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## Dean's Message

Dear Alumni and Friends:

It is great to be back at the University of Idaho, the institution you and I know and love. In my first two months on the job, many of you have called or visited me and offered a friendly "welcome back" or "good luck." This reminds me of what makes this a great institution and college – the exceptional group of people who work and study here.

Our university and College of Natural Resources have a rich heritage, and our programs are as valuable today as any other time in our nearly 100-year history. Enrollment is up in the university and the college. The



University is ranked in the Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine as 48th in the nation's top 50 universities and second in the Northwest. CNR is an innovator in curriculum, including new, integrated coursework, a new online certificate in restoration ecology, and environmental science education for practicing teachers. CNR continues as a leader in interdisciplinary research. Our research cooperatives with public, private, and non-profit constituencies are national models.

With all this productivity, it's no wonder President Hoover says, "UI has always been a great place to get an education, and it always will be." Still, there are significant challenges we must meet head-on in order to sustain and grow our position among peer institutions. A 21.5 percent cut in our collegiate budget has left holes in silviculture, limnology, fisheries, economics, forest management, wilderness management, and fire ecology; areas in which our college has been recognized as a leader in science and education. We also are adjusting to a new business model in the university, steering us toward more accountability, direct orientation to markets, and more dependence upon net income from course fees and research overhead.

For the future, I envision a progressive college with a solid reputation for quality, an international scope, and a strategic, secure position among the best natural resource colleges in the country. Our reputation will be earned through world-class, interdisciplinary research in areas where we have critical mass, and through select curricula that generate graduates suited for careers in natural resources and prepared to be productive citizens and leaders. We'll get there by culturing a tightly knit college community; a well-oiled business environment; an aggressive development program that builds external support; and organizational structures that support our chosen strategic directions.

We are blessed with talented and dedicated faculty, staff, students and friends who give it their all. Those of us who are here now are sincerely grateful to all of our alumni and donor friends who have come before us and who continue to be our partners in carrying out the important land-grant and research mission of our college. Please stay connected. CNR's future depends upon our partnership, mutual support, and exchange of ideas.

Best regards,

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Steven Daley Laursen

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Sue McMurray

## **Editor's Note**

Some big changes have occurred in the College of Natural Resources since the spring newsletter. As you know, we have welcomed new dean Steven Daley Laursen and said goodbye to our retiring faculty (see page 15). Deena Winterton, dean's office administrative assistant, had a baby boy in

August, and by the time you get this newsletter, I will be on maternity leave until mid - January. If you have anything to submit for future editions of the alumni newsletter, please continue to do so online at <a href="http://www.its.uidaho.edu/cnr/alumni\_comments\_to\_Sue.htm">http://www.its.uidaho.edu/cnr/alumni\_comments\_to\_Sue.htm</a>, or mail in your comment form on the enclosed tear-out envelope.

Despite these adjustments, CNR continues to produce new ways to serve its students, alumni, faculty and staff. We are proud to announce the development of a new online certificate in restoration ecology that became open for registration this semester. The certificate consists of five web classes and is open to any student meeting the prerequisites. For more details, see page 3 in this issue. Additionally, through a collaborative effort between CNR and the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, a new, one-of-a-kind reference book on identifying Idaho bark beetles is now available to the general public. A description and ordering information on "Field Guide to the Bark Beetles of Idaho and Adjacent Regions" is available on page 3.

As a reminder, I encourage you to visit our mentor program (http://www.its.uidaho/edu/cnr/mentorship.htm) that links students with alumni to share information on potential careers, jobs, and employers. Anyone interested in CNR current events and press releases can visit the CNR home page/current events section, or subscribe to Today at Idaho from the UI home page to receive UI news and information.

#### Newsletter Staff

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# **Profiles in Giving**

This holiday season is a great time for reflection, giving, and celebration. We would like to thank all of you for having been a part of the wonderful tradition and heritage that make up this college and for partnering with us as we forge ahead.



Mark Hermanson

As Dean Steven Daley Laursen stated earlier in this issue, we are looking for partners to join us in achieving our vision for the college. We would like to note some instances in which your assistance could make a huge difference to the quality of education we offer:

- Build our scholarships to attract and retain the highest quality students;
- Understand the current and future marketplace for CNR graduates;
- Identify potential research projects that maximize the contributions to science and the practice of natural resource management;
- Mentor our students to become productive citizens and leaders;
- Demonstrate to our elected leaders the value and potential of our contributions to Idaho, the nation, and the world.

The dean and I have been traveling around the state and nation, discussing the future of our college with CNR alumni, donors, and friends. We would love to meet with you and others to discuss our partnership with you. Please let us know if you're willing to help us organize a meeting in your area.

I would like to take this opportunity to direct you to the back of this issue and note the many alumni and friends who made gifts from July 31, 2001 to June 30, 2002. This support has provided us with the resources to provide a quality education and experience for our students. Please accept my heartfelt thanks to all the supporters of CNR. We truly wouldn't be the college we are today without you. Thanks!

As you consider your year-end giving, please think of us. With the combined support of our many alumni and friends, coupled with our quality faculty, staff, and students, we will make a difference.

Please stay in touch and give us your best. Working together, we will raise the value of our stock in the university, the state of Idaho, and the world.

# **Recent Developments**

The College of Natural Resources recently introduced a new web-based restoration ecology certificate designed for students who have completed an undergraduate degree in a related field from an accredited institution. The certificate will appeal to a variety of non-degree seeking natural resource professionals who desire further training in ecology.

The program was developed over the past two years through funding by the State Board of Education Technology Grants Program and can be completed entirely online. It also is open to others who might only be interested in taking one or two of the following courses, rather than completing the entire certificate.

The restoration ecology certificate consists of five courses

(12 credits total) and covers such integrated subjects as general restoration ecology, social and human dimensions of restoration ecology, aquatic restoration, and fire ecology. Together, these courses provide an in-depth knowledge of current concepts and tools currently used in the field of restoration ecology and may be of substantial interest to government agency employees, non-governmental organizations, and private companies who wish to understand current issues and new techniques in restoration ecology. A list of the courses and available credits are as follows:

Restoration Ecology, 3 cr. Aquatic Restoration Ecology, 3 cr. Fire Ecology, 1 cr. Human Dimensions in Restoration Ecology, 3 cr.

Practicum in Restoration Ecology, 2 cr.

Restoration Ecology and Human Dimensions in Restoration Ecology are open for spring registration. Contact UI Admissions for registration information at <a href="https://www.uidaho.edu/admissions">www.uidaho.edu/admissions</a>. Five veteran instructors will be available by e-mail and phone to advise and assist students with coursework and the program prerequisites.

Anyone who meets the prerequisites or has permission from the instructor may enroll in these courses. More detailed information is available at <a href="https://www.its.uidaho.edu/cnr/certificates">www.its.uidaho.edu/cnr/certificates</a>.

## **CNR Publications**

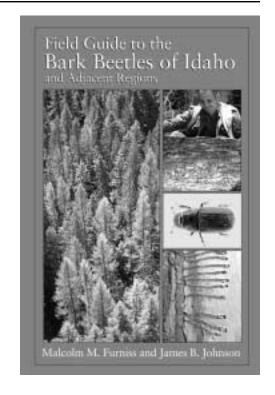
nyone armed with the newly released "Field Guide to the Bark Beetles of Idaho and Adjacent Regions" and a basic knowledge of Idaho trees can seek out and identify any of Idaho's more than 100 species of bark beetles and their close relatives.

Jointly written by UI's top authority on bark beetles of western North America, Malcolm Furniss, former research entomologist with the USDA Forest Service, and James "Ding" Johnson, head of the Idaho Insect Survey and curator of UI's William F. Barr Entomological Museum, this one-of-a-kind guide offers more than 100 photographs and illustrations identifying anatomical features of beetles and depicting beetle galleries. The galleries are grooves etched into trees by the beetles and aid identification of the species responsible.

This reference book has detailed information and simplified identification keys on each species and includes distribution by county, host trees, gallery pattern and a description of the adult beetle.

Sandra Kegley, forest entomologist for the Forest Service highly recommends the book. "This book would benefit anyone curious about the natural world. It is a 'must have' for those interested in discovering the fascinating and often overlooked inhabitants of northwestern trees as well as for forest entomologists who work with bark beetles," she says.

The book is available by contacting Ag Publications, University of Idaho, P.O. Box 442240, Moscow, Idaho, 83844-2240, telephone (208) 885-7928, or e-mail: <a href="mailto:agpubs@uidaho.edu">agpubs@uidaho.edu</a>. Orders may be placed by website at: <a href="mailto:http://info.ag.uidaho.edu/barkbeetles/index.html">http://info.ag.uidaho.edu/barkbeetles/index.html</a>.



# **ALUMNI PROFILES**

joint effort by the UI College of Law School and CNR provided more than 175 law and natural resource students an opportunity to listen and interact with Dale Bosworth, chief of the USDA Forest Service. Bosworth was in Moscow on Sept. 19 as the keynote speaker for the 2002 McClure Lecture on Science and Public Policy, sponsored by the Department of Political Science and Public Affairs.

Deans Don Burnett, Law and Steven Daley Laursen, CNR, both new to UI, collaborated to strengthen a growing bond between the two colleges, one to which they refer to as "an intersection of law, public policy, and science." They invited Bosworth to speak about his college and career experiences to students studying integrated natural resources.

Bosworth, a 1966 forest management alumnus of CNR, is the 15th Chief of the Forest Service and oversees 192 million acres of forest. He said that spending time in the woods with his dad, a Forest Service employee, helped him gain an early understanding of policy issues and future concerns of the Forest Service. "My goal was to become a district ranger," he said, "But I started out cleaning outhouses and fighting fires." He began his 35-year career in the

Northern Region as a forester in the St. Joe National Forest, now the Idaho Panhandle, and later served in the Kaniksu, Colville, and Lolo National Forests. He was the regional forester in the Northern Region for more than three years, heading 12 national forests and four national grasslands in Montana, Idaho, North Dakota, and South Dakota. He also served as regional forester of the Utah-based Intermountain Region.



Left to right: Steven Daley Laursen, Dale Bosworth, Senator James McClure and Don Burnett

Bosworth encouraged students to pursue a career in the Forest Service if they have an appreciation for controversy, challenge, and a love for the outdoors. "If I had to go back and do it differently, I'd try to learn something in college," he said. "The number one reason I went to school was to get a degree and start work for the Forest Service." Bosworth encour-

aged students to go after advanced degrees and learn how to question. "Our job is to bring views together and exchange ideas to create new solutions," he added, reminding students that today's Forest Service employee must be a good communicator and able to deal with changing social values.

"The biggest challenges to the Forest Service in the next 10 years will be managing fire and invasive species," he said, explaining that forest ecosystems are currently in peril because they have been invaded by alien species that destroy native plants and animals and have not been subjected to a normal fire cycle for the last 25 to 30 years, especially in the West.

Students attending Bosworth's presentation had the opportunity to ask questions of the chief pertaining to career information, the National Forest Plan, and President Bush's Healthy Forest Initiative. A reception followed the conclusion of his speech, with more than 50 CNR alumni and special guests of CNR and the College of Law attending, including retired U.S. Sen. James and Louise McClure.



Soon after John Seidensticker earned his Ph.D. in wildlife resources at UI in 1973, he helped start the Smithsonian-Nepal Tiger Ecology Project to find out how tigers in Nepal's Royal Chitwan National Park lived. Seidensticker, a conservation biologist, senior curator at the Smithsonian's National Zoological Park in Washington D.C., and world-renowned expert on big cats, was featured in the January 2002 issue of Smithsonian. His article described his tiger-conservation experiences at Chitwan in the 1970s and how they compared to a more recent visit.

When he returned to Chitwan after 30 years, he saw an increase in conservation efforts that benefit both the villagers and the tigers living in the area. One settlement had planted a commercial native-tree nursery and a large community forest to grow timber and firewood in a buffer zone, an area where villagers were separated from tourists. Villagers

also started up several stands of rosewood, a commercially valuable species, and fenced off parts of the buffer zone to let prime tiger habitat grow. He explains that as wildlife increased, revenue opportunities for villagers increased as well as they were eventually given a share in tourism proceeds.

Seidensticker writes that today, six other villages are catering to tourists who continue to bolster the region. More community forests have been established, which attract more tigers. "Experts now believe tiger habitat in the Chitwan Valley can be doubled in the next 25 years, increasing the population of breeding, adult animals there from 66 to 100 or more," he said.

Seidensticker earned the 1998 UI Distinguished Alumni Silver and Gold Award, is a member of numerous conservation organizations, and is author or editor of more than 150 articles and books.

Russell Graham, a research forester with the Rocky Mountain Research Station, is the college's 2002 Natural Resources Award recipient. The College of Natural Resources initiated the award in 2001 to recognize graduates of the college who make significant contributions to natural resource management.

Graham earned his master's and doctorate from UI and has exemplified integrated natural resource management throughout his 30-year career in research units of the Forest Service. He was instrumental in defining northern goshawk habitat and management strategies throughout the western U.S. and was the deputy



science team leader for the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project. He is still leader of the science advisory group for that project. Presently, he is investigating the impact forest structure has on wildlife severity and intensity and is researching the management of forest organic materials from southern New Mexico to the Canadian border. He is author of more than 130 scientific publications and is devoted to promoting understanding and managing Rocky Mountain forests to meet a wide variety of objectives.

As part of the recognition, recipients present a keynote speech during Natural Resources Week, held every spring and sponsored at UI by CNR. Graham talked about "The Many Aspects of Natural Resource Integration: The Good, the Bad, the Ugly," to an audience of approximately 150 future land managers, foresters, and silviculturists. The topic touched upon forest management when natural resource policies overlap and sometimes conflict.

Graham drew on his experience researching long-term forestry production and landscape processes in the Bitterroot National Forest, the Columbia Basin, and in central and western areas of the U.S. He called "good" management practices those that keep projects within objective boundaries so they don't snowball or creep into unmanageable ranges. "You need to learn how to argue," he advised students, "sometimes you have to say 'this is what you are getting.' "He also encouraged learning to build trust and respectful relationships, keeping an open mind to new things, and "never saying never" when facing conflicting management. "As a result, a silviculturist can learn to speak on soils or other disciplines," he said.

Graham explained the "bad" is when disagreements turn into unsolvable arguments or egos get out of control, particularly if managers lose sight of the whole context of a project by segregating it into unrelated components or misapply techniques. He also noted that when public expectations conflict with management expectations, objectives may not be met on either side. Changes in administration and unsolved arguments can lead to "ugly" policy and management situations.

"When situations occur that threaten to alter life-styles, things can get ugly," Graham said. He pointed out that management decisions, like closing mills, schools, roads, or altering grazing practices, negatively affect others and grow into larger contentious issues.

The lecture culminated in several prescriptives for potential managers. "It's good to define your approach and scale," he said. He added that timelines, having a good project administrator, sticking with an original plan and staying within budget are effective tools in forest management.

## New Site Brings Top Companies and Jobs to Alumni

A new Internet site, www.jobhog.net now offers specific opportunities in the agriculture, food, natural and life sciences sectors.

If you're considering a career in one of these areas, there's no other online service that can help you find quality jobs quicker and more efficiently. Organizations utilizing Jobhog.net to find professionals include Tractor Supply Company, J.R. Simplot Company, Tyson Foods, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Cargill and Seaboard Farms Inc., among others.

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Natural Resources Career Fair is February 11, 2003

All natural resource companies are encouraged to attend.

ecause Clara Bleak (B.A. 1946 Letters and Science) and her husband, Ralph, shared a strong interest in the environment, the two wanted to establish some kind of scholarship opportunity in the area of environmental education. Bleak explains that she met Resource Recreation and Tourism Professor Sam Ham at a national naturalist conference, and he encouraged her to meet with John Hendee, who was dean of CNR at that time. Hendee suggested she contribute scholarship money for interns to study at Taylor Ranch, a field station located in the heart of the 2.4 million-acre Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness in central Idaho.

After Ralph's death in February of 1991, Clara established the Ralph M. Bleak Memorial Endowment, which provides sophomore, junior, or returning senior-level UI students opportunities to be trained in field research and monitoring techniques, wilderness skills, and field station maintenance. Their duties range from research activities, including collecting and analyzing field data for vegetation, wildlife, and recreation projects, to outdoor skills like mule packing, backcountry camping, and orienteering. Interns work at Taylor Ranch for 10 weeks under the supervision of Jim and Holly Akenson, scientists and field station managers. Each student earns approximately \$2,500 and one internship credit.

Bleak visited Taylor Ranch in July and relates that she had great fun visiting with interns, researchers, and the Akensons. She was able to meet "Wheat Thin," one of the bears that frequents the ranch, and ride a mule



Taylor Ranch

# DONOR Profile

Holly Akenson, Clara Bleak and Jim Akenson



into Soldier Bar, a scenic spot on one of the mountains. "My biggest problem was getting off Cricket, but with lots of help, I managed," she said. She says other highlights included spotting wild birds like lazuli buntings and western tanagers for the first time ever, enjoying potluck dinners and a pancake breakfast, and the plane ride that allowed her to see firsthand the fire damage that occurred over the area in 2001.

Bleak's generosity and support of environmental education programs

expands beyond the endowment created for Taylor Ranch interns. When she reached her original goal for the endowment, she decided to set up another, more specifically geared to public education. In 1997, she worked with former CNR Dean Chuck Hatch and Lynn MacEachern, former director of development, to provide

opportunities for environmental education in Idaho schools. Several ideas were discussed for teacher training and natural resources curriculum, eventually leading to the development of the McCall Outdoor Science School program headed by Resource Recreation and Tourism professor and department head Steven Hollenhorst, and other collaborators. This combined effort among CNR, the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute, and the Idaho State Department of Parks and Recreation, provides Idaho schools with a field-based, hands-on science center in the heart of Idaho's wildlands. The long-term goal of the science school is to host weeklong residencies that become a regular part of Idaho school science programs. The science school will eventually be open year round.

enry Adams visited UI in April to see firsthand the impact his program endowment has on CNR students taking Interdisciplinary Natural Resource Planning, a forestry capstone course in integrating natural resources. Adams has sponsored this program for the last one and a half years to help establish a focus of integrated natural resources into the college's curriculum. He served as an evaluator during student presentations.

This visit marked the first time he has returned to the college since graduating in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in range resources management. "I came to Idaho because it offered all of the disciplines in natural resources and gave me a broader choice of interest," he said.

He came to UI after first earning a B.S. in history at Pacific University and serving in the military in Korea. His interest in natural resources is something of a family legacy, handed down by his father. "My father was a neurosurgeon," he said, "but he always gave to the community and was a strong proponent for the environment. I inherited an interest in public service from him."

Adams notes he was always intrigued by ecosystems and liked to observe how and why plants grow, but credits the environmental movement of the 60s and 70s as influencing his decision to pursue a career in natural resources. "It was a turbulent time," he said, "and young people then were concerned with doing more than pursuing a conventional career."

Adams spent 24 years as a soil and range conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service, primarily in San Diego County in California, where he assisted ranchers and urban land owners, oat hay growers, and small land owners to apply conservation practices. His strong belief in public service and wildland urban interfaces led him back to UI, where he could help provide learning opportunities for junior, senior, and

graduate students interested in these two areas.

In addition to the Forestry 470 program, Adams supports another annual scholarship for wildland urban interface education, established in January of this year. Adams said he would like to see the programs grow with additional alumni support so that more students may have opportunity to apply and be accepted beyond the current core of five recipients. He envisions these programs will help students strengthen their problem

solving skills, learn to cooperate with public agencies and special interest groups, and develop an attitude of advocacy toward the protection of natural resources. "I would like to keep in touch with these students and understand their concept of what they want to do," he said. He is open to e-mail communications and hopes to visit UI more often.

Now retired, Adams lives in Camarillo, Calif., and spends his spare time preserving film scores for the Film Music Society.

# DONOR Profile

Henry Adams



"I came to Idaho because it offered all of the disciplines in natural resources and gave me a broader choice of interest."

# Classiotes

## 2002s

Jeremy L. Anderson (MNR 2002) lives in McCall and works for the USDA Forest Service on the Payette National Forest. He was formerly employed with the Bureau of Land Management in Spokane, Wash.

## 2000s

**Keith Olson (BS RRT 2000)** works at the Rocky Mountain National Park in Fort Collins, Colo.

## 1990s

Donald G. Sampson (BS Fish. Res. 1990) received \$130,000 from the Ford Foundation as one of 20 Leadership for a Changing World award winners. Leadership for a Changing World awards up to 34 scholarships from a pool of 1400 nominations. The recipients are selected for their ability to tackle tough social problems in communities across the U.S.

Sampson is the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission's (CRITFC) executive director. He will use the award to invest in future generations of Native American leaders who will be trained in environmental justice, treaty rights, and salmon restoration. He was cited for his lifelong work to restore salmon runs and boost tribal economic health in the Northwest.

Sampson is a member of the Walla Walla tribe, one of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation in Oregon. He says his greatest future challenge will be to apply the successful Umatilla River region model of cooperative salmon restoration in the larger Columbia River basin. Over the next five years, Sampson hopes to build partnerships and strategic alliances among businesses, environmentalists, tribes, state and federal agencies and grassroots organizations. He will continue to press for alternative energy policies, protection and restoration of present

salmon habitats, the restoration of degraded habitats and the use of hatcheries to help boost salmon populations while their habitats recover. This will be at least a 50-year effort, Sampson said.

Lianjun Zhang (Ph.D. For. Res. 1990; MS 1987) is an associate professor at State University of New York-College of Environmental Science and Forestry in New York. Zhang is an associate editor on forest growth and yield modeling and biometrics for the Canadian Journal of Forest Research. Zhang also is the chair-elect for the Society of American Foresters working group A3 biometrics.

**Jeff Knudson (BS RRT 1991)** is a fire operation supervisor for the Bureau of Land Management in Boise.

Frank Roberts (BS For. Res. Mgmt. 1992) is the geographic information system (GIS) manager for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. He was sponsored by the Smithsonian Institute and the Bioresource and Development Conservation Programme to be a guest speaker and training session leader at a conference for Nigerian foresters and wildlife biologists in Calabar, Nigeria. Roberts spoke on the tribe's use of GIS and the Names Place's Project last fall. Roberts writes that the primary goal of the conference was to train local forest managers to perform inventories on plants and animals, identify where key species live, and help resolve land management conflicts. "The lessons learned here at Coeur d'Alene could be a great resource for other indigenous people in the world," he says. "In the case of the Nigerian people, the GIS skills they learned at the conference may actually save plant and animal species; but more importantly, it will help other tribal people preserve their way of life before it is too late."

John Roberts (BS For. Res. 1992) is a senior long-range planner for Summit County in Colorado. He lives in Frisco, Colo., has been in the Peace Corps, was a Fellow at Western Illinois University, and is a backcountry ski enthusiast.

**Mike Swenson (BS RRT 1992)** works for the City of Mercer Island Environmental Team, managing and maintaining city parks.

**Julie Hopkins (BS RRT 1993)** is a research technician for the Agricultural Research Service in Dubois.

Michael Otto (MS RRT 1992) teaches natural history, heritage interpretation, visual communications, and eco-tourism courses at Lakeland College, Vermilion, Alberta. Canada.

**Peter Soeth (BS RRT 1993)** is a public affairs specialist with the Bureau of Reclamation in Denver, Colo.

Tamara (VanKoughnet) Marchi (BS RRT 1995) lives with husband Steve and daughters Laura and Josie in Albany, Ohio.

Randy Pitstick (Ph.D. RRT 1995) is program coordinator for the undergraduate program in Park and Resource Management at Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania. "I will always miss Idaho!"

**Steve Siddoway (MS RRT 1995)** works as a planner for the City of Meridian.

YongHa Kim (MS RRT 1995) is director for the National Forest Management Division, Korea Forest.

Sean Meissner (BS RRT 1995) recently left the Rockies and moved back to the Northwest, specifically, Sisters, Ore. He rents a house, with a fantastic view of eight Cascade peaks with a former RRT classmate Jon Meier, and works at a footwear running store, the Foot Zone.

**Ryan Sparks (BS RRT 1996)** is a park ranger at Oregon State Park.

**Jonathon Meier (BS RRT 1997)** resides in Sisters, Ore.

**Richard Ryan Philips (BS RRT 1997)** is a free agent linebacker playing football for the Indianapolis Colts. He played the last four years with the New

York Giants and was waived by the Oakland Raiders on Sept. 2, 2001. Phillips will serve as Indianapolis' backup strongside linebacker behind first-year starter Marcus Washington.

Mike Wood (BS RRT 1997) lives in Blacksburg, Va., and is a campus minister at Virginia Tech. He graduated from Pepperdine University in 2001 with a master's in religion, and has a son, Grant, born last July.

Michele Worthington (BS RRT 1997) resides in Hillsboro, Ore.

Gregory Hildebrand, (BS Fish. Res. 1998) began working for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in San Antonio after graduating from UI, and worked primarily with warm water fish, including largemouth bass, hybrid striped bass, and redfish. "This was change," he said, "since I was used to working with cold water fish and had to adapt to warm water fish." Currently, he deals with air and water pollution as an environmental engineer for the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. He lives in Austin, Texas.

**Kelly Lawrence (BS RRT 1998)** resides in Portland, Ore.

**Fred Noland (BS RRT 1998)** works in the Environmental Affairs Department at Idaho Power in Boise.

**Chad Piquet (BS For. Prod. 1998)** resides in Henderson, Nev., and is assistant project manager for Project One Design, a building firm.

Lynne Marie Hueber (BS RRT 1999) currently teaches forest ecology and wildlife science at a private, co-ed, 9-12 grade boarding school in New England called Proctor Academy, (www.proctoracademy.org). She writes

that she enjoys going to Red Sox games, coaching, and taking sailing lessons.

Abraham Medina (BS RRT 1999) is in a masters of landscape architecture program at Utah State University in Logan, Utah.

Sue Rodman (MS For. Res. 1999) lives in Anchorage, Alaska, and works as a forester and director of the Firewise Program for the Anchorage Bureau. Since graduating from UI, she became the first executive director of the Anchorage Soil and Water Conservation District. She received start-up grant money from the U.S. Forest Service,

State and Private Forestry, Region 1 and the Bitterroot Resource Conservation and Development. She also coordinated a program to mitigate the risk of wildfire. She was named "Young Forester of the Year" by the Alaska Society of American Foresters and is very active in forestry education in Alaska. For 2002, she is the membership chair for the Cook Inlet Chapter. She says, "At the University of Idaho, I developed some strong friendships that I hold dear. The most important lessons I learned in graduate school were learning to think critically on my own, to question methodology, and take part in the discussion."

**Rob Schafer (BS RRT 1999)** is assistant ranger with the City of Bellevue Parks Department in Seattle, Wash.

Russell Schnitzer (BS RRT 1999) writes that since early 2001, he has been Trout Unlimited's National Volunteer Services coordinator. In this position, he provides support, resources, and training programs to grassroots volunteers who work on coldwater resource restoration and preservation projects. His focus is on organizational development and strengthening a grassroots enterprise—the people side of coldwater conservation. He recently relocated from Madison, Wisc., to the national headquarters in Washington, D.C. and

Andrea Stewart (MS RRT 1999) works as an outdoor planner in Islip, N.Y.

resides in the Georgetown area.

Jeffrey Sweet (BS RRT 1999) is an outdoor challenge specialist with Burrell Behavioral Health CSTAR Program in Highlandville, Mo.

## 1980s

#### **Bruce Anderson (BS RRT 1980)**

recently moved to a new home in Pagasa Springs, Colo. He writes, "The San Juan National forest is just over the backyard fence!" He is principle and general manager of Bruce Anderson and Associates, Inc., an interpretive planning and natural resources communications company. He also is a fine art and assignment nature photographer.

Ruben Guevara, (MS For. Prod. 1980; Ph.D. Nat. Res. 1982) is the regional director for Latin America, International Centre for Research in

Agroforestry (ICRAF), one of 16 specialized centers of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research, also known as the CG system. ICRAF is based in Narobi, and has operations in Africa, Southeast Asia, and Latin America. He also is the regional coordinator of the CG Systemwide Initiative on Alternatives to Slash and Burn, which involves three CB centers and more than 100 national or regional partners, and deals with understanding the underlying causes of tropical deforestation and its effects on a global level.

Guevara is leader of the a project that evaluates environmental services on a world level; acts as director general emeritus and professor of environmental socio-economoics at the Tropical Agricultural Research and Graduate Education Center in Turrialba, Costa Rica; and is an honorary professor at the National Ucayali University in the Peruvian Amazon. He also was instrumental in negotiating the joint doctoral program in tropical research in agricultural and natural resources between CATIE, the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, and CNR. (See www.uidaho.edu/catie).

He is on the board of the International Union of Forestry Research and the Inter American Economic Forum, and is author of two books: "Agriculture in Alliance with Nature," and "The Contribution of Chorotegan Lexicology to the Spanish Language." He also has edited two other books on sustainable forest management and forestry research planning and management.

Randy Welsh (BS RRT 1980) is a wild and scenic rivers specialist for the Intermountain Region in Ogden, Utah.

Mark Worley (BS RRT 1980) is accounting manager for the County of Sacramento's Department of Health and Human Services.

Daniel Sharp (BS Fish. Res. 1981) resides in Anchorage, Alaska, and spent the last seven years as a biologist, managing commercial salmon and herring fisheries in Prince William Sound and the Copper River. He now works for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game on habitat issues surrounding the proposed natural gas pipeline from Alaska to the lower 48 states.

Michael Thompson (BS Wldlf. Res. 1981) owns an environmental consulting company, Woodlot Alternatives Inc.,

that has been in existence since 1987 and employs 25 foresters, wildlife biologists, wetlands scientists, botanists, and marine ecologists. He writes that the business is constructing a new office in Topsham, Maine, and will move in February.

Guy McPherson (BS For. Res. 1982) lives in Tucson, Ariz., and received the Professional Education Teaching and Mentoring Award from the University of Arizona. McPherson holds a joint appointment as professor of renewable natural resources and professor of ecology and evolutionary biology.

**Damien Sedney (BS For. Sci. 1982; MS For. Engr.**) lives in Underhill, Vt., and is married to Katrina (Brown) Sedney.

**Katrina (Brown) Sedney (BS Wldld. Rec. 1982)** works for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Vermont.

**Terry Thompson (BS WRM 1983)** is education director at the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve, a part of the National Estuarine Research Reserve System, Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Bill Stormont (BS WRM 1984) has been serving since October as the first permanent director of the Office of Mauna Kea Management, at the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

**David Willis (BS RRT 1985)** is vice president and manager for the D.L. Evans Bank, Mortgage Lending Services Division in Gooding.

Deanna Higginson, (BS Wldlf. Res. 1986) lives in Virginia Beach, Va., and works for the Navy in Norfolk. She recently bought a house and was married last October.

Daphne Sewing (MS RRT 1986) is supervisory environmental education and interpretive specialist for the U.S. Forest Service at Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area in Golden Pond, Ky.

Catherine (Bailey) Wilbanks (BS RRT 1986) is a specialist for the Bureau of Reclamation in Burlan, Idaho.

Jeff Wilbanks (BS RRT 1986) is outdoor recreation planner for the Bureau of Land Management in Burlan, Idaho.

**Bonnie (Lambers) Ecker (BS RRT 1987)** is an outdoor recreation planner

for USACE in Seattle, Wash.

**Kenneth Swanson (BS RRT 1987)** is a US Army special forces major.

**Linda Merigliano (BS RRT 1988)** is a planner for the Bridge-Teton National Forest in Jackson, Wyo.

**Daniel Kencke (BS RRT 1989)** is maintenance technician with the City of Redmond Parks Department, Redmond, Wash.

Kent Pratt (BS For. Prod. 1989) resides in Tumwater, Wash., and is product development/technical manager for Simpson Timber Company, panel division. He has two daughters, Crystal and Angela.

## 1970s

John Messick (MS Wldlf. Mgmt. 1971; Ph.D. For. Wldlf. Range Sciences 1981) is a full professor and head of the department of biology at Missouri Southern State College. He joined the Missouri Southern faculty full time in 1984, after having taught part time at the institution from 1980 to 1982.

Students and fellow faculty members appreciate Messick's dedication to his work. Echoing the comments of many students, a biology major reported that Messick is "extremely helpful to individual students and never fails to provide individual sessions just to ensure full understanding of the topic." Messick also is known for being a pioneer in integrating various new technologies into the classroom. A fellow biology professor commented that Messick is a master "at developing innovative teaching techniques that provide learning and feedback to students" and reported that Messick has integrated interactive human anatomy and histology computer models into the curriculum of several biology classes.

Messick publishes articles, reviews and edits books and manuscripts, and is active in several science education organizations. He also is dedicated to campus service and serves on committees for health-related programs, and trains faculty in computer and instructional technology.

In 1994 he received Southern Missouri's Outstanding Teaching Award and in 1992 was named a fellow of the Missouri Academy of Science.

Rich Patterson (BS For. 1971) received

the Jade of Chiefs Award from the Outdoor Writers Association of America in June. One of the nation's most prestigious conservation awards, it entitles Patterson to membership in the group's Circle of Conservation Chiefs, which includes nationally recognized conservationists. He is the 37th person and first Iowan to be admitted to the Circle of Chiefs, established in 1958. Patterson is the Indian Creek Nature Center director and often writes in outdoor and nature magazines. "Past recipients all have national conservation and writing reputations, and I was astounded and pleased that the Circle of Chiefs honored me for my work at the Indian Creek Nature Center," Patterson said. A native of Denville, N.J., he has worked for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, and the Dillion Nature Center. He currently resides in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

George Raney (BS For. Bus. 1971) lives in Fallon, Ill., and is retired from a 30-year career in the U.S. Air Force. He now works in a civil service job.

Larry Dawson (BS Wldld. Rec. Mgmt. 1977) was named forest supervisor of the Clearwater National Forest in June 2001. He oversees 1.8 million acres in northern Idaho and is stationed in Orofino. Dawson has worked as a forester on several national forests in Idaho, Montana, and Washington.

Mike Bordelon (MS Nat. Res. 1978) received an award from Oregon Governor Kitzhaber for work on the Northwest Oregon State Forests Management Plan that will guide the management of 615,000 acres of state forest lands. Bordelon is the northwest Oregon area director with the Oregon Department of Forestry in Silverton, Ore. He worked with a team of planners in a six-year effort to create a forest plan that emphasizes an array of values that Oregonians have said they want, including social, recreational, economic, and environmental benefits. "The new forest plan represents a new type of forest planning," Bordelon said, "It's a partnership between those responsible for forests and those responsible for fish and wildlife." He and his staff look forward to working with the variety of interest groups and citizens to accomplish the broad landscape strategies of the forest management plan.

Edward M. Cobb (BS Fish & Wldlf.

Res. 1978; MS Nat. Res. 1982) is commanding officer at the Naval Reserve Recruiting Area West, encompassing 16 states responsible for all enlisted and officer recruiting for Naval Reserve. He resides in Aurora, Colo.

**Clifford Mitchell (BS RRT 1978)** works as a planner for the Clearwater National Forest in Orofino, Idaho.

Fred Parady (BS Range 1978) is beginning his fourth term in the Wyoming House of Representatives, as the elected majority floor leader. He resides in Rock Springs, Wyo.

Cynthia Staszak (BS RRT 1978) is a park ranger for the Bureau of Land Management in the Montana/Dakota State Office.

**Rebecca Wooden (MS RRT 1978)** works for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

**Gerard Wright (MS RRT 1978)** is senior national accounts manager with S-B Power Tool Company in Chicago, Ill.

Nancy S. Mehaffie (BS For. Res. 1979) is a project engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the Edwards Air Force in Palmdale, Calif. She reports she has worked for the Corps for the last three years and currently manages military construction, which includes environmental, road, and new building projects. She married Bruce Hunn (BS Human Factors Prog. 1991), who is the lead human factors engineer for the U.S Air Force F22 flight test program at Edwards Air Force Base.

## 1960s

**Robert Chochrane (BS For. Mgmt.** 1962) worked for 39 years in forest product sales and marketing, with emphasis on all species of western softwood lumber, excluding redwood. He worked for three wood products companies, including Louisiana Pacific, Weyco, and Pope and Talbot. He was involved in outside sales, distribution center management, and direct mill sales in all western softwood products. "I sold my last stick of wood forever on June 29, 2001," he says. He retired July 1, 2001 from Pope and Talbot after spending 19 years as a sales manager. He currently resides in Beaverton, Ore., and serves as a volunteer dental assistant with Northwest Medical Teams Intl., a humanitarian relief organization

based in Portland. He notes that at some point he may be interested in some type of voluntary professional involvement in the forest products industry.

Fred Marshall (BS For. Mgmt. 1962) of Midway, British Columbia, received the 2001 Provincial Award from the Woodlot Product Development Council. The award recognizes good forest management and significant contribution as a licensed woodlot forester. He is very active in small scale forestry and was instrumental in increasing the number of woodlot licenses in the province and lobbying Victoria for positive changes to the Woodlot Program. He formed the Boundary Woodlot Association 15 years ago and has served as president ever since, volunteering, teaching, chairing, and training others in forestry practices. He is active in procuring funds for other woodlot licensees to enhance forest productivity and was instrumental in planning the Phoenix Interpretive Forest near Greenwood, and the Midway Community Forest Park. As a timber cruiser, professional forester, agrologist, stockman, logger, instructor and wildlife enthusiast, he generously shares his expertise with other licensees and is the strongest proponent of increasing the number of woodlot licensees in his province.

**Dennis Nelson (BS For. Res. 1966)** currently lives in Stone Mountain, Ga., and works for BellSouth Corporation.

## 1950s

Kenneth R. Knoerr (BS For. Mgmt. 1952) writes that he retired last June but for the next five years will continue as director of Graduate Studies for the Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences at Duke University. He and his wife, Aspasia, have plans to travel throughout Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan to visit friends and retrace their honeymoon route of 50 years ago.

William P. Nagle (BS For. Mgmt. 1953) is a retired marriage counselor and clergyman in Fallbrook, Calif.

William Wallace, (MS For. Mgmt. 1955) lives in Sequim, Wash., and is a retired partner of International Forestry Consultants, for which he still provides counsel.

Fredric Kindel (MS Wldlf. Mgmt. 1958) lives in Broderick, Calif., and recently visited UI. He first came to the college in 1956 to research the use of salt in managing elk on the winter range, to attract them to underutilized feed areas. He relates, "During the summer of '56 and spring of '57, while in the field three months, each time I was carried as a seasonal aide by Idaho Fish and Game at about \$265 a month. And although today those amounts don't seem like a lot, they were enough for me and my wife and son to get by OK and to get a super master's education!" After completing requirements for his master's degree, he worked as a big game biologist for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game until 1962, surveying deer, elk, bighorn sheep, Rocky Mountain goats, and antelope herds for winter range counts. He then spent more than two years on Catalina Island working as a hunting guide for the Wrigley Chewing Gum family, who owned the island. In 1964, he began work for the Sacramento District of the Corps of Engineers, planning fish and wildlife mitigation and lake recreation, and later working with engineers on environmental impact statements and restoring damaged fish and wildlife habitats. Since retiring in 1992, Fred does some consulting work, mainly for the Sacramento District Corps of Engineers and is actively involved in genealogy.

## 1940s

Roger Guernsey (BS For. 1947) and wife, Billie Lou, live in Payette and support the Guernsey Scholarship. Scholarship funds in the amount of \$850 are generated from timber sales off the Roger Guernsey Outdoor Classroom and Demonstration Area for Woodlot Forestry. Known as "Pinestia," or "nest in the pines," the 47 1/2-acre woodlot is an island of trees adjacent to rolling wheat fields north of Princeton, Idaho. The Guernsey's gifted the forestland to UI in 1987. It is used in perpetuity to help students, woodlot owners and tree farmers learn about forestry. Guernsey visited UI in May and met with past and present scholarship winners during a luncheon and discussed memories of students working on the woodlot.

## In Fond Rememberance

Juanita Ables (wife of professor emeritus Ernest Ables, Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources) was laid to rest July 15, 2002 in Talihina, Okla. She and Ernest were married nearly 42 years and had lived in Talihina for the past four and one half years. Ables was born June 16, 1937 in Hugo, Okla. to Floyd and Jewel Covington. She was a graduate of Grant High School and later worked at Wells Lamont Glove Factory and as a wildlife field technician in Kenya, East Africa. She is survived by her husband and two sons: Brian Ables of Talihina and Christopher Ables of McAlester; five brothers; four sisters; and one grandchild.

John A. Bloom (BS For. Prod. 1940) died May 10, 2001 at age 83. He was born in Kellogg, Idaho. He married Millie Coleman in 1946. He lived in Portland, Redmond, and Riddle, Ore., and Quincy, Calif. He moved in 1977 to Woodburn, Ore., and lived there until the time of his death. Bloom managed several lumber mills in Redmond, Riddle, and Quincy, retiring in 1965. He is survived by his wife, Millie, and sons Bob and Carl.

Benjamin Jayne (BS For. 1952) a 1998 CNR Honor Alumnus, died Sept. 8, 2002 after a successful day of salmon fishing with friends. Jayne received an advanced degree from Yale University and was an instructor there for three years. In the early 1960s, he was on faculty at Washington State University and North Carolina State University. He was director for the Center for Quantitative Science in Forestry, Fisheries, and Wildlife at the University of Washington and became dean of the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies at Duke University in 1976. In 1988 he moved to Penn State for a five-year term as a Maurice K. Goddard Chair before retiring in Gig Harbor, Wash., in 1992. He is survived by his wife Betty.

James W. Jay (BS For. 1934) 89, of Columbia Falls, Mont., passed away Nov. 30., 2001. A graduate of UI in 1935, Jim spent most of his 32 year career in Region 9. He was district ranger on four ranger districts and fire staff on the lower Michigan national forests. He retired in 1967 as a member of the Fire and Aviation staff in Washington, D.C. Among his accomplishments were initiating a prescribed burning program for the Kirkland Warbler in Michigan and developing the first wildfire simulator for the training of fire overhead teams. Jim was a member of the 30 Year Club. He is survived by three children: Dave, La Center, Wash.; Marilyn, Haslett, Mich.; and Jack, Columbia Falls, Mont. His wife Alene preceded him in death in 1993. A memorial service will be held in the spring. (This information provided by David Jay).

Joseph F. Pechanec (BS Range Mgmt. 1932) died Dec. 14, 2001 with his daughters and grandchildren present. He was born north of Nampa March 9, 1910, to Joseph and Anna Chelboun Pechanec. He graduated from high school in Nampa in 1927 and attended UI's range and forestry programs. He skipped college graduation to take his first job as a field assistant working at the Sheep Experiment Station. He worked for 40 years as a range research ecologist and forester with the U.S. Forest Service, with headquarters in Idaho, Utah. Oregon. Washington. D.C., and North Carolina. He was considered an expert on sagebrush ecology and control. He married Genevieve Garvin on May 29, 1941. She preceded him in death by 12 days. He is survived by two daughters, Patricia Pusateri of Dallas, Texas, and Joan Price of Redding, Calif., six grandchildren, one brother, and two sisters.

Edgar Leon "Lonnie" Williams (BS For. Mgmt. 1950; MS For. Econ. 1962), professor emeritus, died July 9, 2001 at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane. He was born in Moscow on Dec. 27, 1925, to Edgar

and Rita Williams. He graduated from Moscow High School in 1943 and served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II from 1943-45. He graduated from the University of Idaho College of Forestry in 1950 and married Helene Elijah of Lisbon, N.D. Williams was a professor of forest economics at UI, director of the Clearwater Economic Development Association, and a private forestry consultant. He attended Maranatha Bible Church in Post Falls and served as a member of several Christian organizations. Memorial contributions may be made to the Oaks-A Classical Christian Academy in Spokane. He is survived by his wife Helene of Post Falls, and his four children and their families.

A memorial service was held on the University of Idaho campus Nov. 12, 2001, to celebrate the life and career of **Theodore C. Bjornn, a UI faculty member of 35 years.** 

Bjornn, 69, died Nov. 3, 2001 at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City of complications from surgery. In December 1992, surgeons



there gave him a new lease on life with a successful heart transplant.

A professor of fish and wildlife resources and assistant leader of the Idaho Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, Bjornn played an important role as scientist and advisor to state, regional and national policy makers during his UI career.

"He was not only a researcher, but was mentor and colleague to several generations of graduate students," said Michael Scott, Idaho Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit leader. He served as professor and mentor to more than 50 UI graduate students, many who advanced to

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## **NEW FACULTY**

### Jeffrey H. Braatne Fish and Wildlife Resources, Rangeland Ecology and Management

Jeff Braatne is the new assistant professor of floodplain ecology. Prior to his arrival at CNR, he was a research scientist and part-time instructor at the University of Washington and University of Montana Flathead Lake Biological Station. Jeff received his Ph.D. in physiological plant ecology from the University of Washington and his bachelor's degree in biology and botany from the University of Montana. Active in the physiological ecology, life history, and conservation biology of riparian cottonwoods, Jeff has published papers in such journals as Ecology, Tree Physiology, Canadian Journal of Botany, Canadian Journal of Forest Research and BioScience. Currently, he is studying the response of riparian vegetation to regulated flows along

...Bjornn continued

leadership roles in public agencies.

"He was among the most recognized salmon and steelhead researchers in the Northwest, and he studied salmon and steelhead migration patterns through Snake River dams for more than two decades. Bjornn also oversaw early research on westslope cutthroat trout populations in northern Idaho streams that proved revolutionary. His cutting-edge research had great importance in making policy decisions. His students and colleagues praise his careful and Socratic approach to problems and his ability to inspire leadership in everyone."

He is survived by his wife, Christine Moffitt of Moscow, five children; 25 grandchildren; his parents; two brothers and one sister. The family suggests memorials may be made to LDS Hospital, 8th Ave. and C St., Salt Lake City, UT 84143; or the John E. Skinner Memorial Fund Award, American Fisheries Society, 6510 Grosvenor Ln., Ste. 110, Bethesda, MD 20814-2199. the Yakima and Kootenai Rivers as well as the Hells Canyon Reach of the Snake River. Braatne also was recently funded to study the response of riparian vegetation to the removal of dams along the Elwha River on the Olympic Peninsula of Washington.

## **Han-Sup Han Forest Products**

Han joined CNR in 2001 as an assistant professor of timber harvesting and forest engineering. Prior to his arrival at CNR, he was an assistant professor for three years in the Forestry Program, University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George, Canada. He finished his Ph.D. in forest engineering in 1997 at Oregon State University. He received his bachelor's degree in forestry in 1984 and his master's in forest ecology in 1986 at Kangwon National University, Korea, and his second master's in forest operations in 1994 at University of Maine. His teaching focuses on production and cost control in forest industry, cable logging system analysis, forest operations analysis, and other graduate courses. His current research projects include investigating economic feasibility of integrated forest harvesting in small-diameter stands, harvesting system options for environmentally sensitive areas, thinning to reduce forest fire risks, and environmental impacts from logging. He enjoys working with logging contractors, forest service people, and researchers in various fields to address issues related to forest resource management and actively involves workshops and seminars to share/ exchange ideas and experience.

# **Timothy Link Forest Resources**

Timothy Link is the new assistant professor of forest hydrology. He received a bachelor's degree in geology from Hampshire College in Amherst, and a master's in 1991. In 1998 he received a master's in geology with a focus on snow hydrology, followed by a Ph.D. in environmental sciences with a focus on eco-

hydrology, both from Oregon State University. His teaching focuses on watershed management, forest hydrology, and hydrologic measurement techniques. Tim's current research emphasizes interactions of vegetation and hydrology, snow hydrology, microclimatology and numerical modeling of hydrologic processes. He also is pursuing new research directions focused on the relationship of snowcover processes to spatial scales, prediction of forest management impacts on hydrologic processes and water quality, and the effects of fire on hydrologic processes.

# Armando G. McDonald Forest Products

Armando is a new associate professor of wood chemistry and composites and also has a joint appointment in the Wood Materials Engineering Laboratory at WSU. He received his bachelor's degree in 1983 and master's in chemistry in 1985 from the University of Otago, New Zealand, and his Ph.D. in chemistry in 1993 from York University, Canada. Armando came to UI in December 2001 from Forest Research, New Zealand, where he was a group leader of the Materials Discovery group, doing both fundamental research and product development projects. His current teaching focuses on wood composites, biobased products and plant/wood chemistry. His current research covers: biobased composite materials research which includes fiber modifications and product prototype development; development of biobased polymers from natural resources (carbohydrate, protein, and polyphenolics) for use as plastics and resins; genetic relationships between wood-chemistry, plant physiology, and wood properties; and conversion of biomass into value added chemicals and fuels. Armando is a member of the Forest Products Society, Society of Wood Science and Technology, New Zealand Institute of Chemistry, and Australian Pulp and Paper Industry Technical Association.

# Kudos to...

The National Park Service recently announced **Gary Machlis**, UI professor of forest resources and sociology, as visiting senior scientist and national coordinator of the Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (CESU) Network for a unique cooperative scientific enterprise. Units already established across the



country include more than 100 educational institutions and 13 federal agencies. Machlis also will serve as a visiting senior scientist for the Park Service while remaining on the UI faculty, which he joined in 1979.

"As visiting senior scientist and national coordinator for CESUs, Gary Machlis brings the vision, dedication and leadership experience needed to manage a variety of critically important programs. Under Dr. Machlis's energetic leadership, the CESU Network will provide valuable expertise necessary to address the natural and cultural resource management issues facing federal agencies in the 21st Century," said Michael Soukup, the National Park Service's associate director for natural resource stewardship and science.

"Land-grant universities, like Idaho, will need to be even more integrated with agencies and other partners to be successful in the 21st century," said UI College of Natural Resources Dean Steven Daley Laursen. "The CESUs are an example of integration, providing a catalyst for more continuing professional education of agency professionals and increased practitioner input into university research agendas."

Machlis began his appointment in October.



John Ehrenreich, former dean of CNR and professor emeritus of rangeland ecology and management, struck gold at the Nevada Senior Games held in Las Vegas, Nev., in October. He won five gold and four silver medals in swimming events and qualified to compete in a national

competition scheduled in Washington, D.C. next spring.

Wildlife resources professor

Lisette Waits and colleagues Kate
Kendall, Jeff Stetz, and David Roon,
took home the Best Poster Award at
the 14th International Conference for
Bear Research and Management held
July 29-August 2 in Steinkjer, Norway. The subject of the poster was
"Bear rubbing activity: implications
for population monitoring."



Jim Peek, professor emeritus of wildlife resources, received the 2002 Professional Wildlifer Award from the Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society, and the Safari Club International Conservation Award in March. Peek received the wildlifer award for his outstanding contributions to Idaho's wildlife resources, and the conserva-



tion award in Las Vegas, Nev., at the Safari Club's annual convention. He is one of the foremost big-game biologists in North America.

Three CNR students have been awarded a total of \$5,750 from the national Morris K. Udall Foundation. Since 1992, the Udall Scholarships, which honor U.S. Congressman Udall and his history of public service, give American juniors and seniors up to \$5,000 in fields related to the environment, and to Native American and Alaska Natives in fields related to



Eric Larson

health care or tribal policy. Eric Larson, a fishery



Amy Campbell

resources junior from Santa Fe, Texas, received \$5,000 as an Udall Scholar. Amy Campbell, from San Luis Obispo, Calif., and Matthew Corsi, from Rathdrum, earned Honorable Mention and \$375 each, marking the first time those in the honorable mention category have received monetary awards.

#### Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Wildlife Leadership Award 2002 Recipent Matthew Corsi, Rathdrum

A senior in wildlife resources, Matt was one of five wildlife students nationwide to receive the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Wildlife Leadership Award for \$2,000. Corsi is majoring in fishery resources and has proven himself an emerging leader and contributor in his professional field. As a freshman, he served as



president of the CNR student affairs council and later cochaired CNR's "best-possible committee" to improve the college.

Need an excellent seasonal intern or new graduate for a position in your company?

Contact CNR employment coordinator, Diane Holick, who will put the announcement on the CNR Job List as well as give assistance in setting up on-campus interviews, *dholick@uidaho.edu* or (208) 885-7302 for additional information.

## **CNR 2002 Awards**

#### **Outstanding Teaching Award**

Keith C. Russell, Assistant Professor, Resource Recreation and Tourism

#### **Outstanding Advisor Award**

David H. Bennett, Professor, Fish and Wildlife Resources

#### **Outstanding Continuing Education and Outreach**

Richard L. Folk, Assistant Professor, Forest Products Charles W. McKetta, Associate Professor, Forest Resources

#### **Outstanding Research Award**

John D. Marshall, Professor, Forest Resources

#### **CNR Outstanding Staff Award**

Lynaire Banks, Academic Support and Transfer Specialist

## UI Outstanding Employee Award 2002, Secretarial/Clerical

Jan Pitkin, Administrative Assistant, Forest Products

#### UI Outstanding Employee Award 2002, Technical/Paraprofessional

Diane R. Holick, Employment and Recruiting Coordinator

#### **Alumni Awards**

Honor Alumni Award	J. Wayne Burkhardt
Alumni Achievement Award	Dale H. Schmidt
Honor Associate Alumni Award	John R. Olson
Mid-Career Alumni Achievement Award	Kevin H. Amos
2002 UI Hall of Fame	John D. Hunt

#### **Outstanding Senior Awards**

Fishery Resources	Tad Kisaka
Wildlife Resources	Samantha Cooney
Forest Products	Staci Phelps
<b>Forest Resources</b>	Briana Keafer
Natural Resource Ecology and	
<b>Conservation Biology</b>	Samantha Cooney
Rangeland Ecology and Management	Amanda Helmer
<b>Resource Recreation and Tourism</b>	Mariah Dunham
<b>Outstanding Senior in the College</b>	Tad Kisaka

#### **Outstanding Graduate Student Awards**

Fishery Resources	Ben LaFrentz
Wildlife Resources	Craig Miller
Forest Products	Roger Sathre
Forest Resources	Aki Koyama
Rangeland Ecology and Management	Sarah Heide
Resource Recreation and Tourism	Dennis Becker
Outstanding Graduate Student in the College	Dennis Becker

Graduate student **Katherine Strickler** was awarded a \$10,000 scholarship from Anheuser-Busch and the National Fish and Wildlife

Foundation. Strickler, who is working on her Ph.D. in fish and wildlife resources, is one of 20 recipients nationwide.



The Budweiser Conservation Scholarship Program is a competitive scholarship program that supports and promotes innovative research and studies that report significant changes in fish, wildlife, and plant conservation. More than 150 applications were received representing 75 different colleges and universities in 40 states. Information and applications for 2003 can be downloaded at www.NFWF.org.

## Faculty/Staff Retirements

**David H. Bennett**, professor, Fish and Wildlife Resources (2003)

**Ernest Brannon**, director, Aquaculture Research Institute

C. Michael Falter, professor, Fish and Wildlife Resources

Susan L. Goetz, administrative assistant 2, Rangeland Ecology and Management/Dean's Office (2003)

John C. Hendee, professor, Resource Recreation and Tourism; leader, Wilderness Research Center

Kendall L. Johnson, department chair, Rangeland Ecology and Management

**Harry W. Lee**, assistant professor, Forest Products (2003)

**Charles W. McKetta**, professor, Forest Resources

**James A. Moore**, professor, Forest Resources (2003)

**Leon F. Neuenschwander**, professor, Forest Resources

**Harold L. Osborne,** professor, Forest Resources (2003)

**Geneva Pym**, laboratory manager, Forest Resources

# Alumni Board-President's Message

Fall in Idaho brings a time of refocus and renewal. The shorter days and crisp nights signal a renewed urgency for one's tasks, whether it's getting in the firewood, working on new classes, or facing the list of items to complete by year's end. The CNR Alumni Board of Trustees is no exception. This fall, we are excited by the prospect of



Murray Feldman

working with the college's new dean and fellow alumnus, Steven Daley Laursen. Dean Daley Laursen brings with him back to Idaho a wealth of ideas and fresh enthusiasm to lead the college in meeting the challenges and opportunities ahead.

For the Alumni Board, it's also a time to welcome new members and to consider the renewal and review of our group's goals: to serve as a link between students, faculty, and alumni; to provide alumni input to the college on curriculum, career, and other items; and to help today's students experience the richness of a natural resource education at a level exceeding even the one we experienced.

I encourage all interested CNR alumni to become involved in the work of the college's constituent alumni association. This may range from contacting a board member with ideas for programs or scholarship activities, visiting with current students at the CNR house or in a class, or deciding to serve on the Board of Trustees. Whatever your inclination, we would like to facilitate your input and contributions. Please contact me or any of the ABT Board members with your comments or ideas that you may wish to share. You can find contact information for us at the CNR webpage <a href="https://www.its.uidaho.edu/cnr/alumniboard.htm">www.its.uidaho.edu/cnr/alumniboard.htm</a>. Let us know how the Alumni Association can help you in your career endeavors or in making your own link to CNR.

Please enjoy this issue of the CNR Alumni News, and I hope that your own fall tasks allow you adequate opportunity to enjoy the special times that this season brings.

## 2003 Job Panel

Alumni Board of Trustees members Jeanne Higgins, Guy Pence, Deb Rawhouser, Kathy Rose, Lynn Thaldorf, and Chip Corsi presented the fall panel discussion entitled, "Jump Starting Your Career in Natural Resources." Held in the UI Law Courtroom October 25, the panelists presented key strategies to help students learn to prepare themselves for a potential career in natural resources.

Pursuing seasonal work with different natural resource type agencies, becoming active in student clubs and professional societies, and developing good speaking and listening skills were the main recommendations by the six participants, who represented a range of professionalism from private consulting to government agency positions.

Several panelists agreed that trying out different interests is a good idea. At least three of them started out in fields other than natural resources. Deb Rawhouser said she started out with a business major but also enjoyed wildlife biology and joined the student wildlife club. She volunteered as a student conservationist with the Bureau of Land Management one summer, which gave her a broader exposure to natural resources. Rawhouser is currently a planning and environmental analyst for the BLM at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho. "These summer references were a starting point to begin my career with the government," she said.

Lynn Thaldorf related how he initially dropped out of college and joined the Army before deciding to return to school and explore a career in forestry. He advised students to do their best in whatever job they happened to find themselves in, in order to develop a sense of achievement and high expectations that could serve them well in later positions. He owns Appraisal West, a private consulting firm that appraises all types of real estate.

Jeanne Higgins, a Forest Service district ranger on the

Stevensville District of the Bitterroot National Forest, explained how she participated in extracurricular activities like the student newspaper, the *SNAG*, and Advisory Council that helped her career later. "Having that one contact conversation can make a difference," she said.

Guy Pence and Chip Corsi both acknowledged that developing a mentor relationship with faculty or natural resource professionals is a beneficial tool in many corporations. "Retirees are anxious to help you. They don't want to lose corporate skill, and you will find these people very willing to mentor," Pence said. Pence is a 30-year veteran of the Forest Service and Corsi is a state fisheries manager with Idaho Fish and Game in Boise.

Kathy Rose, an environmental consultant with The Environmental Company, reiterated a major point made by all of the panelists – building a network of connections in the natural resource field. She explained how she got a job when forest resources professor Jo Ellen Force established a connection with a former alumnus who offered Rose a position as an environmental analyst. Nicknamed "Py-rose" while attending UI, Rose said she took advantage of every prescribed burn and field opportunity to be had in her department. The panel culminated in a question/answer session with the audience. Panel members advised students to look for longer term seasonal positions and be willing to change locations, and start in entry-level positions. They also encouraged students to seek out volunteer opportunities as well.

Aside from special presentations like the one described in this article, CNR provides in-depth career counseling and maintains a website of natural resource positions all over the U.S. For an appointment, contact Diane Holick at <a href="mailto:dholick@uidaho.edu">dholick@uidaho.edu</a> or visit the employment website at <a href="mailto:http://www.its.uidaho.edu/cnr\_employment/">http://www.its.uidaho.edu/cnr\_employment/</a>.

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Wildland Field Ecology/Fish/Wlf./For./RRT/Range 302 (2 cr)		
Wildland Field Ecology/Wlf 302 (2 cr)	May 19-31	Idaho, Montana
RRT Field Studies/RRT 304 (3 cr)	May 20-31	Idaho, Montana, Wyo.
Practical Genetics for Fisheries Managers/Fish 404/504 (1 cr)	June 2-6	Moscow
Pruning for White Pine Blister Rust	June 13	Bonners Ferry
Thinning and Pruning Field Day		
Forestry Shortcourse (Tuesdays)		
Wildland Field Ecology/Wlf 302 (2cr)		
We Grow Full Circle		
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History of Idaho Rangelands/ RNGE 504 (2-3 cr)		
WILD Central / ED TE 505 (3 cr)	· ·	
WILD in the Yellowstone Ecosystem / ED TE 505 (3 cr)		
Rangeland in the Classroom Workshop/ RNGE 504 (2-3 cr)		
Managing Forest Organic Debris		
2003 WILD in the Panhandle/ ED TE 505 (3 cr)		
Burning Issues: Fire Ecology/ ED TE 505 (2 cr)		
Forest Insects and Disease Field Day		
Growing Superior Tree Seed	_	
Conservation Genetics Workshop/WLF 503 (1 cr)		
Small Scale Logging Technology "Live in the Woods" Equip. Show		
21st Annual Inland Empire Dry Kiln Workshop		
Small Diameter Timber Management	November 10-12	Boise



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