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BOB'S CORNER

Natural Resources Week Program. We're off
and running for a bangup symposium and
alumni activity program during Natural
Resources Week April 21-22! Indications
are that it will exceed the outstanding
conclave we had last year.

We have a great committee of Bill Bur-
bridge, Dave Baumgartner, Ralph Cisco,
John Neuhold, Art Smith, Bob Safran, Bud
Phelps, Al Regenthal, Basil Crane, Thad
Box, Mary Lu Roskelley and "Duke" Golden
who have been working hard to produce a
rewarding program and a memorable alumni
gathering.

Several classes, who will be celebrating
their decades event are working on reun-
ions of fellow classmates. The alumni
reception on the 21st, and luncheon on the
22nd, will be special features in the
week's festivities.

Swan Song. This is my last "Corner" article as CNR Alumni Association Presi-
dent. It has been a rewarding experience
to work with fellow alumni and the College
staff this past year. Together we have
moved our association towards stronger
support of CNR and greater camaraderie
among ourselves.

We have seen a resurgent interest in the
Association through the newsletter and
our annual conclave. Our support of
scholarships and endowments has increased
many fold. We are closer to students
through annual rap sessions and work on
Resources Week program. Our retreat with
the Deans and Department Heads has given
opportunity to help with CNR programs.

Lastly, I wish to thank Dean Thad Box for
his vital support of the Association: he's been behind us all the way! John
Neuhold has been invaluable in represent-
ing us with the College and in his liai-
sion to our group. Dick Fisher, Joe
Chapman, Chuck Gay and Fred Wagner have
given us an opportunity to work closer
with the faculty. Mary Lu Roskelley has
done a great job with our promotional and
communication tasks, while Mary Gnehm has
given able assistance to our many clerical
needs.

Of course, I owe a debt of gratitude to
fellow officers of the Association, Dave
Baumgartner, Bill Burbridge and Carl
Johnson; and to all who have served on
committees during the year. Your will-
ingness and enthusiasm has helped make
all these good things happen.

We're on a roll, let's keep up the momen-
tum by supporting our Association and
CNR!

CNR WEEK PROGRAM SET

The CNR students will kick off their
program on Monday, April 18, 1988.
Alumni will join with their activities on
Thursday, April 21, 1988. The following
is a schedule of the alumni activities:

Thursday, April 21, 1988

All Day - Alumni rap sessions with CNR
classes.

05:30 pm - Alumni reception.
Friday, April 22, 1988

07:30 -10:30 am - Rap sessions continue.

11:00 am - 12:00 n - Keynote Address to Conflict Resolution, a symposium.

12:00 n - 02:00 pm - Alumni luncheon and business meeting.

02:00 pm - 05:00 pm - Conflict Resolution, a symposium continues with panel discussions.

06:30 pm - CNR Awards Banquet

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Dr. James E. Crowfoot, Dean and Professor of Natural Resources and Urban and Regional Planning, School of Natural Resources at the University of Michigan will present the keynote address on "Conflict Resolution in Natural Resources". The keynote address will be followed by a panel discussing the various aspects of conflict resolution. Panel members include: Constance E. Brooks, Vice President and General Counsel, Mountain States Legal Foundation; Richard Carter, Executive Director, Utah Wilderness Association; Matthew B. Connolly, Jr. Executive Vice President, Ducks Unlimited, Inc.; Paul F. McCawley, Extension Range Specialist, Utah State University; and Roland G. Robison, Deputy Director, U. S. Bureau of Land Management.

QUINNEY FOUNDATION GIVES
GRANT TO CNR

The Joe and Jessie Quinney Foundation will give $1.8 million over the next five years to the College of Natural Resources. The funds are to be used for a Quinney library addition to the Natural Resources Building as well as for the purchase of microcomputers for the CNR undergraduate teaching program, a visiting scientist program, a high school natural resources curriculum development program and an undergraduate scholarship program.

The announcement was made by the Quinney Foundation Board of Trustees. Although the Board did not mandate a matching requirement for the grant it did challenge the USU administration to maintain a high level of support for the College of Natural Resources. The CNR Alumni and friends are also encouraged to come forth with assistance and contributions in support of CNR programs. Together, the Board feels, its contributions, the administration, alumni, friends, faculty and students can make and maintain the College of Natural Resources the premier such institution in the United States.

The Board includes members of the Quinney family and Joe Quinney's former law firm partners. The Board is responsible for administering the Salt Lake City based Foundation's resources and seeks to follow Quinney's interest in natural resources.

Joe Quinney was a devoted outdoorsman. He was largely responsible for development of Utah's ski industry when he took over the old abandoned mining town and turned it into one of the premier skiing areas in the United States. As an ardent duck hunter he was instrumental in the development of waterfowl marshes in Utah. He also had an abiding interest in Bear Lake and lent his considerable influence in its development.

Alumni will soon be asked to help locate students for scholarships, donate portions of their personal libraries to the College, and help establish endowments for use when the Quinney grant expires.
COLLEGE NEWS

Fisheries and Wildlife

Dr. Bill Helm will be hanging up his waders this June. Bill will be going on emeritus status after 29 years with the department and 36 years in the profession.

The department is currently looking for his replacement. The Department is also seeking to fill the assistant Unit Leader for wildlife. The Fisheries Unit and the Wildlife Unit were recently merged into a single unit. Dr. John Bissonette is the Unit leader of the combined unit and Dr. Tim Mody is the assistant leader for fisheries. The wildlife position will fill out the complement.

Ron Goede ('62) was recently honored by the Bonneville Chapter of the American Fisheries Society as "Distinguished Scientist". Darcy Neverman, an M. S. student with Wayne Wurtsbaugh, won the "Best Student Paper" Award at the recent Bonneville Chapter meeting.

Range Sciences

Kendall Johnson who has been on sabbatical leave at Texas Tech will be joining the faculty of the University of Idaho as Head of their Range Science Department. The move is effective immediately.

Jim Richards was recognized by the Society of Range Management at its recent annual meeting in Corpus Christi as the year's "Outstanding Young Professional. Also honored at the meeting were "Fae" Busby, former extension specialist; Don Dwyer, former Department Head; and Kendall Johnson with election as RMS Fellows.

The College of Natural Resources

Since 1950 the college faculty has grown from 13 to 56. During the same period the full time faculty equivalents supported with teaching funds have gone from 13 to 17 and the College's annual research budget went from approximately $20,000 to over $13 million. Graduate student enrollment increased from 20 to 114, while undergraduate enrollment declined from approximately 300 to 200. Since 1927 alumni have increased until over 4600 of us earned at least one degree from the departments within the college.

NEWS OF ALUMNI

Class of 1936

Paul A. Grossenbach, Ashton ID (Summer) and Green Valley AZ (Winter) retired from the Forest Service in 1967 and went into the logging contracting business, then into slash disposal contracting, summers only, and bought a small saw mill which he still operates when the demand rises.

Class of 1937

G. R. "Pink" Madsen, Florence AZ travels in trailer about 6 months of the year, into wood carving, outdoor photography and conservation writing. Sings old time and western songs on visits to rest homes where he is trying to make "brownie points" for the future.

Class of 1939

Paul S. Rattle, Moab UT, served on the College Advisory Board for a number of years and was helpful in getting our building. He keeps in touch with us on missing alumni.
Class of 1940

Ray W. Anderson, a resident of Payson UT for 40 years, retired from the Soil Conservation Service. He and his wife, Lois, have 3 daughters, 16 grandchildren and 10 great grand children.

Class of 1941

Max S. Coray, Honolulu HI, spent 42+ years in government service: 4 years in paratroops, 34 years with the SCS and 4 years as State Executive Director Agricultural Stabilization Conservation Service. He retired in 1984. He and his wife, Carla Rae Winn have lived in Hawaii the past 30 years. They have one daughter and one grandson.

Class of 1943

S. L. "Buck" Cuskelley, Ogden UT, trains and races quarter horses with moderate success. He writes and photographs on quarter horse racing as Northwest Representative of Quarter Week Magazine. He had two cover pictures each of the last two years.

Class of 1949

Marvin W. Pearson, Craig CO, is retired, doing some traveling and remains active on Lions Club projects and volunteer work for church and community.

Harry J. McCarty, Eugene OR, retired from FAO in 1981 and currently operates as a self-employed consulting forester gaining several overseas contracts each year with international organizations and the U. S. government.

Lowell J. Udy, Aurora CO, is retired from the BLM and doing oil and gas consulting work.

Class of 1950

Bob Conlin, Stuart FL, retired as a colonel from the USAF after 30 years of service, the last 12 years in the Air Force's Space Mission. He has been fishing and delivering boats since and building a home on a golf course in Stuart. He will be chartering fishing trips for trophy fish. For anyone interested he can be reached at 6500 S. W. Winged Foot Drive, Stuart FL 34997.

Class of 1954

John Niebergall, Ferron UT, didn't have any news to pass on other than to tell us where Billy Dye is (his name appeared on the 'Lost Alumni' list). John says, "he's not really lost he just acts that way."

Class of 1955

Robert E. Johnson, Sequim WA, retired in April 1987 after 32 years with the Los Angeles County Department of Forester and Fire Warden, the last five years as Head Deputy Forester in charge of the Forestry Division.

Class of 1958

Robert W. Williamson, lives in Fairfax, Virginia.

Class of 1959

Paul H. Skabelund, Springville UT, still works in watershed management for the Uinta N. F. In December, 1987 he received the Presidential Citation from the Utah Section of SRF for "Outstanding Contributions in the Area of Watershed Management". He's busy trying to get a bunch of his sons through school. Third son, Shawn, received USU's Robbins Award last May and graduated in Fine Arts. Fourth son, Lee, will graduate from USU
USU in May with a degree in landscape architecture. Oldest two boys went astray and graduated from BYU. Both are in graduate school.

Class of 1966

George T. Morrison, Yuma AZ, left NPS in 1977 for the USFWS. As an Outdoor Recreation Planner he works on five refuges and one fish hatchery along the lower Colorado River. He moved to Yuma in 1964 with his wife, Betty, and six offspring. Oldest son, Larry, is in Range Management at USU.

Class of 1969

Glen Secrist, Woodbridge VA, left Boise ID for Northern Virginia in July, 1986. He serves as a range conservationist on the Branch of Range Management, Division of Rangeland Resources, BLM headquarters in Washington DC.

Class of 1970

Bruce Schmidt, Sandy UT, is Chief of Fisheries, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. He is married to Jackie Gilmor, USU '71. Bruce and Jackie have two children, Valerie (8) and Michael (1).

Jonathan P. Secker, (MS), Victoria BC, spent two years in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan with the Canadian Wildlife Service. He has been with the Province of British Columbia in Victoria since 1973, initially as Coordinator of Environmental Services for the Lands Division of the B. C. Ministry of Lands Forests and Water Resources and most recently as Manager, Impact Assessment (industrial/energy/transportation) and Coastal Programs in the Ministry of Environment and Parks. He is presently on secondment to the B. C. Native Affairs Secretariat as Director, Natural Resources Management. His wife, Nancy, who was a student of Fine Arts at USU, produces batik scarves and hangings and is a partner in a local craft store, The Side Street Studio. Sons Jordan (Logan born) and Aaron are now 18 and 15 respectively.

Richard Valdez (MS) (PhD, '75), Logan UT, is currently a senior aquatic ecologist with BIO/WEST, Inc. Currently works on Cataract Canyon studies of winter habitat for endangered species. He also serves as a consultant to several agencies and private organizations.

Bill C. Self, Ogden Ut must have a great deal of internal conflict when Natural Resources Week and Engineering week come on! After graduating with his BS in wildlife he went on for his degree in civil engineering and worked successively for BOR, Army COE, BLM, a major pipeline company and a nuclear power firm. The last 8 years he has worked as the Regional Dams and Hydraulics Engineer for Region 4 of the USFS. He says that having a degree in both natural resources and engineering has proved to be quite an advantage to him since he knows who is lying on either side. He also teaches writing in Ogden for Continuing Education and writes for several national and state magazines. He's still married to the same wife, Liana, and skis with his sons, Bill (18) and McKinley (16) as much as possible. He tools around in a vintage Jaguar terrorizing Yuppies on I-15.

Class of 1972

Frank J. Nemanich, Grand Junction CO, returned to USU for a BS in Public Health in 1981 and later earned an MS in Environmental Health from Eastern North Carolina University. He's had several positions in public health and currently is a health physicist for the Colorado Department of Health cleaning up uranium mill tailings.
Class of 1973

Verlin K. Cross, Woodbridge VA, is serving as a computer specialist in the Office of Administration - Fisheries for the USFWLS in Washington DC.

Class of 1974

Reuben Rajala, Gorham NH, is still living in northern NH with his family (Meg, Davin and Allison). He's been busy with old house renovation and his position as Trail Manager for the Appalachian Mountain Club. He handles over 500 volunteers and 35 seasonals each summer in the Northeast and beyond.

Class of 1975

Tom Roberts, Salt Lake City UT, is a Range Conservationist with BLM in the Salt Lake City District Office. He recently assumed his duties as President of the Utah Section of SRM.

Class of 1977

Barbara Roberts, Salt Lake City UT, received her law degree from U of U in 1982 and presently works as Assistant Attorney General for the State of Utah in environmental law.

Karin Bates, Island Park ID is with the USFS in Island Park.

Catherine Bertagnole, Moscow ID, is in the process of completing her PhD in forest pathology at the U of I. She received her MS in 1982 and is specializing in root diseases. She plans to graduate in May, wed in June and find work in the Inland Pacific Northwest where plenty of sick trees barely exist.

James P. Dougan, International Falls MN, is an NFS Ranger at Voyageurs National Park on the Minnesota/Canadian border where he works as a staff naturalist. He has also been active as a crisis intervention therapist.

John "Craig" George, Barrow AK, has been working the past seven years with bowhead whales. He is employed by the North Slope Borough Government in their science program. He attends the International Whaling Commission Meetings in England each year. While chasing whales, he attempts to stay out of the teeth of polar bears.

Class of 1978

Richard A. Vallejos, Idaho Springs CO, worked seasonally with the Intermountain Forest & Range Experiment Station until 1979 when he went to work as a small sales forester for the USFS in Walden CO. He transferred to Idaho Springs in 1984 and has worked since in recreation management.

Karmen E. (Barkhurst) Hernandez, Estacada OR, is married to Jerry Hernandez who is a timber sales administrator on the Clackamas Ranger District. They have four children, Dominic, David, Jesse and Crystal. Karmen is a full time homemaker, wife and mother.

Class of 1979

Martha Gail Hahn, Kanab UT, after working for three years with NPS as a resource management specialist took a promotion to become Utah BLM's first woman Area Manager. She manages 2 million acres of public lands including Utah BLM's first wilderness area, Pariah Canyon/Vermillion Cliffs out of Kanab UT.

Class of 1980

Michael Magnuson, Chisholm MN, has been working for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry
since 1981, initially as a forester doing stand exams. He is now an administrative forester at the Hibbing DNR area headquarters.

Class of 1981

Nancy Boerema, West Linn OR, was a forest ranger for the Dixie NF in southern Utah. She currently is working as a field entomologist in Oregon State with an opportunity to travel to Australia to continue her studies and career advancement.

Class of 1982

Jason E. Tebergard, Vernal UT, is a conservation officer with the Utah DWIR in Vernal after several temporary jobs in Canada, California and Utah.

Karl Fuelling, Challis ID, is lead forestry technician on the Challis Ranger District, Challis NF.

Class of 1983

Connie Roberts-Clementson, Steamboat Springs CO, accepted a permanent position with the Yampa Ranger District on the Routt NF as a range conservationist (finally).

Class of 1984

Thomas "Skip" Sommerfeldt, Park Falls WI, is working as a fisheries biologist for the Wisconsin DNR on the Chequamego National Forest Cooperative fisheries program. He's still single and without sclerosis of the liver, yet.

PASSINGS

Paul M. Dunn, January 18, 1988 in Corvalis OR. He was 89. Paul was professor of forestry from 1931-1938 and Dean of forestry from 1938-1942.

Odell Julander ('32), January 24, 1988 in Logan, Utah. He was 84.

CHANGE IN CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

During the past two years the Association has utilized the tax exempt status of the University as a means for allowing deductions for contributions to the CNR Alumni Association. The University also invests the monies collected in its general investment fund allowing us to accrue interest when the principal is allowed to accumulate. The receipt of funds, their investment and management require a time commitment that an annually elected official finds difficult to meet.

The Constitution currently requires an elected secretary/treasurer nominated from the ranks of the CNR faculty to manage these funds. It also requires that the Executive Committee appoint a member of the faculty as a "coordinator" whose duties are not spelled out.

The Executive Committee finds this arrangement cumbersome and proposes that changes to the Constitution and By-Laws be effected as follows:

1. The elected Office of Secretary/Treasurer be split into the elected Office of Secretary nominated from the membership at large with the responsibility for maintaining the minutes of meetings of the Executive Committee and the annual alumni business meeting and to serve as a member of the Executive Committee.

2. The treasurer function be combined with the appointed Office of the Coordinator into the Office of Executive Secretary and Business Manager with the responsibility for collecting the funds, managing the budget, publishing the newsletter and serving as liaison between the Alumni Association
and the College of Natural Resources.

3. The Office of Executive Secretary and Business Manager be filled with a member of the CNR faculty appointed by the Dean of Natural Resources with the concurrence of the Executive Committee.

As per our Constitution and By-Laws these proposed changes will be formally presented to the membership present at our annual business meeting on April 22, 1988. The membership present will have the opportunity to approve, disapprove or amend the proposal at that time.

NOTES FROM THE DEAN

Something marvelous has happened to your alma mater - and to your profession as well. A private group, the Quinney Foundation, has committed $1.8 million over the next five years to add quality to our College. This is to be used over and above the funds appropriated by the state and the outstanding extramural support our faculty develops. While the help to the College is obvious, the grant will have a far-reaching effect on natural resources management.

Part of the funds will be used to identify, recruit and fund the top students graduating from high schools. We plan to graduate twenty gifted honor students per year for the next five years. These people will be the leaders in natural resource management. As part of the grant we will have faculty members working directly with the public schools. They will work to include natural resource principles and examples in all subjects.

A major portion of the grant will be used to develop an outstanding natural resources library. Your alma mater could become known as the central place where natural resources knowledge is stored for the profession.

We solicit your help on both of these. If you know of a particularly gifted student, talk to him/her into applying for one of our scholarships. If you know of anyone with books, journals or library materials, ask them to donate them to our library.

The Geography program will be transferred from the humanities college to Natural Resources July 1. This will give your College increased strength in remote sensing, cartography, GIS systems and the social aspects of natural resources. In addition, the National Geographic Society has funded a high school outreach program for our geographers. This will give us yet another avenue to improve the instruction about land and people in the public schools.

We are excited about the good things happening to CNR. One of the best is the strong support of our alumni. I hope to see many of you at our conflict resolution symposium during Natural Resources Week.

OFFICERS NOMINATED

Although we received plentiful returns on our "Connections" form, we received no nominations for the offices of Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. The Nominating Committee, therefore, submits the following names as nominees for the respective positions:

Ralph Cisco for Vice President

John M. Neuhold for Secretary/Treasurer
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

- Connections -

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For President:

**Ralph Cisco** graduated in Range Management with the Class of 1959. He has been employed with the USFS ever since going up the ladder through ranger, forest staff, regional staff, and supervisor. He currently is supervisor of the Lake Tahoe Management Area. Ralph has been active in the Alumni Association having worked on committees under the presidency of Bob Bjornsen.

For Secretary/Treasurer:

**John M. Neuhold** graduated in wildlife in 1952. He took his MS and PhD in 1954 and 1959 respectively. He has been on the faculty since 1958 serving as Director of the Ecology Center from 1966 to 1978. He currently serves as Alumni liaison for the College. He has served on a variety of alumni committees in the past including the position his is nominated for.

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**BALLOT**

**FOR PRESIDENT:**

Ralph Cisco

Write-in

(Name)

**FOR SECRETARY/TREASURER:**

John M. Neuhold

Write-in

(Name)

Enclose ballot in envelope and mail to:

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