This edition of the LOG is full of our alumni and their accomplishments. WSFR alumni certainly have a tradition of success, which is a tribute to our faculty past and present. We are many things as a school, but our principle function remains the education of tomorrow’s leaders. That said, currently we simply do not have enough students. Last spring we graduated thirty-five, however, we could have placed twice that many into professional employment positions. Please do us and a young student a favor and recommend the School as a place to begin a successful forestry and natural resource career. Pass along this copy of the LOG if they need proof.

One new area of professional education that was not available just a few years ago is the opportunity to study abroad. WSFR Professor Dr. Michael Tarrant, with the help of others, conducted study abroad courses for some 300 University of Georgia students (including 15 from WSFR) to Australia, Belize, Fiji and New Zealand this past academic year. This is just one of several study abroad opportunities that WSFR students will find at our School. Understanding other cultures and countries becomes much more critical in a global economy.

In addition to our study abroad programs, our professional student clubs and organizations continue to succeed in achieving their missions. The UGA student chapter has been honored as the “2005 Student Chapter of the Year” by the Southeastern Section of The Wildlife Society. All the faculty and staff join me in congratulating the members on this outstanding accomplishment.

On the continuing education front, you will read about a highly successful conference held here at UGA related to uses of forest and agricultural biomass for energy. Drs. Daniel Cassidy and Ben Jackson organized this conference to bring experts together and hopefully bring new biomass markets closer to reality. Our current energy crisis brings this topic to the forefront again, and makes biomass for energy or production of biofuels and bio-chemicals much more competitive and urgent.

Dr. James Sweeney will be completing an annual report for the School in March 2006. It is an amazing list of successes and accomplishments. The faculty and staff of the School are busy every day and it is helpful to periodically stop and summarize our achievements. I hope you will be as proud of the accomplishments reflected in the annual report as we are. Let us know if you would like a copy of the 2005 Annual Report.

Another publication that you will want a copy of is “The Centennial History of Forestry in Georgia: A Pictorial Journey.” This 160 page coffee table book reflects forestry in the 100 years since the School and the Georgia Forestry Association were founded. You won’t be disappointed. An order form is inside the back cover of the LOG.

Finally, a “thank you” to WSFR alumni and friends for your continued financial support of the School. Nearly 50 cents of each dollar it takes to maintain School operations comes from grants, contracts and giving. We could not carry out our education missions without your generosity.

Stay well and please drop by for a visit.

Richard L. Porterfield
Forestry is Georgia’s largest industry and contributes more than $20 billion and over 156,000 jobs to the state’s economy each year. Though these numbers look impressive, the state’s forest industry has unfortunately suffered economic hardship in recent years, especially as it relates to the significant decline in prices for the pulp and paper side of the business.

And while decreasing prices continue to stagnate industry growth in Georgia, and around the South, businesses that support the industry have seen their energy costs rise exponentially, further cutting into already thin profit margins.

So does the scenario of rising costs and decreasing prices portend the ultimate collapse of the forest industry across the state? Or could the steady increase in energy prices actually become a catalyst for the reemergence of this powerful economic engine?

This question is racing through the halls of the Warnell School of Forest Resources (WSFR) and some of its brightest minds believe that Georgia’s forests may hold one solution to the nation’s energy constraints. Optimism is growing as technological and scientific breakthroughs increase our ability to make fuel out of biomass.

Biomass – carbon-based organic materials found in forests and crops – “is a proven ingredient for creating ethanol and biodiesel fuels,” according to Daniel Cassidy, Ph.D., a postdoctoral research associate at WSFR. Presently, these fuels are price competitive with oil-based fuels, in part because they are considered a renewable natural resource that is easily extracted and will not run dry.

Biomass fuels are also much more environmentally friendly than fossil fuels for two reasons. First, they increase fuel efficiency in automobiles. Second, the burning of organic biomass releases only as much carbon dioxide as can be stored by a tree or crop.
over their lifetime, unlike fossil fuels that add new sources of carbon dioxide to the atmosphere. This is significant because carbon dioxide is the most prevalent greenhouse gas associated with global warming.

But while decades of research at Midwestern institutions has perfected methods for converting corn, the dominant crop of that region, into ethanol and biodiesel, research into using forest biomass as the raw material for liquid fuels is just now ramping up. “The new federal agriculture and energy bills passed by congress could be called the ‘Midwestern agriculture and energy bills’ with all the money going to support corn-based ethanol production,” said Bob Izlar, Director of the Center for Forest Business at WSFR.

In Georgia, however, limited corn is grown and the state could never compete with the Midwest in producing an adequate supply of that raw material. Trees are the largest crop in Georgia, and perfecting the conversion of forest biomass into fuel is a top priority of scientists and researchers at WSFR.

“The idea of replacing traditional gasoline with biomass fuels is increasingly attractive at a time when fossil fuel prices continue to skyrocket and timber markets decline in Georgia,” says Ben Jackson, Ph.D., Professor of Timber Harvesting at WSFR. Jackson is not alone in his belief that the time is now right for forest biomass to become a leading renewable natural resource for producing liquid fuels. The federal government awarded the Southern Forest Research Partnership, Inc., at WSFR, with a $1 million Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) contract, to continue advancing research into bioenergy development.

“As long as oil continues to cost more than $50 a barrel, bioenergy alternatives become economically viable,” Jackson argues. “If oil prices above $50 a barrel persist, then capital investment in bioenergy conversion technology can provide a better economic return than petroleum based fuels.”

With the federal money, Jackson organized the “Status, Trends, and Future of the South’s Forest and Agricultural Biomass” conference held at UGA this past September. At this conference, biomass experts from around the country came together to discuss the latest news and technology in the field, and also talk with southern timberland owners about their participation in a new market with almost unlimited potential.

The goal of the conference was to “build a foundation and understanding of biomass issues, bring together scientists to discuss regional work and to assist them in receiving additional grant funding for continued research,” said Cassidy.

In addition to the conference, Jackson used a portion of the federal money for hiring Cassidy to coordinate the “Sustainable Forestry for Bioenergy and Biobased Products Initiative.” This includes the development of an encyclopedia on biomass and bioenergy.

The ultimate goal of the federal government is to see if maximizing biomass resources in a sustainable...
manner can replace thirty percent of the United States’ dependency on petroleum based energy sources. This is equal to all of the oil the United States imports from six of the Middle Eastern nations that are most hostile toward it, according to K.C. Das, Ph.D., of the College of Agriculture and Environmental Science’s Department of Agriculture and Biological Engineering.

In addition to replacing some of the U.S. dependency on oil, biomass product and fuel development will also create new markets for southern timberland owners and farmers as their traditional markets become a declining revenue source. Educating farmers and timberland owners about these potential new markets will be the responsibility of the School of Forest Resources’ Outreach faculty, and perfecting usage of biomass products, such as fuels, adhesives, chemicals and pharmaceuticals, for consumers will be a responsibility of the proposed Center for Biorefining and Carbon Cycling at UGA. Once created (pending approval by the Board of Regents), the center will be an interdisciplinary organization involving the departments of engineering, chemistry, physics, biology, crop and soil sciences, forest resources and others.

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**Mark Your Calendars for Spring Wildlife Supper**

The Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society’s annual Wildlife Supper will take place Saturday, April 29, 2006 at Flinchum’s Phoenix. Exotic game dishes (beaver, rat, quail, deer, feral hog, alligator, coyote, and many others!) will be featured again this year, and there will be door prizes, raffles, and other prizes. Past prizes included shotguns, hunting stands, wildlife art, tents, camping gear, and a whole assortment of items. Faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends are invited to attend. This supper is held to benefit the Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society’s events for the year, including conclave, meetings, and outreach. Doors open at 5pm with food served at 6pm. Mark your calendars to attend! We are looking forward to another successful event this year!

For more information, contact the President of The Wildlife Society Student Chapter, Lindsey Kirkman: kirkmanl@forestry.uga.edu

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**Trout Unlimited Cold Water Fisheries Scholarship Created**

The Coosa Valley and Oconee River chapters of Trout Unlimited generously established the Cold Water Fisheries Endowment this year to benefit the Warnell School of Forest Resources. In an effort to “meet the challenges faced by cold water fisheries and grow the public awareness of this great resource,” the endowment will provide scholarship and research opportunities to students and faculty of WSFR Fisheries program. In particular, the endowment creates a scholarship for undergraduate students with a demonstrated interest in Cold Water Fisheries. This year’s recipient, Mark Fritts, received a one-time $1,200 scholarship.
From May to June 2005, 15 WSFR students were among the 300 students from the Athens campus who participated in UGA’s Studies Abroad in the South Pacific and Caribbean Program visiting Australia, Belize, Fiji, and New Zealand. The theme of the program is “Sustaining human societies and natural systems,” and students receive credit in forestry, ecology, marine sciences, and anthropology, among other courses. The program, based out of WSFR, is one of the largest in the nation and is under the direction of Dr. Michael Tarrant, Professor of Human Dimensions at WSFR, and Dr. Alex Brewis-Slade, Professor of Anthropology at UGA.

More information on Studies Abroad in the South Pacific and Caribbean can be found at: www.uga.edu/oie/southpacific

WSFR Recognizes Outstanding High School Achievers

The 57th Annual Georgia Science and Engineering Fair (GSEF), an event that includes more than 800 of Georgia’s exceptional high school and middle school students in science and engineering, took place April 7th-9th, 2005 at Stegeman Coliseum on the UGA campus. Each year the Warnell School of Forest Resources offers two special awards at this event to recognize outstanding research conducted by Junior and Senior level students within the field of forestry and natural resources. The Junior winner was Kevin Moore from Westside Middle School, and the Senior winner was Christina Faust (daughter of the late Dr. Tim Faust who was a former faculty member of WSFR) from Cedar Shoals High School.

Christina’s project not only won the state award for the outstanding environmental project, but also won the international award at the International Science and Engineering Fair held in Phoenix, AZ this year. She is currently a freshman at UGA double majoring in Ecology and Animal Science and has been recognized as a UGA Foundation Fellow.

The 58th Annual GSEF will take place April 8th, 2006, at the Athens Classic Center.
Professors Dale Greene and Bob Izlar led the annual Forest Operations Study Tour to give WSFR students a first-hand look at a range of forest businesses. Fourteen people, including ten current students, visited a dozen forestry operations belonging to seven firms across four states.

Who went on the WSFR Forest Operations Tour?

**Faculty:** Dale Greene, Bob Izlar, Brooks Mendell

**Graduate students:** Finto Antony, Matt Camp, Seth Freeman, Ben Hornsby, Hugh Lentile, III, Ryan Mattei, Tim Sydor

**Undergrad students:** Jason Attebury, Amanda Hamsley, Ray Meadows, Brad Phillips

**Monday, August 8**
Weyerhaeuser, MS/LA Region
Danny Hamsley (BSFR ‘77, MS ’79), Weyerhaeuser’s Southern Harvesting Manager, arranged a day-long tour of Weyerhaeuser facilities and contract operations in their Mississippi/Louisiana Region.

**Tuesday, August 9** Slaughter Logging, Clinton, LA
The group was hosted by Dennis Aucoin, owner of Slaughter Logging, who gave them a tour of his thinning and final harvest crews, then fed them a fabulous lunch of fried fish and boudin balls at his cabin on the Comite River.

**Wednesday, August 11** South Alabama
They spent the morning with Ezell Castleberry, President-Elect of the American Loggers Council on one of his in-woods chipping operations performing a thinning in Escambia County, AL. The afternoon was spent touring the operations of Woodlands Specialists – a turnkey reforestation and forest management contracting firm co-owned by Frank Corley.

**Thursday, August 12** Florida Panhandle
The day started with a tour of Georgia-Pacific’s massive new oriented strand board mill in Hosford, FL. The group was hosted by Dock Skipper and Joseph Bryan (BSFR ’04). They ended the day visiting a full-tree logging operation in Perry, FL operated by Gary Brett and Rodney Schwab, co-owners of M.A. Rigoni, Inc.

**Friday, August 13** South Georgia
The final stop was at the Buckeye Technologies pulp mill in Perry, where they were met by Gary Weathers (BSFR ’78) and Pat Barbaree (BSFR ’78). Dan Simmons hosted the visit.

In total, the group drove 1900 miles, ate BBQ or catfish at least six times, ate boudin once, and were constantly reminded that entrepreneurship and innovation are alive and well in the forestry community in the South.

Many of the fine people and operations that were visited on August 8-9 received the full force of Hurricane Katrina and Rita. We hope and pray that they are safe and their recovery is rapid.

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Faculty/Staff News

Bruce Beck, Professor and Eminent Scholar of Environmental Systems Analysis, together with colleagues from MIT and Duke University, has been awarded a $100,000 grant from the National Science Foundation for a project entitled “TransAtlantic Uncertainty Colloquium (TAUC): Making Environmental Decisions in Spite of Uncertainty.” The research will be conducted in collaboration with the US Environmental Protection Agency and a variety of policy-forming institutions in the European Union.

Bruce Borders, Professor of Biometrics and Mensuration, has agreed to serve as interim Director of the Plantation Management Research Cooperative. He will replace the previous director, Barry Shiver, who retired from his position at WSFR this past September.

John Carroll, Associate Professor of Wildlife Ecology and Management, was awarded a private grant from a cattle ranch in south central Florida worth $60,000/yr for 3 years, along with Ph.D. candidate James Martin, to study bobwhite quail ecology, specifically bobwhite broods on rangeland habitats.

Steven Castleberry, Assistant Professor of Wildlife Ecology and Management, was awarded a $29,000 grant from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to investigate inter-nesting habitat use and post-nesting movements of adult loggerhead turtles on the Georgia coast. This research will identify areas of potential interaction between commercial fishing vessels and female loggerheads during the nesting season. The information will be used to set regulations that will minimize interactions and turtle mortality. He also received the Faculty Award for Outstanding Teaching at the spring awards banquet in April.

Kim Coder, Professor of Forest Ecology, was the invited keynote speaker on “Community Forestry & Tree Health Care” at the fifth annual Regional Tree Protection Conference in New Orleans, LA (pre-hurricane), and invited lecturer on “Tree Health Care Issues” at the New England Grows trade show and educational conference, the largest professionals show on the east coast.

Sarah Covert, Associate Professor of Forest Biotechnology, was awarded a $112,830 grant from Georgia’s Traditional Industries in Pulp and Paper Program to study the biocontrol of annosum root disease of pine trees.

Joe Nairn, Assistant Professor of Forest Genomics, is a co-Principal Investigator on the project. The study will be performed in collaboration with MeadWestVaco and the U.S. Forest Service. Covert was also awarded $398,000 from the USDA National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program, along with Scott Gold, Ph.D. in UGA’s Plant Pathology Department, to study how certain fungal plant interactions lead to disease development and dissemination. In addition, she was awarded $25,400 from the United Soybean Board to study the fungus that causes Soybean Sudden Death Syndrome. This project is led by David Lightfoot, Ph.D. at Southern Illinois University and includes researchers from five different institutions in the midwest and southeastern United States.

Gary D. Grossman, Distinguished Research Professor of Animal Ecology, has accepted an appointment as Chair of the Publications Oversight Committee for the American Fisheries Society (AFS). In this role he will have oversight responsibilities for the North American Journal of Fisheries Management, the North American Journal of Aquaculture, the Journal of Aquatic Animal Health, and Transactions of the American Fisheries Society.

Gary Green, Assistant Research Scientist for the US Forest Service at WSFR, established a grant for $5,000 between the Tennessee Valley Authority and WSFR to examine the motivations behind people’s participation in outdoor recreation. He established another grant for $34,320 between WSFR and Georgia’s Department of Natural Resources entitled “To Examine Social, Demographic and Recreation Trends” for the State of Georgia Based Upon Data From the National Survey on Recreation and the Environment. In addition, Green established a cooperative agreement for $65,000 between WSFR and the U.S. Forest Service called “A Survey of the Recreational and Environmental Interests of the American Public: A Cooperative Research Proposal Phase I” to investigate American’s outdoor recreation participation and trends, and their environmental attitudes towards public lands.

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3 generations of WSFR students
William Flynn Miller, Jr. (BSF ’47), III (BSFR ’71), & IV (current forestry student).

Dean Porterfield greets influential alumnus Harley Langdale, Jr. (BSF ’37)

Bill Craft (MFR ’76) makes homecoming a family affair

Dean Porterfield recognizes Wendi Weber (MSFR ’97) with the Young Alumnus Award

Earl Smith (BSF ’65) joins UGA and the Dean roasting a Razorback

Reid Parker (BSF ’50) brings the whole family to homecoming celebration

Many grads, faculty and staff enjoyed the UGA Fisheries Society’s homecoming fish fry

More photos online! Visit: www.forestry.uga.edu/h/alumni/
The UGA chapter of the Blue Key National Honor Society presented the 41st annual Blue Key Service Award to Williamson (Bill) Stuckey, Jr., founder of Stuckey Timberland, Inc. and Carolyn Warnell Bryan, daughter of Daniel B. Warnell. The UGA chapter, started in 1926 as the second chapter in the nation, presents it’s award to distinguished citizens who have made major contributions to the state and the University.

Stuckey, a native of Eastman, has a bachelor and law degree from UGA and served as a U.S. Congressman from 1966 to 1976. He and his company have been generous contributors to WSFR’s alumni fund.

Bryan and her sister, Dorothy Warnell, honored their father with a gift that lead to the Forest Resources School being named for Daniel B. Warnell. She later made gifts of land including more than 3000 acres in Effingham Co. that is home to the Dorothy Warnell Research, Education and Demonstration Forest, and the Mary Kahrs Warnell Forest Education Center, which honors her mother.
Ron Hendrick, Associate Professor of Forest Ecology, has been appointed the new Graduate Coordinator at WSFR. He replaces David Newman, Professor of Resource Economics and Policy, who has accepted the appointment of Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

Daniel Markewitz, Associate Professor of Soil Site Productivity, received $160,000 from the National Commission on Science for Sustainable Forest along with colleagues Chris Cieszewski, Kris Irwin, and Bill Hubbard, to continue work on indicators of sustainable forestry and frameworks for carbon trading. He received a $50,000 grant from NASA with his colleagues at the Woods Hole Research Center to continue research on nutrient cycles in secondary forests as part of the Brazil led Large-scale Biosphere Atmosphere project in the Amazon, and he began a three year term as an associate editor for the Soil Science Society of America Journal.

Brooks C. Mendell, Visiting Assistant Professor in the Center for Forest Business at WSFR, was granted a joint appointment as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Banking and Finance at the Terry College of Business at UGA. He was also invited by The Society of American Foresters to give a presentation on “Integrating Communications Training into the Forestry Curriculum” at this year’s SAF National Convention in Fort Worth, TX in October.

Michael T. Mengak, recently promoted Associate Professor and Wildlife Specialist, was awarded a $51,600 grant from the US Forest Service to study non-formal environmental education, a $9,300 grant from the Berryman Institute for a post-graduate internship, and an $11,400 grant from Georgia Forestry Commission for landowner education. Mengak also presented a paper at the First National Master Naturalist Conference in Estes Park, CO on the Georgia Master Naturalist Program and presented papers at the First Annual Berryman Institute Conference in Logan, Utah on wildlife damage management in Georgia along with two of his graduate students, Danny Gammons and Lief Stephens.

Bob Ratajczak, Research Professional, was elected to a 2nd term (1-year term) as the UGA Staff Council President in June 2005.

David Newman, Professor of Resource Economics and Policy, has accepted appointment as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. He replaces Bruce Bongarten, Professor of Genetics, in this position. As a result of his acceptance of this position, Newman was unable to accept an award from the Provost’s office to spend a year studying resource and environmental law at the UGA Law School.

Timber Mart-South Staff Tour Swedish Forest Operations

In late May and early June, Professor Bob Izlar and Sara Baldwin of Timber Mart-South, made a two-part research tour of Swedish forest operations. First, they attended a seminar on Swedish Forest Industry logistics, technology and wood supply costs at SkogForsk, the Swedish Forest Research Institute, in Uppsala, Sweden. Baldwin made a presentation on the competitiveness of the South’s forest industry. They then joined the Forest Resources Association’s Forest Operations Tour that ran the length of Sweden, from Umeå in the north to Värnamo in the south.

Industry representatives presented in-woods demonstrations of harvesting systems and a landowners’ association guided a visit through southern Sweden’s salvage operations in the wake of January’s disastrous winter storm. That tour ended with two days at the international Elmia Wood Fair. Izlar then participated in a Swedish Forest Certification Seminar in Stockholm. Their findings on Swedish harvest scheduling and wood procurement will contribute to ongoing studies of U.S. wood supply chain and its competitiveness in global markets led by Dr. Dale Greene under a grant from Wood Supply Research Institute (WSRI.)
Earlier this year, our band of seven from the Warnell School of Forest Resources Wildlife Program traveled to the Republic of Georgia to conduct research on the country’s endangered pheasant population. An enduring symbol of Georgian culture and once an important game bird, the pheasant’s numbers in the former Soviet republic have decreased, perhaps crashed, in recent years.

Dr. John Carroll, Associate Professor of Wildlife, was awarded a National Academies of Science and Engineering grant to begin a research assessment of the population and distribution of pheasants in Georgia; the first such effort undertaken since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. The grant also included money to provide research field experiences for students. In addition to research assistant and wildlife ecology Ph.D. candidate Brant Faircloth, Dr. Carroll invited wildlife undergraduates Ty Brooks, David Duncan, Mandi McElroy, Theron Menken, and myself to assist in the work.

In our briefings before the trip Dr. Carroll explained to us, “the scientific name of the pheasant is *Phasianus colchicus*. We are traveling, as did Jason and the Argonauts from Greek mythology, to the famous Phasis River and Colchis Valley of Georgia. This is where the Argonauts first collected pheasants and introduced them to Europe. Our goal is to determine if they are really still there.”

We spent most of April in eastern Georgia, living in a camp in the rural Alazani River Valley. In this region of Georgia, the Caucasus Mountains—which create the border with the rebellious Russian province of Chechnya—fill the horizon. Our camp overlooked the river, which is also the Georgia-Azerbaijan border. Living conditions at the camp consisted of an aluminum building with cots (complete with thriving bed bug and flea colonies), occasional electricity, and an outdoor squat toilet. During one of our more memorable evenings, the Captain of the Georgian border patrol joined us for dinner -- automatic weapons included. This proved useful later when several of us were detained by guards at the border. Generally our forays out of camp meant the constant accompaniment of armed bodyguards as well.

As much as we appreciated the concern and protection, we never quite understood the need, except for the constant presence of vicious sheep guard dogs. We were surrounded by amazingly generous people who served us extravagant Georgian meals, toasted, danced, and sang to us simply for being there. Our camp quickly began to feel like home and we were welcomed as though it was.

We traveled throughout the surrounding region conducting pheasant call counts to obtain distribution information. Pheasant numbers certainly seemed low; there were many areas where we did not hear or see any birds. Some of the transects nearest our camp, however, turned out to be the best places for spotting them. As Brant Faircloth said, “One of the interesting things about this field work is that we were able to personally see a number of pheasants in one of the two potential parts of the world from which they originated.”

In addition to pheasant surveys, we designed and conducted songbird and lizard research projects. We observed a variety of wildlife species during our work, among some of the most notable being Imperial Eagles, Demoiselle Cranes, European wolves, and wild cats, as well as Eurasian brown bear tracks. Local conservation groups are interested in this understudied part of Georgia and are using our survey data.

The international field research experience we gained in Georgia was inestimable. There is an element to such an undertaking that cannot be fully comprehended without experiencing it. Language barriers, safety issues, and political and economic circumstances create a multitude of problems and hindrances, all of which serve to make the accomplishment more satisfying. The research we conducted paves the way for Dr. Carroll and his new colleagues at the Georgian Faunal Protection Society and the Georgian Center for the Conservation of Wildlife to continue their work on behalf of a national icon.

After our stay in eastern Georgia, we were able to spend a short time in the capital city of Tbilisi before we returned home. In the company of our translators and new friends, we learned more about the history and traditions of Georgia and its people. There are definitely many cultural differences that we encountered during our stay, but there is also a common understanding that connects us all. Camus once wrote that in traveling to foreign lands, “the music of the world finds its way more easily into this heart grown less secure.” This visit afforded us not only an invaluable wildlife research field experience, but an immeasurably enriched perception of the world as well.
Elizabeth K. Mojica, Master’s degree candidate in Wildlife Management, received grants from the Georgia Ornithological Society (H. Branch Howe, Jr. research grant $2000) and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission ($32,782) to assist her in a research project on Bald Eagles entitled “Migration, range, and important use areas of Florida sub-adult Bald Eagles.” Mojica’s project will involve analysis of Bald Eagle migration information in the eastern U.S. and Canada for about 70 Florida-hatched eagles that were fitted with satellite transmitters.

Ibrahim Demir, Ph.D. candidate in Environmental Systems Analysis and Graduate Assistant for Professor Bruce Beck, published a co-authored journal article and presented his research at an international conference over the summer. His article, “Cost Analysis of Alternative Methods for Wastewater Handling in Remote Regions,” was published in the Journal of Environmental Management, and he presented his research at the First International Conference on Natural Computation held in Changsha, China.

Odin Stephens, completed his Master’s degree in Wildlife Management and accepted a position as wildlife biologist with the USDA Wildlife Services in Virginia. His paper on food plot management, co-written with Professors Mengak and Miller, was accepted for presentation at the Southeast Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies annual conference and published in the proceedings of the SEAFWA.

Holly Rutledge, completed her Master’s degree in Wildlife Management and accepted a position as a Research Professional at WSFR working on non-formal environmental education.

James Martin, Ph.D. candidate in Wildlife Management, received a three-year/$180,000 private grant through a cattle ranch in south central Florida to study bobwhite ecology on rangeland habitats. He received this grant and will conduct the study with the assistance of Dr. John Carroll of WSFR and Dr. Bill Palmer of the Tall Timbers Research Station.

Natalie Hyslop, Ph.D. candidate in wildlife, was invited to co-author the eastern indigo snake species account in the upcoming book, “The Amphibians and Reptiles of Georgia.” Publication is expected in 2005/2006. She was also invited to present her research on “Seasonal Refuge Requirements of the Threatened Eastern Indigo Snake (Drymarchon couperi) in Southeastern Georgia” at the International Ichthyology and Herpetology conference in Tampa, FL.

Aaron Joslin, Master’s degree candidate in Forest Resources, recently returned from 8 months in Brazil where he spent a semester studying at the University of Vicoso (four hours north of Rio de Janiero) and establishing a research project using mixed species planting of tropical hardwoods. His research was partly funded by a $5,000 IDEAS grant from the University of Georgia’s Office of Public Service and Outreach.

Brant C. Faircloth, Ph.D. candidate in Wildlife Management, published a co-authored journal article with Drs. John Carroll of WSFR and Bill Palmer of Tall Timbers Research Station entitled, “Post-hatching brood amalgamation in Northern Bobwhites” in the spring issue of the Journal of Field Ornithology. Faircloth, in collaboration with Ph.D. candidates Theron M. Terhune and Soo Hyung Eo and Master’s candidates Allison Reid and Teresa Valentine, also published an article, along with Drs. John Carroll, Joe Nairn, William Palmer, and Travis Glenn, entitled “Tetrancleotide, trinucleotide, and dinucleotide loci from the bobcat (Lynx rufus)” in Molecular Ecology Notes.

Josh Romeis, Ph.D. candidate in Hydrology, and his advisor, Dr. Rhett Jackson, received an $18,000 grant from the USGS Water Resource Research Institute in Georgia. The grant will support a study of storage and transport mechanisms for phosphorus export from three small watersheds within the upper Etowah River watershed that differ in terms of poultry litter management. In addition, Josh will present “Evaluation of Total Phosphorus in the Altamaha-Ocmulgee-Oconee River Basin of Georgia, USA” in November 2005 at the Annual Conference of the American Water Resources Association in Seattle.

“Hairy” Dawg finds home at WSFR

Trey Dunn, a WSFR senior in wildlife and fisheries from Conyers, was selected this past summer to be the Bulldog Nation’s second favorite canine. “Hairy” Dawg for the 05/06 academic year. His duties as team mascot include special appearances, the pre-game dog-walk, and cheerleader at both home and away athletic events. “It’s like I know everyone on campus when I’m in the costume,” Dunn says. “It’s really a lot of fun.”
UGA’s Wildlife Society Wins
Chapter of the Year Award

The University of Georgia Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society received “The Southeastern Section TWS Student Chapter of the Year” award at the Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Fish and Wildlife Agencies in Saint Louis, Missouri on October 18, 2005. The UGA chapter was selected from among the 21 student chapters throughout the Southeast. The award recognized the chapter’s excellent record of activities and accomplishments in 2004. Community outreach activities included participation in Hunters for the Hungry and Outdoor Adventure Day sponsored by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, assisting with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service booth at the Atlanta Hunting, Fishing, and Outdoor Show, and judging events at the Forestry Field Day for Georgia FFA students. The chapter also attended the Southeastern Wildlife Conclave and hosted the annual Wildlife Supper and Chili Cook-off. The award includes $1,000 to fund travel for student representatives to attend the annual conference.

Awards Recognized in Spring 2005

AgHill Outstanding Senior
(certificate)
Susan Pierce

Blue Key Honor Society
(membership/certificate)
Scott Stanfill; Evan Sussenbach; Sara Johnson; Nina Wurzburger

Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges
(certificate) - undergraduate
Erin Moore; Evan Sussenbach; Scott Stanfill

Forest Service Science Award
(Certificate provided by Forest Service)
Erin Moore

Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Senior
(certificate)
John Bryant

Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Sophomore
(certificate)
Anne Miller

Outstanding Senior in Forestry
(axe)
Justin Tyson - a forestry major from Colbert, GA, dedicates his time serving as a student ambassador and participating in the UGA Forestry Club. He is also a teaching assistant for Dr. Pete Bettinger.

Forestry Faculty Award
(WSFR plaque, silver bowl)
Erin Moore

Outstanding TA Award
(certificates)
Odin Stephens; Nina Wurzburger

Outstanding Senior in Wildlife
(WSFR plaque)
Mandi McElroy; Tyler Clemons

Students Presented at Honors Day
John Bryant; Amanda Hamsley; James Herrin; Anne Miller; Erin Moore; Adam Speir; Evan Sussenbach
Huntemann’s Career Highlights the Leadership of WSFR Graduates

WSFR graduates are frequently recognized for their superb contributions to forestry, forest business, and natural resource conservation. However, their contributions to primary and secondary forest resource education are frequently overlooked. J. Walter Huntemann (MSF ’52) is one of those graduates who should be recognized for his concerted efforts to bring forest ecology instruction to the school children of the metro Atlanta area.

Huntemann was born in Flushing, Long Island, N.Y. in 1924, and after graduating high school in 1943 he joined the U. S. Marines. During World War II he served in the Pacific theater for three years and took part in many campaigns, including the battle for Tulagi and Peleliu. While this battle was won by the Marines, the cost in lives was higher than anticipated. “I was happy to be alive and grateful my friends were safe,” Huntemann said. “I was also grateful for the ability of our Marines to secure the islands afterwards.”

Upon being honorably discharged from the Marines, Huntemann was accepted into the University of Georgia’s School of Forestry in 1947. The University was inundated with a tremendous influx of returning veterans that year, so in response to the challenge of educating all the new students, UGA set up a temporary campus at an old government facility in Savannah. It was at this facility that Huntemann attended his first year before completing his remaining class work at the main campus in Athens.

During his junior year Huntemann married his wife Susan, now of fifty-five years, and a year later they had their first child while living in the “Married Housing” trailers on campus.

Huntemann completed his undergraduate degree (BSF) in 1951 under the supervision of L. W. R. “Doc” Jackson. While exploring his post-college employment opportunities, Jackson asked him to enter the UGA Graduate School and attempt to complete a Master of Science degree in Forestry with a focus on Silviculture. “He just suggested it and my wife, Susan, did the persuading,” Huntemann recalled. “She said we were settled at the University, so why not stay on and leave with a second degree.”

“Doc” Jackson was a tremendous help in assisting Huntemann in his choice of a Silviculture thesis. The decision was jointly made to conduct the first pioneering research in the then nascent use of aerial photographic telemetry to study the relationship of diameter breast height to crown diameter as it directly relates to the amount of timber a tree can produce. Huntemann completed his thesis in 1952 and was awarded a Master of Science degree in Forestry.

After fourteen years working for the Georgia Forestry Commission and McNamee Clay Company, Huntemann was hired in 1966 for what turned out to be his most ambitious and rewarding job, Director of Forest Resources for Fernbank Science Center in DeKalb County, GA. The Fernbank Forest is a 65-acre tract of relatively undisturbed mature mixed hardwoods; a small remnant of the type of forest vegetation that originally covered the Piedmont region of Georgia, including the Atlanta metropolitan area.

During his twenty year tenure at Fernbank, Huntemann developed innovative education programs using the Fernbank Forest as a “living laboratory,” which helped turn the center into one of Atlanta’s most prized education facilities. In all, he taught over 50,000 students. “I introduced countless numbers of children to forest ecology from pre-kindergarten to college level,” Huntemann remembered. “Besides managing Fernbank Forest, Jim Cherry put me in charge of all trees on all campuses. He loved his trees as much as I did.”

Upon retirement from Fernbank, the center honored Huntemann for all of his contributions to its growth and development by renaming the facility’s centerpiece Fernbank Pond the “Huntemann Pond.” Today, Walter and Susan, are quietly enjoying their retirement in the Blue Ridge mountain region of North Georgia.

We here at WSFR congratulate Walter Huntemann on his long and successful career and for his tremendous contributions to Natural Resource education for the school children of Georgia, and continue to wish him happiness and tranquility in retirement.
In September 2005, Nomad Press published and released *Riddle In The Mountain*, by Daryl Burkhard (MSFR ’94). Now living in Colorado, where she is originally from, Burkhard wrote the book to fulfill a long-time dream after spending five years working on open space preservation. “I am an individual that always needs new growth and opportunity challenges,” she said. “I’ve always wanted to write children’s books, and it was time for a new challenge.”

Essentially a blend of Celtic folklore with the Rocky Mountain west, *Riddle In The Mountain* is the story of three contemporary children who go ghost hunting under a porch and find something else. The book is targeted to readers age nine to twelve, “but adult reviewers have said it is more than just a kid’s story,” she said. It took her two years solid of research and writing before she had a piece of work to present to the publisher, and even then it was difficult to get a publishing contract. Once under contract, she spent two more years editing and reworking the story until it met her high standards.

Burkhard is also an M.B.A. graduate from UGA’s Terry College of Business with a degree in accounting and many years experience working in the number crunching field. So, how does novel writing stack up after a life of accounting and land management? “I’m science, math, business, so this is a new endeavor,” she said. “It’s very challenging. It’s probably the hardest thing I have ever done.”

As for today’s WSFR student, Burkhard has a little alumni advice: “Keep your options open and follow all your dreams.”
The cloud forest ecosystem of Costa Rica provided the setting for the first “Global Connections: Forests of the World” field experience in August 2005. Kris Irwin, WSFR Public Service Associate and a member of the Georgia PLT State Steering Committee, organized this exciting journey. The home base for the seven day trip was Ecolodge San Luis, located in the cloud forest of central Costa Rica. The Ecolodge is a 165-acre working farm owned by the University of Georgia dedicated to education outreach.

A unique and important component of the program was sharing activities from the draft “Global Connections: Forests of the World PLT Secondary Module.” Each day an activity from the module was shared. This served as the foundation for discussions about the ecological, economic, social and cultural aspects of the forests in Costa Rica.

Two school visits were woven into the schedule. The Cloud Forest School of Monteverde was highlighted by planting seedlings with young students. The School is restoring native vegetation to part of the School property. The students from Escuela Altos de San Luis provided a unique cultural experience for the group by doing some local dances.

The following entries are taken, with permission, from Kris Irwin’s personal travel journal. They will provide you with a taste of what the group experienced.

**Tuesday 8/2/05** - We arrived at the Ecolodge San Luis around 5:30 pm. After a delicious meal of chicken, rice, beans, and vegetables, the group was presented with a short orientation program.

**Wednesday 8/3/05** - The group hiked the 3-kilometer Communal Royal trail this morning. Our objective was to observe and investigate the ecology of the cloud forest. This was a great activity to acclimate participants to their surroundings. After lunch we gathered under the shelter of the outdoor classroom, out of the light rain and wind, to investigate common flora growing in the area. Working in small groups, we classified leaves based on their appearance.

**Thursday 8/4/05** - We traveled to the mountain community of Monteverde located near the continental divide. In the morning, we met Scott Timm, the Director, and Erin Boris, the Program Coordinator, of the Cloud Forest School (http://www.cloudforestschool.org/). This is a private school whose teachers conduct an exceptional EE program for their students. They truly use inquiry-based learning. We had a great time planting trees with the 2nd graders and then touring the campus.

**Friday 8/5/05** - The San Luis waterfall was our destination this morning. We traversed the muddy trail, crossed the stream over slippery rocks, climbed over logs, and scaled down the stream bank to reach the magnificent falling water. Several of us took a quick swim, and suddenly it was time to head back. During our group session it was pointed out that cultural aspects need to be included as often as possible in the activities of PLT’s new module.

**Saturday 8/6/05** - This morning’s activity was forest sampling. We broke into three groups. Each group spent an hour in the field collecting data about the soil pH, wind speed and direction, and canopy density.

**Sunday 8/7/05** - Our last day was spent visiting one of ten farms that compose the Finca de Bella (Beautiful Farm). The farmer, Hilbert Lobo, was very happy to host our group. We learned about the process of growing and marketing shade-grown coffee. We also got to eat bananas right off the tree and drink fresh squeezed sugar cane juice. Mr. Lobo’s farm is an excellent example of multistory cropping, a common agroforestry practice in tropical ecosystems. We had an exceptional experience in a short amount of time.
In 2006, The Warnell School of Forest Resources will be celebrating its Centennial Anniversary and wants to invite all friends and alumni to join us at planned events.

So, as you begin to plan your schedule for 2006, be on the lookout for details of the following events:

**Week of February 20, 2006**
Centennial academic events begin with Colloquium speaker John Gordon, former Dean of the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Science, followed by the Graduate Student Symposium and Round Table Discussions later in the week.

**WSFR Birthday Party. . .**
invitations for After-hours events being held in your area in spring ’06 will be distributed soon. The After-hours events will follow our traditional format with the Dean and faculty sharing information about the School followed by a birthday cake celebration.

**July 2006 GFA Annual Meeting. . .**
will be held in Athens, GA. WSFR will be participating with several Centennial celebration opportunities.

**Homecoming 2006:**
Though the date has not yet been chosen by the Athletic Association, we are planning to add new activities to next years Homecoming, such as a skeet shoot and a casual dinner / dance. These events will be in addition to the traditional Homecoming golf tournament, alumni social, alumni symposium, and game day tailgate. Make your hotel reservations early and plan to be in Athens in October for the culmination of our Centennial Celebrations.

For more information on listed events, or events added at a later date, contact:

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WSFR Remembers A Good Friend

by Helen Fosgate

Gloria B. Harrison,  
of Winterville,  
Georgia, former  
business manager of the Warnell School of Forest Resources, died  
October 30, 2005. She was 62.

Ms. Harrison, wife of the late Charles Harrison and mother of the late Jeffrey Harrison, was a graduate of Oglethorpe County High School and Massey Business College in Atlanta. She began working for the School of Forest Resources in 1980. In her 25-year career at UGA, she was promoted six times and twice received the Alumni Society’s Outstanding Staff Award. She retired in 2004. Her former supervisors and colleagues remember her as “honest, highly professional and dedicated in a quiet way that set an example for others.”

Prior to coming to UGA, Ms. Harrison worked for Webb Crawford for 17 years, where she was the first woman to be promoted to a buyer. She was a member of Winterville First Baptist Church and the Majestic Southern Belle Red Hat Society of Athens.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Craig and Nicole Harrison of Charlotte, NC; sisters Bobbie Shumake and Shirley Chambers of Winterville; Elaine Young of Comer; and grandsons Steven and Blake Harrison.
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