearing from more and more of you and that is certainly gratifying. We are also increasing in the number of paid members, and that's what sustains the Newsletter. Thank you very much. Several of you are asking about old classmates. PLEASE! If you haven't been in touch with us for awhile, drop us a short note (see back page) and let everyone know what you're doing.

### Alumni News from 1939

**H. Milton Harr ('39)**, Charleston, WV, became Life Member #110. Milt writes, "My book, *The CCC Camps in West Virginia, 1933-1942*, which was originally published in 1992, is now in its 4<sup>th</sup> printing. It is available in many bookstores and gift shops throughout the state. The book has had wide distribution. It locates and describes the 69 CCC Camps that were operated in the state."... **Charles R. Hall ('39)**, Horner, WV, celebrated his 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 3. He has three children, eight grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Charles was elected to the WV Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame in 2000. He still lives on the "How Come Tree Farm" off of Corridor H. He also recently paid a life membership in honor of the faculty and students from the Class of 1939. His email address is [chhall@webtv.net](mailto:chhall@webtv.net).

### Alumni News from 1940-49

On July 14, 2001 **Eugene P. Shreve ('49)**, Buckhannon, WV, was recognized by the WV Forestry Alumni Association for his many years of service as an Endowment Fund Trustee. He was presented with



a wooden WVU mountaineer statue during the West Virginia Forestry Association's summer meeting at Canaan Valley State Park. The Alumni Association Executive Committee also voted to award another annual scholarship and to name it in honor of Gene. The first scholarship was awarded during the Spring 2001 Alumni Banquet and it went to Wildlife and Fisheries senior Gerald Balmert.

### Alumni News from 1950-59

**Fletcher Parsons ('50)** and his wife Suzanne recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in Poca, WV.



They were married in Buffalo, NY, in 1951 and have four children, eight grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Fletcher owns

Appalachian Log Structures in Fairplan, WV.... **Don Rathbun ('50)**, Winchester, VA, sends us the address of his son, Stephen, who graduated in 1973.... **Joseph A. Gissy ('54)**, says "hello to all, from a "plain dirt forester" in Starke, FL.... **William R. Maxey ('59)**, Leon, WV, retired State Forester with the WV Division of Forestry, was inducted into the WV Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame in July in ceremonies at Jackson's Mill near Weston, WV.

### Alumni News from 1960-69

**Jim Mallow ('62)**, Tracy's Landing, MD, retired earlier this year as the State Forester with the Maryland DNR Forest Service. He is now the principal with Sweetacres Associates LLC and is also an Adjunct Associate Professor in Urban Forestry at the University of Maryland in College Park.... **Jim Roberts ('62)**, is the former State Forester in both Maryland and Delaware. He's retired and now living in Summersville, WV. "It's great to be back living in these old hills!" he

writes... **Walter D. Smith ('63)**, is with Mead Paper in Ohio. He writes to give us an update on the address of **Ronald Woessner ('63)**, who spends his winters in Texas and his summers in Florida.... **Bernie Dowler ('65)**, Ripley, WV, was recently named Deputy Director of the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources after serving as the Wildlife Resources Chief for the previous 7 years. Bernie serves on the WVU Extension Visiting Committee and the WVU Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit Coordinating Committee. His email is [bdowler@dnr.state.wv.us](mailto:bdowler@dnr.state.wv.us).... **John E. Perry ('65)**, Tom's River, NJ, is Life Member #97. He retired from the New Jersey Forest Fire Service in 1993. Since then he has been a consulting forester, Executive Secretary of the NJ Christmas Tree Growers Association, and Program Manager with the NJ Board of Tree Experts. He just marked his 32<sup>nd</sup> year of growing Christmas trees... **Barry Clutter ('68)**, Marlinton, WV, writes, "I'd like to hear from all those movers and shakers from the Class of '68. I guess they're all retired but me! Sharon and I still enjoy the lumber business in Marlinton, but we're definitely looking forward to more fishing time."... **John R. Noffsinger ('69)**, Bridgeport, WV, is Technical Manager for Weyerhaeuser's Oriented Strand Board plant in Sutton, WV. He is also a current PhD candidate doing research on "modeling OSB drying systems using multivariate analysis projection on latent structures."

### Alumni News from 1970-79

**Stephen G. Rathbun ('73)**, lives in Cranberry, PA, and works for the Department of Interior in Pittsburgh... **Walter P. McKain, Jr. ('74)**, formerly of Parkersburg, WV, now lives in Lusby, MD. He is Park Superintendent for Calvert County Parks and Recreation in Prince Frederick, MD. Email [mckainwp@yahoo.com](mailto:mckainwp@yahoo.com).... **John L. Greene ('76)**, Terrytown, LA, recently became Life Member # 109.... **Robert G. Mull III ('78)**, recently became Life Member # 108. He's with

the U.S. Navy in Singapore and has an email address of [mulle2c@usa.net](mailto:mulle2c@usa.net) .... **David A. Ross ('79)**, Klamath Falls, OR, is a Restoration Biologist with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. He's trying to help us locate Richard L. Geesey ('63), who was a forestry professor at Wisconsin – Stevens Point when Ross was there in the early 1980's. David's email address is [Dave\\_Ross@r1.fws.gov](mailto:Dave_Ross@r1.fws.gov).

### Alumni News from 1980-89

**Rebecca L. (Renshaw) Strong ('80)**, recently sent us a change of address, but she still lives in Beaumont, Texas.... **Eric F. Songer ('84)**, has a new address in Tallahassee, FL. Eric is the GIS/IT Manager for URS Corporation. He and wife, Heather, had a baby boy, Freeman, last January. Email [the\\_songers@yahoo.com](mailto:the_songers@yahoo.com).

### Alumni News from 1990-99

**Kenneth E. Cookus, Jr. ('91)**, sends in a new address from Martinsburg, WV... **Cinda (Waybright) Francis ('93)**, Leroy, WV, says she and husband, Paul, have a new addition to the family – Patrick Ryan – born last April. Cinda is still with the WV Forestry Association, where she coordinates Sustainable Forestry Initiative activities statewide, dealing primarily with logger and landowner education programs. Her email is [cfrancis@wvadventures.net](mailto:cfrancis@wvadventures.net)... Professor Ray Hicks sends a note that **J. Chris Haddox ('93)**, is Director of the Morgantown Habitat for Humanity; and that **Tom Eagle ('93)**, is the Forester for Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge in Cambridge, MD... **Neal W. Dziepak ('93)**, Annapolis, MD, is a Natural Resource Biologist with the Maryland DNR. He received his Masters degree from Tennessee Tech in Biology in 2001 and is married to Valerie J. McVey, who is a 1991 WVU grad... **Aaron Plaughter ('95, '96)**, sends in a new address from Concord, VA. Email [awplaug@westvaco.com](mailto:awplaug@westvaco.com).... **Joanna Cezniak ('96)**, San Francisco, CA, is a Wildlife Ecologist / Field Biologist for a private ecological consulting firm, H.T. Harvey & Associates, which

is located in San Jose, CA.... **Lucien Bennett ('96)**, Parkersburg, WV, is a procurement forester for Mead Paper Corp. He recently gained an Executive MBA from WVU. He married Mindy Clark (WVU-Nursing, '96) in October of 2000. Email [lbbwv@yahoo.com](mailto:lbbwv@yahoo.com).... **Jessica Homyack ('99)** worked for the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission in Tyrell County, NC, after graduation. She is now a grad student at the University of Maine and lives in Old Town, Maine. She is working on a MS in Wildlife Ecology, focusing on "the effects of pre-commercial thinning of spruce-fir forests on snowshoe hares and small mammals." Email her at [jhomyack@hotmail.com](mailto:jhomyack@hotmail.com).

### Alumni News from 2000-01

**Jeffrey T. Williams ('00)**, Marlinton, WV, is the Assistant Manager at the Edray Trout Hatchery, working for the WV DNR – Wildlife Division. His email is [jtw2978@aol.com](mailto:jtw2978@aol.com).... **Scott Kilbourn ('00)**, is working on his Masters in Forestry at WVU.... **Heidi Deutschlander ('01)**, Moscow, ID, is in grad school in Forest Products at the University of Idaho.... **Ben Parsons ('01)** and **Brigitte (Kumbier) Parsons ('01)** are married and living in Blacksburg, VA. Ben is working as an IPM Technician for Bartlett Tree Care Experts and Brigitte is working on a Masters in Wood Science/Forest Products Marketing at Virginia Tech.... **Mike Hart ('01)**, Mt. Holly, NJ, is working for the NJ Forest Service at Lebanon State Forest near New Lisbon, NJ. [hartmike@hotmail.com](mailto:hartmike@hotmail.com) ....**Melissa (Garretson) McClung ('01)**, married Eric in June of this year. She is the Director of Field Services for Special Olympics WV.

### Obituaries

**Glenn V. Longacre, Jr. ('48)**, Webster Springs, WV, died on July 3, 2001 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was 74 years old. He was a graduate of Washington – Irving High School in Clarksburg and had been self-employed as a real estate appraiser and broker. Glenn was an Army veteran, a former Eagle Scout, and had been general manager

of Pardee and Curtin Lumber Company. He had worked for many years with the WV Board of Registered Foresters and was active in 4-H, Webster County Woodchopping Festival, and various history projects. He is survived by his wife, Wanda; daughter, Tonia; and son, Glenn III; as well as two grandchildren.

**Carl A. Lucas ('50)**, Daniels, WV, passed away in Beckley on July 17 following a short illness. Carl was 80 years old. He had attended Dunbar High School near Charleston, graduating in 1937. Carl served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He worked as a forester for 47 years with the WV Department of Natural Resources. Just prior to his death, Carl had been assisting with flood recovery efforts in southern West Virginia. Classmate Malcolm Crawford sent a note mentioning that Carl had attended the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion of the Forestry Class of 1950, which was held at Lakeview Resort in Morgantown in October of 2000. He is survived by wife, Adelaide; son, Andy; two grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

**Charles C. "Chuck" Gear ('94)**, Elkins, WV, passed away from cancer on May 22, 2001. Chuck was a licensed forester, was active in the WV Forest Stewardship Program, and was owner of Appalachian Forestry Services in Elkins. He was 29 years old.

Former West Virginia State Forester, **Lester D. McClung**, Cross Lanes, WV, passed away on August 12, 2001 at the age of 88. Lester worked 35 years for the State of West Virginia, the last 20 as State Forester, retiring in 1976. Lester was born in Carl, WV, in Greenbrier County and had graduated in 1939 from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, where he met his wife Bernice. After retirement he remained active in forestry, including serving for many years on the St. Albans Street Tree Commission. Lester was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy. He is survived by wife Bernice; son, Bob; daughters, Sharon, Kathryn, and Patty; nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

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You may wish to consider a Life Membership. This avoids the annual renewal drudge; 110 alumni have selected this option. You can pay the fee in lump sum or over a 3-year period (\$100, \$75, and \$75).

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