When the College was founded in 1907 as the UW School of Forestry, our Northwest forests seemed limitless. The region was the center of the timber industry and by 1910 Washington led the nation in lumber production. But the need for long-term resource management was just beginning to be recognized as an academic discipline. Forestry education at the UW was an early response to a growing understanding of this need.

In 1894 the UW's Department of Natural Sciences offered a course on forest biology, followed by a two-quarter course in the Department of Terrestrial Physics and Geography. In 1897, Professor Edward Meany, later UW President, was appointed Lecturer in Forestry, and in 1901 forestry became a department in the College of Liberal Arts. In 1905, Meany developed a general forestry course for public schoolteachers, beginning forestry outreach at the UW.

In 1907 the School of Forestry opened with eight freshman and two graduate students. A Master of Science in Forestry was approved in 1908 and was first awarded in 1909 to Alexander Jackson for research on Douglas-fir. A Doctor of Philosophy in Forestry followed in 1933 and was first awarded in 1936 to Alan Bailey for research on lignin and cellulose. In 1934, Estella Dodge was the first woman granted a UW forestry degree. The School of Forestry became the College of Forestry in 1910 and the College of Forest Resources in 1967.
For many years the College served the UW’s mission and regional needs by grouping professional interests into forest management, logging engineering, and forest products. These programs, focusing on land and resource management, forest harvest operations, and the conversion of timber into products, continued into the 1960s. Over the last 40 years, responding to the increased importance of environmental and natural resource sustainability, global trade and climate issues, and the amenity values of forests, both urban and rural, the College has transformed its programs to serve changing societal and employment needs to develop new areas of expertise.

Demands for environmental services and protection; for sustainably managed forests, forest products, and urban ecosystems; and for keeping working forests as a preferred land use will intensify as the Pacific Northwest’s (and the world’s) population grows and urbanizes.

The science and technology to meet these demands require interdisciplinary collaboration, a global perspective, and flexibility. With new remotely-based technologies using multi-spectral sensors, new products from bio-based materials, new forms of bio-energy, new challenges resulting from global warming and invasive species, and new paradigms to better understand human interactions with urban and wildland ecosystems, the “forestry” of the 21st century will continuously transform itself. It will become broader, more complex, and ultimately a more indispensable source of knowledge and expertise. Changes the College is making today will help create and sustain the resources of the future.


Engineers Without Borders Goes to Bolivia

Forest hydrology Professor Susan Bolton is a faculty mentor for the UW student chapter of Engineers Without Borders (EWB), a non-profit organization that seeks to improve the quality of life for people living in the developing world through sustainable engineering designs and training. Any project undertaken by the group begins with a site visit to the community requesting assistance. Bolton and two engineering graduate students, Donee Alexander and Stephen Hawley, recently returned from an assessment visit to Yanayo, a small Quechua- and Spanish-speaking community in the Andes region of central Bolivia.

Says Bolton, “For 500 years this small community has relied on traditional farming for its existence, but recent drought conditions are now threatening its way of life. A request to EWB for help with improving village water resources set our project in motion.”

The trip’s logistical challenges included continuing political turmoil over social reforms by the new Bolivian president and difficulty in communicating with the group’s in-country contact. The three learned that their contact could not accompany them to Yanayo, leaving them without a Quechua- to-English translator. “So all of our combined skills in Spanish were essential,” says Bolton. The flight to La Paz experienced electrical problems and was rerouted to Santa Cruz, allowing the travelers to acclimatize at 8,500 feet instead of 12,000 feet in La Paz! They then flew to Cochabamba, the city nearest Yanayo, where they met their in-country contact and visited the Peace Corps office. Two Yanayo village leaders, who had made the 13-hour trip by foot and bus to Cochabamba, served as guides on the tortuous road trip back to the village. Yanayo has a population of about 100, most of whom never travel a few miles from their homes. The village school provides classes only through the third grade; to continue their education, children must travel to other communities.

Says Bolton, “During our visit we held two very well-attended and lively community meetings and we visited sites of concern, including roads and water sources. We came away with at least five years’ worth of work that will help the community improve standards of health, living, and income. Initial projects will tackle improving stove efficiency and reducing household smoke which causes respiratory ailments and eye irritation, improving roofs to decrease habitat for disease vectors, such as Chagas disease, and rainwater catchment for household vegetable gardens to improve health and nutrition. Longer term projects include improved road design and diversion of springwater for crops. The community also requested training in improved agricultural practices such as composting.”

“EWB is just one of the many opportunities for members of the UW community to be ‘world citizens,’” says Bolton. CFR grad student Rickie Chen did preliminary design on the rainwater catchment system for Bolivia and undergraduates Stephanie Adler and Paul Craven are working on soil enhancement and irrigation. In another EWB project, Monika Panfiglio is part of a group looking at land use and disease vectors, such as Chagas disease, and rainwater catchment for household vegetable gardens to improve health and nutrition. Longer term projects include improved road design and diversion of springwater for crops. The community also requested training in improved agricultural practices such as composting.”

See the Yanayo project website at http://www.nimret.org/ewb/brmspace/Bolivia+Project.
The $3 million raised during fiscal year 2006 helped us in our goal of transformation for the benefit of our faculty, students, supporters, and the world we serve — making it possible for us to attract and keep an outstanding and diverse faculty with opportunities for professional growth and well-prepared and motivated students with opportunities for enhanced learning, and to provide all of our teachers, researchers, and students with state-of-the-art facilities and infrastructure. We are grateful to each of you who share our commitment to discovery and exploration in our rapidly changing world.

The three-way partnership of support from state funding, sponsored research, and private donors helped the College achieve many successes in addition to those highlighted in this report:

- Successful faculty searches resulting in the hiring of nine new faculty for academic year 2006-2007 in fields including bioresource science, landscape plant science, remote sensing, natural resource restoration and management, quantitative landscape science, director of Center for Sustainable Forestry (silviculture and forest management), and natural products chemistry.
- Ongoing research and outreach programs in forest management, forest technology transfer, and the study of forested ecosystems carried out by the Precision Forestry Cooperative, the Rural Technology Initiative, the Stand Management Cooperative, the Olympic Natural Resources Center, the Center for International Trade in Forest Products, the Center for Sustainable Forestry, and the Wind River Canopy Crane Research Facility.
- A productive partnership with the Washington Pulp and Paper Foundation to fund scholarships and fellowships for paper science and engineering students.
- Progress in planning and fundraising efforts to implement the Washington Park Arboretum Master Plan.
- A healthy research program, with total expenditures of $8,588,421 in fiscal year 2006.

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

As the College begins its Centennial Year celebration, I invite you to join us in celebrating our 100th year of excellence in education, research, and service to the State of Washington and beyond. Our Centennial Year includes many special events and I encourage your participation. I am also honored to include in this centennial edition of the CFR News, our 2006 Annual Report to Contributors.

The core values of the College have sustained it for a century. They are values that have endured throughout great changes in the forestry profession and in the scientific disciplines upon which professional practice is founded. New discoveries continually broaden our scope of inquiry and allow us to provide enhanced service to land and resource managers and scientists and to citizens throughout the world. From our beginnings in 1907, our community of faculty, students, and staff has valued:

EXCELLENCE in research, teaching, and outreach, as we educate the next generation of leaders to help solve increasingly complex and global natural resources challenges.

RESPECT for the ecological, social, and economic foundations of sustainability and for the spirit of free and passionate inquiry that fuels the discovery of new knowledge.

ACCOUNTABILITY to our faculty, students, and staff, our stakeholders who benefit from our programs, and the public who values and supports the UW.

OPEN COMMUNICATION by which we share both the processes and results of our teaching and research enterprise.

We are proud to play a key role in promoting the UW’s vision and values. The vision and strategic priorities that make our institution “uniquely Washington” are demonstrated by the stories in this newsletter and by the gifts highlighted in the annual report. In all we do, we are committed to the UW standard of excellence, to the nurturing of an accessible and creative academic community, to the spirit of innovation that makes us world leaders in research, to our celebration of place in the awe-inspiring beauty of the Pacific Northwest, to our important role as world citizens, and to our commitment of service to the public good.

The highlights in our annual report demonstrate that private giving comes in many forms — through memorial gifts, gifts from faculty and staff, gifts that support the College’s engagement with important public issues, gifts from corporations, foundations, friends, and alumni — all contributing to programs as diverse as the College itself.

Our overarching goal in Campaign UW is to fund transformational change to provide world-class leadership in environmental and natural resource sustainability. We want to ensure the continuing excellence of our faculty, students, and staff and to provide for experiences, training, and facilities to help them discover, learn, and contribute to our mission. How are we doing in meeting our campaign goals? I’m pleased to report that, thanks to you, we are more than 90 percent of the way toward meeting our $17.7 million goal by 2008. With your generosity and support, we will continue our legacy of “creating futures since 1907.”

For updates on the year’s events, and for special centennial features, including an historical timeline of events and a roster of “100 alumni — 100 years of creating futures,” visit our website and click on the Centennial Year logo.

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Sustaining Seattle’s Heritage Urban Forest

Samantha Sprenger, one of six 2005 recipients of the Byron and Alice Lockwood Fellowship, is helping restore Seattle’s Duwamish Greenbelt. Part of the largest remaining contiguous forest within the Seattle city limits, the Greenbelt has suffered from a lack of resources and the absence of a large-scale management plan. Working through the UW Restoration Ecology Network, Sprenger and her team members helped develop a plan that involved community participation and future monitoring. “We removed invasive plants and planted native trees and understory. This will enhance wildlife habitat and hold soil in place, preventing erosion by preserving natural drainage systems and improving stability.” In providing support to recruit the brightest and best into the College’s graduate programs, the Lockwood Fellowship is helping sustain Seattle’s heritage forests, a fitting memorial to Byron and Alice Lockwood. These timber entrepreneurs, who arrived in Seattle in 1911, held a lifelong interest in forestry. They were fond of pointing out that their single biggest sale was providing lumber to build UW’s original Husky Stadium. The Lockwood Fellowship, along with the Lockwood Endowed Fund for Program Advancement, helps the College ensure the “UW Standard of Excellence” for generations to come.
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With a potentially huge supply of material
thinned from Washington forests, the state’s pulp
and paper mills could become the “biorefining”
backbone for turning woody plant material
into fuel and other products, says Professor
Rick Gustafson, holder of the College’s newly
endowed Denman Chair in Bioresource Science and
Engineering. The endowment was made possible
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Estimates suggest that enough ethanol could be
produced from crops, agricultural wastes, and
forest wastes to lower U.S. gasoline consumption
30 percent by 2030. But turning woody material
into fuel lags behind the technology of turning
crops and agricultural wastes into ethanol, partly
because it is harder to break apart the cells to get
at the useful chemicals inside. “Many fuels could
be made from woody biomass,” Gustafson says,
including automotive fuel, green diesel and, possibly,
jet fuel.” Other products that could be extracted
range from carbon fibers used for such things as
aircraft parts and golf clubs, to high-value polymers.
Creating new ways to use woody biomass would also
make it more affordable to thin fire-prone eastern
Washington forests and to enhance wildlife habitat
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the northwest environmental forum helps decision makers and stakeholders use science and policy to solve environmental and natural resource challenges. the forum serves as a centralized information repository that enhances collaborative research aimed at long-term solutions, and provides space for educational projects. the forum’s first project, “the future of washington’s working forest land base,” is an ongoing collaboration by representatives from forest companies, small landowners, environmental advocates, native american tribes, the legislature, government agencies, and land conservation organizations to safeguard the future of a healthy forest land base in washington state. a legislative grant in 2004 authorized a study by college researchers on threats to this future and a look at potential solutions. the forum recently considered the study’s preliminary findings and agreed that the state’s forests are threatened by a shrinking timber supply that affects industry competitiveness, global climate change that will have long-term effects on forest health, and urban land conversion that threatens biodiversity and other ecological values.

private support from a wide range of corporate, foundation, environmental nonprofits, and individual donors helps make the forum meetings possible. this support from a diverse spectrum of people with a wide range of viewpoints,” says forum director brian boyle, “demonstrates that people really are interested in solutions. it’s no small achievement for this group to be able to recommend a package of solutions.” legislative policy recommendations resulting from the study and from forum input will be developed by the washington department of natural resources.

Nature will bear the closest inspection. She invites us to lay our eye level with her smallest leaf, and take an insect view of its plain.

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Jo Ann Fray
Thomas Friberg and Shannon Johnson
Richard and Rhonda Getty
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Ben and Darre Harrison
William Hatherway
Thomas and Airline Hinckley
Otis Hyde
Carol Isaacson
Kari Kosnin

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Allan Treuer
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Yakama Tribal Natural Resources Scholarship

The Yakama Tribal Natural Resources Scholarship, a new endowment through the UW’s Faculty-Staff Retiree Campaign for Students, will support undergraduate students in the College who qualify as tribal members of the Yakama Nation and who are studying natural resource conservation and stewardship. This generous gift by Tom and Arline Hinckley, developed out of field trips led by Hinckley and other faculty members to the Yakama Nation as part of the College’s Environmental Science and Resource Management curriculum core classwork. Students learned about forest, stream, and grassland restoration being carried out by the tribe and how the geographic, biological, cultural, social, and economic components of the reservation interact and support each other. Over the last two decades, ten students from the Yakama Nation have been enrolled in classes at the College in some aspect of resource management. Many of them have gone on to natural resource leadership positions with the tribe. The geographic proximity of the UW and the Yakama Nation provide unique learning and exchange opportunities for students and faculty from the College and for students and staff from the tribe. Envisioned as a two-way learning opportunity and way to enlarge the College’s “academic community,” the scholarship will strengthen cooperative efforts to sustainably manage natural resources in the Pacific Northwest.
Spruce Tip Weevil
Can the Timber Industry Plant Sitka spruce?

Bob Gara joined the College of Forest Resources faculty nearly 40 years ago. Through the years, he and his forest entomology students have studied, among other insects, pollinators of meadow flowers near Mount Rainier, Douglas-fir beetles in the Cedar River Watershed, mountain pine beetles in eastern Washington ponderosa pine forests, Douglas-fir tussock moths, and spruce bark beetles in Alaska. One insect that has long been on his mind is the spruce tip weevil. He and his students have been trying to answer the question: Can the timber industry sustainably plant Sitka spruce?

Native to west coast North America, Sitka spruce is found from Kodiak Island, Alaska, to northern California, closely associated with cool coastal temperate rain forests. It is North America’s tallest conifer and an extremely valuable timber source, with sharp needles that prevent large mammals from feeding on tender young growth and shade tolerance that allows quick growth through brush and other competition. Its anatomical qualities enhance the resonance of stringed instruments; it is often used for piano sounding boards and guitar faces. Stronger than the same weight component of steel, it was once used in commercial airplane boards and guitar faces. Stronger than the same weight component of steel, it was once used in commercial airplane construction and is still used in shipbuilding and general construction.

The problem, says Gara, “is a tiny insect, the spruce tip weevil, Pissodes strobi. In coastal forests Sitka spruce, in a mixed conifer setting, coexisted with the weevil for centuries. But intensive single-species plantation management has resulted in weevil populations exploding to epidemic proportions. “Sitka spruce plantations are essentially weevil incubators!”

“The weevil flies in late spring whenever the ambient temperature is at least 6°F for at least an hour. Females chew niches into the spruce bark just beneath the terminal bud and then lay eggs. The emerging larvae bore down and feed on the succulent tissue of the previous year’s leader, killing it. Meanwhile, the terminal bud breaks and grows for a while, but then dies along with the tissues beneath it, killing two years of terminal growth. In the ensuing years a secondary bud forms a new leader, but the damage has been done and the stem will have a crook. Still later, a recently-developed terminal will again be infested by the weevil — a cycle in which Sitka spruce plantations are doomed to produce crops of crooked and deformed trees and serve as breeding grounds for new crops of weevils.”

Some work has been done on genetic breeding of trees resistant to weevil damage. Pest control methods also include planting location and tree spacing. Says Gara, “For over 30 years we’ve been studying how the weevil selects its host and how its host resists attack. We know the tree thrives in Southeast Alaska and coastal British Columbia where the weather is continuously cool and damp, a climate in which the tree maximizes its resinous defenses as it photosynthesizes its energy budget under cool, humid conditions. Under the warm, dry conditions of coastal Washington, Oregon, and northern California summers, Sitka spruce shuts down its photosynthetic capabilities during the hottest times of day, resulting in a smaller carbohydrate budget and thus less energy for maintaining defenses.”

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College Welcomes
Dr. Soo-Hyung Kim

Soo-Hyung Kim is the College’s new Assistant Professor of Landscape Plant Sciences and Sustainable Management. Appointed at the beginning of the current academic year, Kim was selected from a pool of finalist candidates in a nationwide search conducted last spring. He is one of nine new faculty members hired by the College during 2006.

Kim’s undergraduate and master’s degrees are from Seoul National University, where he studied agronomy and crop science. He came to the U.S. to pursue doctoral studies at the University of California, Davis, in ecology and horticulture; he received his PhD in 2001. From 2001 to 2006 he worked as a plant physiologist at the USDA’s Agricultural Research Service in Beltsville, Maryland, where he focused on understanding the responses of agriculturally important crop species such as corn to global climate change.

Says Kim, “My research interests include studying acclimation and adaptation of plants to increasing atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations and other climate factors involved in global change and urbanization. I also study the quantification of carbon and water relations of urban landscape plants and their ecological functions in urban ecosystems; modeling photosynthetic light use efficiency of agricultural and horticultural plants; and development of best management practices to improve water use efficiency and reduce runoff in urban landscapes.”

Kim is currently collaborating with L. Monika Moskal (another new faculty member) and others in the College to develop a way to estimate the carbon budget of urban forests, using the Washington Park Arboretum as the research site. The method will be based on physiological, process-based models coupled with Geographic Information System and remotely sensed data. The research will help assess ecological benefits and costs of urban forests in the context of climate change.

Kim teaches classes in selection and management of landscape plants, plant ecophysiology, and a field practicum in plant selection and management. His office is in Merrill 37 at the UW Botanic Gardens, Center for Urban Horticulture.

He and his wife Makiko and two sons Eugene (2) and Sean (5 months) have settled in Bothell and are “enjoying the winter weather in the Pacific Northwest.”

Look for additional profiles of new faculty members — Jon Bakker, Renata Bura, Sharon Doty, Greg Ettl, Dean Glawe, Josh Lawler, Monika Moskal, and Christian Torgersen in upcoming issues of the CFR News.
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Book Notes

Recent books published by College faculty and staff covered topics as diverse as invasive plants, the history of the apple, indigenous plant cultivation, and sustainable forestry. Associate Professor Sarah Reichard co-edited Invasive Species in the Pacific Northwest with UW Professor Dee Boerman and graduate student Amy Van Buren. The Story of the Apple, co-authored by UNRBS Director, Professor David Mabberley and Barrie Juniper of the University of Oxford, describes the history of one of America’s favorite fruits. The newly released paperback edition, Keeping It Living, co-edited by PNW CESU Research Coordinator Douglas Deur and University of Victoria Professor Nancy Turner, tells the story of traditional plant cultivation practices from the Oregon Coast to Southeast Alaska. Forests and Society: Sustainability and Life Cycles of Forests in Human Landscapes, edited by Kristina Vogt, Jon Honea, Daniel Vogt, Michael Andrews, Robert Edmunds, Joyce Berry, Raghbinder Sigurardt, and Toral Patel-Weynand, explores topics relating to sustainable forestry in a global context.

University of British Columbia Faculty of Forestry to Formally Cooperate with College

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed by the College and the University of British Columbia’s Faculty of Forestry on October 20, 2006 for the establishment of a cooperative program of academic and scientific exchange. The two parties believe that expanded collaboration will be of mutual benefit and the agreement will facilitate joint research and meetings; the exchange of invitations to professors and scholars for lectures, talks, and sharing of experience and participation in conferences, colloquia, and symposia; the exchange of faculty members and students for study and research; and the exchange of publications, data, scientific materials, and other information.

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CFR-UWAA Winter Lecture Series

The College’s Winter Lecture Series “Sustaining our Northwest World: Creating Futures since 1907” features presentations on February 8, February 22, and March 8: Steven Anderson (’79) on the history and contributions of Washington’s publicly owned forests and their importance to the future of the state, and College of Forest Resources Dean B. Bruce Denman on integrating knowledge and skills from technical disciplines with those from policy and management disciplines, providing collaborative learning environments, and developing forest managers capable of addressing the complex issues facing society and industry in the forest resources arena.

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College seeks to honor professor emeritus Grant Sharpe ('51, '56) with Memorial fellowship

*Grant Sharpe, more than any professor in my academic experience, bridged learning and career. Years after I left the UW, Dr. Sharpe continued to mentor me, positively affecting the growth of my professional life.* This tribute by alumnus Neil Johannsen ('75), former director of Alaska State Parks and now a private consultant, echoes the sentiments of all who were touched by the teaching and writing of Grant Sharpe, who died in 2006.

A faculty member of the College from 1967 to 1990, Sharpe taught, inspired, and encouraged a generation of students. He nurtured, cultivated, and shaped an entire profession by legitimizing interpretation as a profession as well as a field of study in higher education. With expertise in interpretation and wildland management with particular interest in parks and equivalent reserves, he was recognized around the world for his work. He founded the International Short Course on National Parks and Equivalent Reserves, developed an extensive undergraduate and graduate program in outdoor recreation, and created a successful internship program with Washington State Parks. He and his wife, Wenonah, authored many publications and graciously hosted hundreds of UW and international students at their home.

The College is honoring their lifelong work by establishing the Grant and Wenonah Sharpe Fellowship in Parks and Wildland Sustainability focusing on the conservation, restoration, and stewardship of natural and managed parks, open spaces, and wildland environments. Fellowship holders will continue the Sharpe legacy through research in natural wildland sustainability, including aspects of ecosystem science, natural resource economics, landscape ecology, and policy analysis. For information, contact Tom Mentelle, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, 206.543.9505 or trmente@u.washington.edu, or make a gift on line at http://uwfoundation.org/giving_opps/school_opps/forest_resources.asp.

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Professor Emeritus Ben Bryant ('48) is busy trying to preserve forests in developing countries by promoting an alternative to firewood. He founded a nonprofit agency promoting a simple technology that he developed to make fuel briquettes from agricultural residues and fibrous municipal and industrial wastes.

John Henden ('67) is Professor Emeritus at the University of Idaho. He lives in Sausalito, California, where he is an active consultant on wilderness and natural resource issues and continues oversight of the International Journal of Wilderness as Editor in Chief.

Elvira (Cabaustan) Fernandez ('69), is currently on the faculty of the College of Forestry and Natural Resources, University of the Philippines at Los Banos. She has 30 years’ experience in non-timber forest products and is currently the leader of a European Union project on forest products chemistry for non-timber forest products.

Ronald Skadsen ('69) is Research Plant Molecular Geneticist with the USDA’s Agricultural Research Service in Madison, Wisconsin. A current research project involves the analysis and control of gene expression in barley to influence quality and pathogen resistance.

Kamoji Wachiira ('69) is currently a Senior Fellow at the Consensus Building Institute in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He has worked for the Canadian International Development Agency on environmental policy and climate change. Originally from Kenya, Wachiira has taught university courses in Kenya and has over 20 years of hands-on international experience in environment and development policy. He has also served as Vice President for the Greenbelt Movement International.

Sue Wheatley ('73) retired in February 2007 after more than 34 years with the USDA Forest Service. She was Assistant Team Leader for Sierra Nevada Implementation at the time of her retirement. She also served as District Ranger of Big Valley Ranger District, Modoc National Forest for twelve-and-a-half years.

Bob Dick ('74) was recently elected President of the College of Forest Resources Alumni Association. Dick currently serves as the Washington Manager of the American Forest Resource Council.

Dale Johnson ('69, '75) serves as Professor and Interim Department Chair of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Science in the University of Nevada at Reno.

John Stednick ('73, ’79), is Professor and Program Leader of Watershed Science in the Department of Forest, Rangeland, and Watershed Stewardship at Colorado State University. His teaching and research interests focus on the effects of land use activities on water quality.

David Duggins ('80) is Marine Operations Supervisor at the UW’s Friday Harbor Laboratories (FHL). Duggins began his career as FHL Marine Tech while a graduate student doing subtidal ecological research. He is now the Supervisor of Marine Operations at FHL, with a long list of duties including diving safety officer, radiation safety officer, co-captain of the research vessels Nugget and Centennial, and chief pilot of the ROV.

Wilda Luktemoster ('82) serves on the Board of Directors of the Abe Keller Peace Education Fund. She lives in Sammamish, Washington and is an active hiker, camper, birdwatcher, and traveler. She also earned an MPA from the UW, and served as Contract Supervisor for the U.S. Corps of Engineers Chittenden Locks Visitation Program before retirement. She has served on the Peace Action Board and the United Nations Association-Seattle Board, chairs the Washington State Arms Trade Project, and is an active member of the Northwest Disarmament Coalition. She writes, “As an ‘elder’ alum, my forestry interests center around steering conversations toward forestry issues to make people aware of them. I am interested in research and faculty and student successes.”

Lyssa Tall Anolik ('92) lives in Portland, Oregon, where she teaches writing classes through Portland Parks and Recreation.

Clara Svendsen ('93) is Program Chair of Skagit Valley College’s Department of Environmental Conservation.

Tania Eilizier ('96) is working as the Forest Watch Director for the Lands Council in Spokane, Washington.

Jeanette Dorner ('99) is salmon recovery manager for the Nez Perce Indian tribe. The tribe recently celebrated the return of saltwater to 140 acres of the Nez Perce River estuary, where dike removal restored critical salmon habitat in south Puget Sound.

Kent Barr ('96) is working with the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC). He writes, “The DRBC is an interstate agency that helps to co-ordinate management of the Delaware River, its feeders, and the land surrounding it. I will be working with data sets, dealing with issues related to surrounding forest and farm land, and contributing a good bit of the economic portions to various projects. It’s more integrated management than strict forestry, but the skills I have from CFR dovetail nicely with what is needed!”

Daniela Sheblitz ('06) has been appointed Assistant Professor of Ecology at Skidmore College in New York.

In Memoriam

Warren Titon ('32)
Myron Savage ('48, ’51)
Ronald Whyte ('51)
Laurie (Butch) Koykka ('66, ’88)
Kyle Petersen ('05)

Upcoming Events Calendar

FEBRUARY 8 & 9, 2007
Centennial CFR/WWA Lecture Series, “Sustaining our NEW WILD,” UW CAMPUS

FEBRUARY 14, 2007
The Water Center Annual Review of Research, UW CAMPUS

FEBRUARY 10, 2007
Distinguished Alumni Seminar Series, UW CAMPUS

FEBRUARY 23, 2007
Graduate Student Symposium, UW CAMPUS

FEBRUARY 24, 2007
Olympic Peninsula Climate Change Forum, OLYMPIC NATURAL RESOURCES CENTER, TORRIL, WA

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APRIL 25, 2007
Graduate Student Lecture Open House, UW BOSIANE GARDENS

APRIL 26, 27, & 28, 2007
Washington Weekend-Centennial Open House, UW CAMPUS

APRIL 30
Centennial Forestry Issues Series, UW BOTANIC GARDENS

MAY 9
Centennial Scholarship Luncheon, UW CAMPUS

MAY 10
Centennial Grad. Day: Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest, EATONVILLE, WA

MAY 23
WCCF Annual Meeting, UW CAMPUS

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