News From the Senator

By Wayne Beck
Natural Resources Senator

Yes, it is February already and time for the second of four issues of the 1991-1992 College of Natural Resources News Letter. So, I would take this opportunity to welcome you all back, wish you a Happy New Year, and tell you a little bit about what I have been doing and what is coming up.

Several people have asked me about recycling containers for the NR building. I have talked to Physical Plant and they plan to have containers in our building by mid to late February.

NR week is the biggest event that falls under the responsibilities of the CNR Senator. Thus, most of my time has been spent preparing for NR week and working on the CNR news letter. Now, the news letter seems to be off the ground and the time to plan our events for NR Week is here. On February seventh, myself and whoever else is interested will be traveling to the Bear Lake Training Center to do just that. Of course there will be plenty of time for socializing and fun. So, if you are interested in getting involved and/or coming along, please contact me (phone 753-1913). We will be returning the afternoon of the eighth, so put it on your calender.

The last thing which I wanted to inform you of is that the Utah State Board of Regents is proposing new residency requirements. The new proposal states that in order to gain Utah residency a person would have to live in the state for one year and not be enrolled in any type of higher education within the state during that time. This proposal would make it difficult for a non-resident to attend USU and other institutes in the state. The College of Natural Resources currently has a high percentage of students which originally hailed from out of state. Therefore if this proposal is implemented it would drastically affect the diversity of students that we currently enjoy here in CNR. I have written a letter to the Board of Regents to let them know that I feel that this type of action would have a negative effect on the College of Natural Resources. I also attached to this news letter a form letter addressed to the Board of Regents which addresses this topic. I will be happy to send and pay postage on these letters if your return them to me.

In closing, I would like to encourage all of you to contact me with any ideas that you have regarding NR week or anything else that the NR student council can help you with.

Wildlife Society Will Have an Active Winter Quarter

During January and February on Mondays and Wednesdays we will be making trips to Hardware Ranch. We are helping Tom Becker and the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources to trap elk for drug testing. A sign-up sheet is on the door of the club office on the second floor of the NR building for anyone who is interested in participating.

On February 5, Ron Lockwood will be coming to speak on wildlife habitat and fire enhancement. Ron is a biologist with the Wyoming Game and Fish. Many of you may remember him from our antelope trapping last quarter in Kemmerer. We are also currently gathering donations for door prizes for the annual Wildlife Society Game Dinner.
Forestry Club Reports Successful Events and Plans for More

By Taylor Stein

The USU Forestry Club started the Winter Quarter with two big activities in January. After a successful Christmas Tree sale in December, the club used some of its funds to take a trip to Missoula, Montana for the University of Montana’s Foresters’ Ball. The USU contingent mainly composed of Forestry and Wildlife Club members left Thursday and Friday for the three day ball. It gave a chance for those attending to interact with other Forestry Clubs around the west and to see what life outside Utah is like. The Forestry Club also sponsored its monthly meeting in January. On January 21, Breck Hudson, the Salmon National Forest and Kurt Peterson, employment officer for the Forest Service’s Region Four, addressed students on job opportunities in the agency.

The Forestry Club plans to sponsor regular monthly meetings for the remainder of the year, plus attend the Society of American Foresters’ Wasatch Front Chapter’s meetings the second Wednesday of every month.

As expected, the annual Loggers’ Ball is quickly approaching. While a specific date has not been set, it is expected to take place in April. Also in April, the Forestry Club will put on the Loggers’ Breakfast and Conclave during Natural Resource Week. Any group who would like to form a team is invited to compete in the Conclave.

May will be the month for the annual changing of the guard. Voting for new officers will take place, and they will then conduct the annual Spring Fling.

Range Club Prepares for Upcoming SRM Meeting

By Missy Biscornet

The Range Club is busily preparing for our annual Society for Range Management meetings in February. This week long meeting, from February 8 through the 14 will occur in Spokane, Washington. The club is sending ten members, from both the Graduate Range Management Exam Team (URME), and the Plant Identification team. Members will also be in charge of a club booth, which will have t-shirts, hats, and mugs for sale. The club has also been working on a display for the contest. This year’s theme is “Range Management, A Public Benefit”.

January, the club held a meeting, and hosted a dance. On Friday, January 10, Dr. James Bowens spoke on predation on livestock. On January 18, in the Nelson Fieldhouse, the club sponsored a western dance. The band, Black Jack was very good, and the club had a better turnout than expected. Dance lessons were also provided, free-of charge, before the dance began.

In addition to attending the SRM meetings this month, the club is planning an ice skating party at Merlin Olsen Park on Monday, February 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. Afterwards, refreshments will be provided in room NR 105, as the club discusses alternatives for NR Week. All are invited to attend.

In April, the club hopes to host another dance, which was a major fund-raiser for them.

Craig Named Geographer of the Year

Clifford B. Craig, Associate Professor, Department of Geography and Earth Resources, was named Utah’s Geographer of the Year by the Utah Geographic Society based on his contributions to the profession of geography and geography education for the past 29 years. His credentials and contributions are impressive. Craig is past president of the Utah Geographic Society, having served three elected terms from 1984-1987. He is co-founder of the Utah Geographic Alliance. The Alliance, supported by a partnership of the National Geographic Society, Utah State University, and the Utah State Office of Education, is dedicated to the improvement and strengthening of geography education in Utah.

Craig received his doctorate in social urban planning and geography education from Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts, in 1975; his master’s in Human and Economic Geography from Ohio State University in 1968; his bachelor’s from the College of Southern Utah in 1962.

EDITOR’S NOTE

Melissa Biscornet

This is the second issue of the CNR Newsletter. Unfortunately, we were not able to get out enough copies last quarter of the first newsletter.
Construction Completed on the Quinney Natural Resources Library

The S.J. and Jessie E. Quinney Natural Resource Library was turned over to the University in December 1991. Dedication of this new facility is scheduled for fall quarter of 1992. The new library, through the generosity of the S.J. and Jessie E. Quinney Foundation of Salt Lake City, Utah, provides an additional 17,000 square feet to the Natural Resources Building. In addition to the research library, the new facility will also house a distance education laboratory, a geography media and map room, our remote sensing laboratory, the natural resources policy analysis program, the Utah Geographic Alliance, and the Watershed Science Unit, as well as ten new faculty offices.

Through the traditional and contemporary research tools at our new Quinney Library, we will be able to offer students, faculty, and managers ready access to research information.

NEW CNR POLICY CENTER AND JOANNA ENDTER-WADA

Meghan Reynolds

The presence of Joanna Endter-Wada, Assistant Professor, at the College of Natural Resources is a sign of the changing times, and marks CNR’s commitment to integrating social sciences into its programs. Endter-Wada was trained as an Anthropologist/Sociologist, a field that is non-traditional for faculty in CNR. She earned her Masters and Ph.D. at the University of California at Irvine in the Comparative Culture interdisciplinary program.

One of Endter-Wada’s main projects at CNR is planning the Natural Resource and Environmental Policy Program. This program is designed to “infuse more social sciences into the natural resources curriculum within the undergraduate programs”, Endter-Wada said. “The goal is to prepare students for the types of environmental/social conflicts they will deal with as natural resource managers”, Endter Wada said. According to Endter-Wada, research is still being conducted to determine if this program can be designed as an independent major or area of emphasis for undergraduates. To be offered as an independent major, research is needed to assess student marketability in this area.

For graduate students, Endter-Wada said that the program will develop an interdisciplinary/intercollegiate program. This will enable students to develop an area of interest and work with professors in other departments across campus. In addition to directing the Natural Resources and Environmental Policy Program, Endter-Wada teaches, and is involved in research. Currently, she is teaching NR 390, Natural Resource Policy. The course will also be taught spring quarter to provide students with greater flexibility in their scheduling. She is also scheduled to teach a graduate course on water resource policy next year.

Endter-Wada is also involved in the Policy Analysis and Advocacy seminar series that is running from January to May at CNR. Outside speakers come to CNR to “address the role of natural resources in the policy process”, according to Endter-Wada.

Her research centers around the social significance of natural resources, water issues, and energy development projects. In Bristol Bay, Alaska, she was concerned with the cultural importance of fish and wildlife resources. She has also studied Native American water policy, emphasizing on the Northern Ute tribe of eastern Utah.
THE NEW ACADEMIC SERVICE ADVISOR - MAUREEN WAGNER

By Mike Reed

Maureen is originally from northern Idaho around the Coeur d'Alene area. She obtained her B.S. in Business Education from the University of Idaho in Moscow. After graduation she got a job with the fisheries/wildlife department at the University of Idaho, where she met her husband, Eric, while he was working on his masters in fisheries biology. She has two children, Shawn (20), and Brook (18). Maureen and Eric came to Logan about two-and-a-half years ago when Eric got a job with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources as a fisheries manager.

As the academic service advisor, Maureen would like to set up a data base to keep track of student numbers and the location of students which have graduated and obtained permanent jobs. She would also like to gain a better understanding of the different natural resource disciplines to better assist students in obtaining jobs. Along this line, she feels that it's important to educate the junior high and high school students about possible job opportunities in the natural resource field. She is willing to work with the Natural Resource Council and the different natural resource societies in developing a program of natural resource career awareness for the different junior high and high schools in the Cache Valley area.

Recreational interests include bicycling, skiing, backpacking, camping, and fishing. She says that when she goes fishing, if the fish aren't biting, she'll just go play in the water.

Maureen will take the GRE in the fall, and hopes to do a masters in career guidance, so that she can become a high school guidance counselor if she leaves Logan. If you have any questions about the College of Natural Resources, or are having problems finding a job in your field, please talk to Maureen. She'll do her best to point you in the right direction.

American Fisheries Society to Attend Bonneville Chapter Meeting

Despite the cold and frozen weather outside, we have a busy quarter planned. In early February, we're going ice fishing. Then, we're off to Grand Junction, Colorado on February 26-28 to attend the Bonneville Chapter of the American Fisheries Society meetings. We'll spend part of spring break rafting the Colorado River. These activities are partially funded by our on going t-shirt sales. Again, anyone interested in a t-shirt or sweatshirt should contact Daren Carlisle or Richard Hepworth. We will also set up a table, again, in the Taggart Student Center this quarter.

Quote of the Quarter

"I have... been a Governor, every now and then, but I am a forester all the time—have been, and shall be, all my working life."

Gifford Pinchot
A Message From Xi Sigma Pi

By Monte Williams
Forester

In past years, the XI SIGMA PI honor society has not been a very visible group among the clubs of the College of Natural Resources. I feel our role within the Department of Forestry is very important, and would like to take this opportunity to describe our mission, and the methods in which potential members are invited to join.

XI SIGMA PI is a nationally organized honor society which recognizes outstanding students in the field of forestry. Unlike many other honor societies, members of XI SIGMA PI represent more than a exceptional G.P.A. I feel high G.P.A. indicates an individual who challenges their intelligence, is well organized, and is well adapted to task oriented nature of academic life. Members of XI SIGMA PI are required to be more than this. We place as much value on personal characteristics as academic achievement. We expect members to be the individuals who volunteer for “no glory” work on club projects, to take initiative and a leadership role on class projects, to be the person who helps other students with homework and studying for tests. In brief, the persons who gives back more to the department of Forestry than has been given to them.

A number of students have asked me “how do I join”? My answer is “You can’t.” Candidates for membership are selected yearly from the majors of Forestry, Environmental Sciences, and Watershed Science. A minimum G.P.A of 3.0 for undergraduates, and 3.33 for graduate students is required to make the list. These names are presented upon ballot which current members vote yes or no to membership. Unlike a popularity contest, current members base their decision upon previously mentioned personality characteristics. Those candidates with enough votes are asked to join.

Our members have been recognized nationally as exceptional students. Two members were awarded national scholarships in recognition of their achievements.

If you want further information, see me, my fellow officers, the faculty advisors or any members of the society. So see;

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To the Utah State Board of Regents:

I am a student at Utah State University and am concerned about higher education in the state. I have heard about a new residency requirement proposal that concerns me. Apparently, you are proposing a change in the requirement which would not let students gain residency unless they live an entire year in Utah without going to school. While this might seem like a good way to limit nonresident enrollment (and thus increase spaces for Utah residents), it is not very practical. Out-of-state students contribute much to the University. They add diversity and different insights into the learning environment. Also, they bring many dollars into the state. This change would also cause great damage to our graduate school programs.

For places like Cache Valley, discouraging out-of-state students from attending would be very bad for the economy. Many of these students remain in Utah after realizing what a great place it is to live and then contribute to the economy and state coffers.

Money lost by the University from a declined enrollment of nonresident students would have to be regained, and this places more strain on already under-funded Utah universities.

This policy change is not the answer to the problems of Utah Higher Education. In fact, if implemented, it will cause many more problems with which to deal. I urge you not to implement the proposed change.

Sincerely,

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Address:
Policy Analysis and Advocacy Seminar Series
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Richard W. Behan
School of Forestry, Northern Arizona University
"Computerizing the Inevitable: Constituency-Based Multi-Resource Management: An Exercise in Analysis and Advocacy"
Tuesday, January, 21st, 7:30 p.m., NR 105

Jeff DeBonis
Executive Director, Association of Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics
"Professional Ethics, Organizational Values, and Prospects for Change in Land Management Agencies"
Tuesday, February, 11th, 7:30 p.m., NR 105

James Crowfoot
Professor of Natural Resources and Urban and Regional Planning,
University of Michigan
"Environmental Conflict and Change"
Tuesday, March, 17th, 7:30 p.m., NR 105

Jane Hall
Department of Economics,
California State University at Fullerton
"The Ecologists’ Versus the Economists’ World Views: Is There a Resolution?"
Tuesday, April, 14th, 7:30 p.m., Eccles Conf. Center Auditorium 216

Sally Fairfax
Department of Forestry, University of California at Berkeley
"Resource Professions and Environmental Justice: Redefining the Policy Arena"
Tuesday, May, 12th, 7:30 p.m., NR 105

Randal O’Toole
Director, CHEC (Cascade Holistic Economic Consultants)
Publisher, Forest Watch Magazine
"The Selfish Resource Manager: A New Model of Policy Analysis"
Tuesday, May, 19th, 7:30 p.m., NR 105