

FOREST ECOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT NEWS

A Newsletter for Department of Forest Ecology and Management Staff, Students and Alumni

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News from the Chair

The current year has been one of mixed blessing for the department, the campus and the UW System. My impression is that many factors that influence our success are becoming more favorable: Wisconsin's economy appears to be recovering, we've weathered the first year of a difficult budget, and our faculty, staff and students remain productive. Perhaps most important, trees and forests represent important icons in the public's mind. While forest management is even more a "social science" today, I believe public interactions bode well for future management and education programs. We will continue to adapt to new ideas, new models and new opportunities to make a difference in Wisconsin.

This newletter provides updates on alumni, both recent and from the "early years." I have been impressed with the number of former students who have let us know where they are and what they are doing - we'll need to expand the "Alumni Update" section just to stay ahead of recent reports. The groundbreaking for a new living facility at Kemp Station is also welcome news. Researchers will be able to work out of Kemp on a year round basis once this building is completed. Finally, we welcomed four new graduate students in September, eager young researchers-tobe filled with new ideas and a real sense of adventure. It's refreshing to see young people who are not (yet) saddled with decades of dogma and a suitcase full of reasons why something won't work. I offer this not as a criticism of our "mature" scientists, but more as a positive assessment of young learners beginning their exploration of new universes.

I think it helps keep me young (at heart, anyway).

Our current students have also been active, with several attending the recent Society of American Foresters convention in Buffalo, NY. One of our graduate students, Andy Stoltman, came home with first prize in the research poster competition. He has submitted a manuscript based on his work to the *Journal of Forestry*. Hopefully, you will all be able to see his prize-winning project in print soon.

Finally, let me also take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy holiday season and a prosperous New Year. - *Ray Guries*

Alumni Update

Alan P. Mason (MS 1997) sends word that he enjoys his position as a Fuels Management Specialist with the Medford (Oregon) BLM. He reports that for the time being funding is strong for prescribed burn programs such as theirs. During the dry season he switches to fire suppression mode. Prior to landing his current position Al spent time marking timber as a seasonal Forest Service employee in Wyoming and Arizona. Reports Al, "I will never regret getting that Forestry degree at Madison." You can contact Al at: Alan_Mason@or.blm.gov

Maximillian Ashwill (BS 2001), currently serving in the Peace Corps in Paraguay, says he had the pleasant problem of spending a \$50,000 grant from the World Bank within three months. Max's duties involve educating local people about the projects, digging in to help with some of the hands-on work,

and "do all of this sustainably." He says spending \$50,000 in the U.S. in three months would be no problem, but in one of the poorest areas of the poorest country in South America it was a challenge. Some of the projects funded include buying and planting seeds for cover crops, building soil erosion control barriers, purchasing mechanized farming equipment (still pulled by oxen) to be used communally, planting 3,000 fruit trees, installing three 3,000-liter water tanks and plastic water pipes as well as building three water towers for a community-wide running water project. Max's e-mail address is: greatestspirit@hotmail.com

Thomas Eberhardt (BS UW-Madison 1985; PhD Virginia Polytech and State University 1992) recently joined the Southern Research Station as a Research Forest Products Technologist with Utilization of Southern Forest Resources group located in Pineville, LA. Prior to joining the Southern Research Station, Tom returned to his undergraduate alma mater as a Postdoctoral Fellow and Research Associate followed by a position as Research Chemist at Westvaco

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Alumni News, continued from page 1 Corporation's Charleston Technical Center in South Carolina. His current work at Southern Research Station will focus on forest biomass utilization and the relationships between wood chemistry and wood quality. Tom made the move to Louisiana with his wife, Dawn, and their two daughters, Emily (age 7) and Elizabeth (age 5). He says they are looking forward to exploring this part of the country. Tom's e-mail address is: teberhardt@fs.fed.us

Michael Weston (BS 2001) checked in from Tanzania via e-mail during one of his trips to a town with Internet service. He will complete his Peace Corps service in Tanzania in December. Mike says he is currently working on livestock management activities, building a plunge dip to reduce tick and fly-borne diseases. He's also continuing work on a system for natural lands management in villages and private lands. He says people and organizational skills have been critical when working with people in rural Tanzania. Mike reports that the area has lots of land ownership and conflicting land use issues. He'll be on the job market shortly, so he welcomes information on job openings. You can reach Mike via e-mail at: triantalis@hotmail.com

John Walden (BS 1984) reports from Woods Hole, MA, that his position as an economist with the National Marine Fisheries Service keeps him busy working on a blend of research and applied analysis of proposed fishing regulations. He was recently promoted to the GS-13 level. John says that classes he took while a student at Madison provided a good foundation for his current work. "I still use a lot of what I learned in classes taught by Jeff Stier and Joe Buongiorno during my senior year at Wisconsin," says John. Congratulations to John and his wife on the recent birth of their son. He also has a four-year-old son and a daughter who started college at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst this fall. John's e-mail contact is: John.Walden@NOAA.gov

Jessica (Lengling) Anderson (BS 1999) checked in and reports that she now calls Indianapolis, IN, her home. She works for the City of Indianapolis Park and Recreation Department doing environmental education "among other things" at Garfield Park Conservatory. She is now married and says she and her husband just purchased a house. Jessica's e-mail is: JMAnders@indygov.org

Bill Hasse (BS 1971, MS 1977) continues his work as Senior Forester, Lake States Forest Resources, with International Paper in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. He says he currently is working on the former Goodman Forest lands in Florence County, WI, part of which was initially enrolled in Forest Crop Law in 1927. Students may want to jot down Bill's e-mail address. He says, "Got any students interested in a summer job?" Bill's e-mail address is: bhasse@chartermi.net

Dan Meyer (BS 1991) is having an unusually busy year as evidenced by his "Christmas" Newsletter received by the department in June. In the past year Dan and his family were hosts to two Venezuelan teenage sisters who traveled to the U.S. for medical treatment. Their stay was lengthened by unexpected additional surgeries. Dan happily reports that both girls returned to Venezuela with expectations of a long and healthy life. Dan and his wife, Beth, also volunteered for a missionrelated building project in Tijuana, Mexico, this fall. They have three children: Lauren, age 3; Jason, age 6; and David, 8 years old. Dan and his family live in Matthews, NC.

Student News

Students attend SAF Convention

The Department of Forest Ecology and Management was well represented by

students who traveled to Buffalo, NY, to attend the Society of American Foresters 2003 National Convention October 25-29. Undergraduates attending were Craig Klinke, Carlos Tejeda, Maggie Grosenick, Patrick Culbert, and Amy Jahnke. Graduate students attending were Kris Tiles, who presented a talk, and Andy Stoltman, who presented a poster (see article below). The convencontinues on page 3

Students who attended the SAF 2003 National Convention took a break from the constant barrage of educational information to refuel at a local Buffalo, NY, restaurant. Pictured left to right: Patrick Culbert, Kris Tiles, Carlos Tejeda, Craig Klinke, Maggie Grosenick, Amy Jahnke, and Andy Stoltman..





continued from page 2 tion was attended by roughly 1500 persons from the U.S. and Canada. This year's overall theme was "Forest Science in Practice." Students attending the convention took advantage of opportunities to rub elbows with professionals in a variety of fields of forestry from across the nation, attend educational sessions, participate in activities designed specifically for students, hear natural resource leaders talk about their vision of forestry in 2013, and squeeze in a side trip to Niagara Falls.



Andy Stoltman's poster 'Best of Show'

Andy Stoltman's poster, titled "Computer

Visualization of Forest Landscapes in Wisconsin and the Demonstration of Management Options," was awarded first place at the recent Society of American Foresters (SAF) 2003 National Convention in Buffalo, NY. Andy's poster placed first in a field of 52 posters. The honor includes a check for \$100. Andy finished work on his Master's degree in August and will officially receive the degree in December. This fall he is working with Volker Radeloff as a research intern. He has also submitted a manuscript to the Journal of Forestry detailing the information presented in his poster.

Winners of SAF definitions contest announced

Prof. Jeff Stier encourages students to join SAF, and puts up his own money every so often to "entice them into the fold!" This fall he put up \$100 and ran a definition contest. Students are challenged to come up with humorous definitions of forestry terms. The kicker is that students must be SAF members to be eligible to enter the contest. Any definition is acceptable, so long as it is not offensive. Some of the winners from continues on page 4

Welcome New FE&M Graduate Students

We have four new graduate students in the Department of Forest Ecology and Management this fall. To introduce them, we asked them to provided a bit of background about themselves.

Molly K. White (mkwhite@wisc.edu). I am a new Master's degree candidate working with Prof. Tom Gower. My research will focus on developing a life cycle assessment of Wisconsin's industrial roundwood production in order to gain insight into the state's carbon budget. I am originally from Missoula, a Rocky Mountain valley town in western Montana. I completed undergraduate work at the University of Alaska-Anchorage, University of Sunderland-England, and the University of Montana-Missoula; finishing up with a BA in Biology and an emphasis in Ecology. When not working, I enjoy white-water kayaking and traveling the world.

Nick Povak (napovak@wisc.edu). I am a Master's degree candidate working with Prof. Craig Lorimer. My research involves the continuation of a long-term study that looks at the effectiveness of regenerating oak through silvicultural treatments. I received a BS in Forestry from Virginia Tech last spring and then made my way to Madison this fall after a summer working at the Harvard Forest where I helped track the spread of the hemlock woolly adelgid through central Massachusetts. Since this is my first trip to the Midwest, I have enjoyed exploring downtown Madison, kayaking in northern Wisconsin, rock climbing near the Mississippi River, and eating my first cheese curd.

Nicole Malandri (namalandri@wisc.edu). I am a new Master's student with the department. In 1996 I received my Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from James Madison University in Virginia. After school I completed four years active duty with the Army. I started working for the U.S. Forest Service as an Information Assistant on the Pike National Forest in Colorado. My husband was transferred to Madison, where I have been able to continue working for the Forest Service at the Forest Products Laboratory. Currently I am a Forest Products Technologist working in the Paper Test Lab. My interest, though, is in recreation management where I will be working with Prof. Donald Field looking at recreation trends and issues. After completing my studies I hope to return to the National Forest system working as an Outdoor Recreation Planner. Working full time while attending school parttime keeps me busy, but when I have free time, I enjoy traveling, hiking and attending various sporting events with my husband.

Daniel J. Yelle (djyelle@wisc.edu). I am a new PhD student working with Prof. John Ralph on new methods of understanding wood adhesion mechanisms. I am originally from St. Paul, MN, and attended the University of Minnesota on the Twin Cities campus for my BS in Forest Products with a specialization in wood science. During my studies there I worked in Kaufert Laboratory on the St. Paul campus and interned at Louisiana-Pacific in Two Harbors, MN. Eager for more, I attended the University of Maine to pursue a MS in wood science. In Maine, I initially worked at the Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center (AEWC) under the NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates program and then worked as a graduate research assistant in wood science and technology. For my master's thesis I worked on the autoxidation of lignin on the surface of wood fibers providing for "autobonding" of the fibers—a way of producing bonds without synthetic adhesives. My wife, Maria, and I moved to the Madison area in June 2002 where I began working at the USDA Forest Service, Forest Products Laboratory in the Wood Adhesives Science and Technology unit. I currently do research at FPL and I'm pursuing my PhD. I enjoy woodworking, charcoal drawing, and playing the acoustical guitar in front of small crowds (like my wife and dog).



continued from page 3 past years include: basal area defined as "shoe size," and residual stocking defined as "what's left after the laundry is sorted." This year's winners and their definitions are presented below.

1st place - Maggie Grosenick

Boreal region: The first 15 minutes of a 7:45 a.m. power lecture

2nd place - Amy Jahnke

Natural disturbance regime: Commercials during Monday night football

3rd place (tie) - Greg Clendenning

Debarker: The new host for The Price Is

Right.

and Kris Tiles

FSC: Fees for Sustainable Cutting

Faculty News

Jeff Stier appointed to Council on Forestry

Governor Jim Doyle has appointed Prof. Jeff Stier to serve on the Council on



Forestry. The Council advises the Governor on issues pertaining to Wisconsin's forests and provides policy direction for Wisconsin's forest management efforts. The 19-

member council is composed of persons from universities, state government, timber-related industries, and the public. Says Doyle, "The challenges facing our forests are significant and include increasing forest fragmentation, a forest industry competing in an increasingly global economy, exotic species invading our forests, increasing development in fire prone areas, and increasing competition among different recreational users." He adds, "I am confident this council will meet these and other challenges head-on."

Sabbatical Leave on Jeff Stier's calendar

Prof. Jeff Stier has been awarded sabbatical leave for the first half of 2004. Sabbaticals are awarded "to enable faculty members to engage in intensive study in order to become more effective teachers and scholars and to enhance their services to the University." Jeff will be working on a new course in comparative environmental policy, focusing on the U.S. and Canada as the countries of interest. Many Americans know very little about Canada and more or less assume that it's pretty much like the U.S., only colder! It's only when the media focus on major issues like softwood lumber imports, SARS, the Kyoto Treaty, or prescription medicine prices that we become aware of our political, cultural, and institutional differences. And these differences influence how our two countries approach natural resource and environmental policy. This is the first sabbatical leave Jeff has taken during his 25 years as a professor and he is looking forward to spending time in Canada conducting research as background for his new course.

Compton represents CALS at Houston conference

Prof. J. Lin Compton presented a paper titled "The Sustainable Management of Upland Ecosystems in Yunan, China" at the 2003 International Conference on Agricultural Science and Technology (ICAST) in Houston, TX, October 12-15, as part of a panel on "The Role of Land-Grant Universities and Chinese Agriculture Universities in Addressing Chinese Agriculture in Western China." He also represented the UW College of Agricultural and Life Sciences in deliberations between a consortium of 11 U.S. Universities and Institutions in Cooperation with China for Agriculture (UCCA) and a consortium of 13 Chinese Agricultural Universities for International Cooperation (CAUC). The focus of discussions to date has been on collaborative activities for strengthening education, research, and extension capabilities of China's Agricultural Universities.

Two-year project to study impact of invasive species

Prof. Joseph Buongiorno, James Turner (FEM graduate student), and Jeff Prestemon (USFS Southern Forest Experiment Station, PhD from UW-Madison in 1994) were awarded funding from the Program of Research on the **Economics of Invasive Species** Management (PREISM) at USDA's Economic Research Service. Their twoyear project is entitled "Modeling the Effects of Invasive Species on the International Trade of Forest Products." They will develop a model to analyze the economic effects of trade regulations aimed at preventing the importation of invasive species. The model will be applied to the case of Siberian log imports into the U.S. To completely capture the production, consumption, trade, and welfare effects of these regulations, the model will consider two separate effects: (1) losses incurred by producers and consumers due to timber supply reductions caused by invasive species in the absence of regulations, and (2) the effects of technical regulations, such as phytosanitary rules and import bans, on producer and consumer welfare. The first aspect of the research will involve estimation of the effects of an invasive species on U.S. timber supply. These effects will be incorporated into the Global Forest Products Model (GFPM), previously developed by Buongiorno and his students, to predict the consequent changes in U.S. international competitiveness. The second aspect of the research will be the simulation with the GFPM of trade barriers or import bans imposed by the U.S. against potentially contaminated products. The results of this research will be useful to the U.S. government and the USDA Forest Service in designing economically effective trade policies to limit the threat of invasive species and in understanding the impacts of such policies.

Department News

New booklet promotes Wisconsin's forest industry

A new color promotional booklet titled "Wisconsin's Forest Products: A Cut

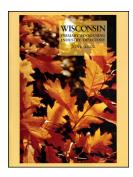


Above" is now available. The booklet was developed cooperatively by the UW-Extension, Wisconsin DNR, and Forward Wisconsin to promote Wisconsin's

forest industry as an important force in the state's economy. The booklet profiles Wisconsin's sustainable forest resources, the current forest industry, and promotes Wisconsin as a great place to live, work, play, and learn. It directs firms interested in expanding their operations within the state to available technical assistance. If you would like to obtain copies of the booklet, contact Forward Wisconsin at 1-800-669-1190.

Wisconsin Wood Using Industry Directories now available online

The Dept. of Forest Ecology and Management, in cooperation with the



Wisconsin DNR's Division of Forestry, maintains two directory data bases for the primary and secondary wood products industries within Wisconsin.

These directories are available in booklet form and are now also available online in a searchable format. Available information includes the raw material firms use and the value added products they produce. You can search by firm, raw material, product produced, and contact person. The database is continuously updated, providing more current data than the printed directories. The printed versions of Wisconsin Primary Wood

Using Industry Directory and Wisconsin Secondary Wood Using Industry
Directory are available from Scott Bowe by calling him at 608-265-5849. The Website for the online database is: http://www.woodindustry.forest.wisc.edu

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Groundbreaking for New Kemp Residence Hall Celebrated

Over 80 researchers, instructors, friends and special guests enjoyed a spectacular September afternoon, celebrating the groundbreaking of the new Mead Residence Hall at Kemp Natural Resources Station. The mood was festive as people participated in building tours, guided nature walks, and even pontoon boat rides along Kemp Station shores. The day's activities culminated with the formal groundbreaking ceremony. Dick Straub, Director of Agricultural Research Stations, served as program emcee. "This is a milestone in the history of the Kemp Natural Resources Station," said Straub.

CALS Dean, Elton Aberle, noted that while UW-Madison is a state university, only 25% of its budget comes from the state legislature. "Private support plays an increasingly important role in our ability to have facilities. It also provides faculty and student support required to discover new knowledge to solve tomorrow's challenges."

Dean Aberle then introduced and publicly thanked the major donors to the project. These included: Andrew and Barbara McEachron, Don and Greta Janssen, William and Doris Willis, Jim Fralish, Dudley and Mary Pierce, Mary Mead LaMar, George Mead and Susan Feith, and Gilbert and Jaylee Mead. "The children of Stanton and Dorothy Mead wanted to honor the legacy of their parents in the area they both loved so much. It is my pleasure to now formally announce that the new residence hall will be known from this day forward as the Stanton and Dorothy Mead Residence Hall." said Aberle.

The Stanton and Dorothy Mead Residence Hall will create long-term, cost-effective lodging at the Kemp Natural Resources Station. Funding opportunities for the project still exist. If you would like to support construction of the new Mead Residence Hall, you can make your gift payable to UW Foundation – Mead Residence Hall Project, P.O. Box 8860, Madison, WI 53708-8860. For more information, please contact Tom Steele at 715-356-9070.

From left: Marcy Heim, Dudley Pierce, Mary Pierce, William Willis, Doris Willis, Don Janssen, Greta Janssen, Jim Fralish, Barbara McEachron, Andy McEachron, Mary Mead Lamar, George Mead, Elton Aberle, Richard Straub, Tom Steele, Gail Janssen, and Rose Barroilhet. Not present are Gilbert and Jaylee Mead.





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Conflicts over Natural Resources seminar set for spring semester

A graduate seminar scheduled for the spring semester will explore a broad range of natural resource conflict situations. The one-credit course (Forestry 875) is taught by Peter Bloch and will meet on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:45 p.m. The seminar should be useful to students with interests in social forestry, environmental studies, political economy, and sustainable development. The course will take a global view in exploring such topics as the competition between loggers and environmentalists

over forest resources in Madagascar and Wisconsin, access to water rights in the Middle East and the western U.S., the role of natural resource conflicts in engendering wars, and access to land for people uprooted by war or social conflict. For further information contact Peter Bloch: pcbloch@wisc.edu

Monahan Forest - Not Your Typical Classroom

Born and raised in Eagle River, Wisconsin, Edmund H. Drager (UW-Madison undergraduate degree in 1956 and LLB in 1960) spent his childhood fishing for bass and bluegills on a small lake creat-

ed by glaciers and hiking through his family's forest, 360 acres of rolling hills and valleys. It was an ideal place to grow up, and he expected to return there after college to join his father's family law practice.

Instead, Drager accepted a job with a prestigious LaSalle Street law firm in Chicago, Illinois. "It was a good job, and I had a wonderful time living in Chicago," he recalls.

Drager, who fell in love with the Rocky Mountains while on a ski trip, moved to Colorado and continued to practice law. Now retired, he lives in

Vail, Colorado, but still returns each summer to Vilas County, where he welcomes UW-Madison faculty and students in wildlife ecology and forestry to the land his family calls Monahan Forest.

Drager's father, Ed (LLB 1927 from UW-Madison), bought the property in 1932 for hunting and the opportunity to mange a forest of his own. For the past 57 years, the family has managed the forest, keeping detailed records of harvests and other activities.

Students have an opportunity to study all aspects of a mixed-age, multiple-use forest, thanks to Drager's hospitality.

"Students need a place like this," he says. The forest

is home to many plant and wildlife species native to northern Wisconsin. A fire tower perches on a hill that Drager estimates is more than 1,900 feet above sea level, one of the highest points in the state.

Drager's commitment to sustainable forestry led him to donate two condominiums to the University of Wisconsin Foundation to establish a trust. The proceeds from the trust will perpetuate sustainable forestry research and teaching activities necessary to maintain the conditions that currently exist at the Monahan Forest.

"I've spent a lot of time growing up in the forest," says Drager. "I'm also ensuring that Monahan Forest will forever be a part of Wisconsin."

Ray Guries sees the benefits of Drager's gift every summer. "Students attending the forestry summer camps benefit from Ed Drager's generosity, as well as his commitment to sustainable forestry. The Monahan Forest is the scene of several hands-on student field exercises that enrich their learning experience," says Guries.

"Perhaps more important, the Monahan Forest provides students with concrete evidence that timber production, wildlife habitat, and aesthetics can all be achieved on a single, well-managed forest," explains Guries. – by Tracey Rockhill (*Reprinted with permis - sion from On Wisconsin, Spring 2002*).



Edmund Drager



Alum wins in Babcock ice cream contest

Alumnus Terry Droessler (BS 1981, MS 1983) scored a free gallon of Babcock ice cream for his role in formulating "Ag Hallberries on Henry Malt," a flavor to commemorate Ag Hall's 100th birthday this month. Terry suggested the new ice cream should highlight Wisconsin agricultural products, specifically rich cream, cranberries, barley malt, and eggs. The final product is a sweet, pink, cranberry-based ice cream with malted milk balls and a ribbon of chocolate. Terry, you bring the ice cream and we'll help you celebrate your accomplishment!

Forest Ecosystem Ecology web site updated

The Forest Ecosystem Ecology web site has been revamped. The site was designed and programmed by Lisa

renovate work space in Russell Labs.

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Thomas, a Forestry student. It contains research summaries, course materials for Forestry 550, staff personnel profiles, and a list of lab publications. Check the new web site out at: http://forestecology.forest.wisc.edu

Workshop explores global forestry issues

"Global Competition—Forest Product Import Export: How will it affect your future?" is the title of a workshop scheduled for Feb. 24, 2004, in Wausau, Wis. Organizers will bring together industry representatives and international experts to present a global picture of the forest industry and evaluate its impact on local markets. Speakers include Ed Pepke, Forest Product Market Specialist from Geneva, Switzerland; Peter Ince, USDA Forest Service economist; Dan Meyer, associate editor of the *Hardwood Review*; Dan Masters, President, Richardson Brothers Co.; Fred Souba,

Stora Enso; and Scott Bowe, Dept. of Forest Ecology and Management, UW-Madison. The cost is \$100 and includes materials, lunch, and breaks. For further information, contact LSLA Education, Inc. by telephone at 906-774-6767 or by e-mail at lakestates@chartermi.net



Forest Ecology and Management Capital Fund

We invite you to join us in our efforts to establish a capital fund. Proceeds will be used to support student travel to

professional meetings, help cover the costs of the summer field camp and the southern trip and to

If paying by check, please make your gift payable to UW Foundation Forestry Fund, University of Wisconsin Foundation, 1848 University Avenue, P.O. Box 8860, Madison, WI 53708-8860

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