WHAT IS THIS??
A Message from the Editor

Welcome to the first issue of the CNR student newsletter of 1996-97.

The purpose of this newsletter is to give students a chance to speak out, and also to help everyone stay current on club activities and other important events in the life of the College.

If you have any ideas for articles, if you want to write or draw, or help out in any way, please do so. This newsletter is for YOU, so if there is something you would like to see happen with it, let’s do it.

As you picked up this paper, did you notice the conspicuous lack of a title? This is your chance to get one of the warm and cuddly CNR sweatshirts FREE. If you have an idea for a catchy title, write it down and drop it in the newsletter box in the club office (NR 212). The author of the chosen title will be the proud owner of a beautiful and unique fashion statement.

Enough of me. Read on to find out what is happening with the student clubs, hear words of wisdom from Joanna Garrard, and find out about the CNR Academic Service Center, better known as Maureen’s office. Enjoy.

The Student Senator Speaks
by Joanna Garrard

“If you would not be forgotten, As soon as you are dead and rotten, Either write things worth reading, Or do things worth the writing.”
Poor Richard’s Almanac--Benjamin Franklin

The lesson to be learned from this quotation is twofold. First, I will try to be concise to save your time and the paper. Also, I want you to know how important it is to ‘do things worth the writing’. It doesn’t matter if your goal is to get a job, get a scholarship, or just get busy. Being active with clubs, and therefore doing ‘things’, is one of the best ways to get ahead. In other words, if you don’t have the experience gained from club work, or the contacts made from professional socials, you might not have what it takes to be hired in your field.

So get busy! Here are some things that might help you get involved:

the CNR Student Activity Board...
The latest addition to the Atrium is a dry-erase board calendar. It has all of the current month’s activities, including the date, time, place, and the club sponsor. It also lists important details like where to go for more information about activities. Check it out.

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The CNR Social/Fall Interaction will be held on Thursday, November 14, at 6:45 in the Atrium. The fun will begin with a $1 barbecue dinner which includes a burger and the fixin’s (garden burgers are available), chips, veggies, dessert, and a drink. The clubs of CNR and the Outdoor Rec. Center will have booths set up with club and activity information as well as club ‘stuff’ for sale. This would be a great time to pick up coffee mugs, t-shirts, hats, a nicely embroidered, high quality CNR sweatshirt (at $20, they’re a steal!), and much, much more. Following the barbecue, at 7:30, we will move into room NR 105 for a presentation by Dr. Derrick Thom and Dr. James Kennedy. They will be speaking about some of the different countries they have seen, including New Zealand, the Netherlands, Mali, Ireland, and Kenya. The discussion will be informal, allowing for interaction between the faculty and the students.

CNR Christmas Social...
The Social is set for Monday, December 9, at 3:00 in the Atrium. Everyone is invited to come sample desserts at the annual Christmas Dessert Contest. Bring your own dessert entry and try for a prize. Also, there will be prizes for an Ornament Contest, so exercise your creativity and make your own original Christmas tree decoration.

Missing Activities...
Are you missing activities because you don’t hear about them until they are over? I have the solution. Check the wooden signs in the Atrium. Every club in CNR posts their flyers on these signs. Check the CNR Activity Board. If all else fails, stop by the CNR Club Office in Room 212 or call at 797-1270. Get active in CNR!

CNR Fall Interaction
November 14
$1 B-B-Q 6:45
Presentation 7:00
NR Atrium
BE THERE

Change in Dean’s Office
by Chandra Heaton

With the departure of the former Dean of the College, Joe Chapman, to Montana State University in Bozeman, the CNR has a new captain at the helm. Dr. John Kadlec, a familiar face to many CNR students, is the interim dean of the College until a new “permanent” dean is found. This search is likely to take at least one year, and possibly longer.

Dr. Kadlec has been at Utah State since June of 1974 when he arrived as Department Head of Fisheries and Wildlife. He was department head for five years. Dr. Kadlec has a B.S. in Forestry and an M.S. and Ph.D., all from the University of Michigan. Before coming to USU, he worked as a field biologist for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, a research biologist for the Fish and Wildlife Service, and as a faculty member of the University of Michigan.

Dean Kadlec has the following message for students:
SEMESTERS ARE COMING.
Don’t let the switch take you by surprise. If you are still going to be here in Fall of 1998, talk with your faculty advisor or the peer advisors and get some tips on how to prepare yourself. The University will try to make the change as smooth as possible, but curriculums are definitely changing.

Club News
Earth Resources Club
by Jason Johnson

The Earth Resources Club welcomes you to the '96-'97 school year. Undoubtedly, your professors have also welcomed you - with piles of homework and reams of papers to read. We would like to invite you to take a little time out from studying to serve yourself, your college, and the Earth.

Last year was active and exciting for the E.R.C., with activities ranging from hikes and cross-country ski trips to a debate on the privatization of public lands. We hope that this year will be even better and are planning a variety of services, educational and social activities for all interested in Natural Resources and the ways we use and relate to them.

We kicked off the year with an opening social on October 15,
where the club officers were introduced and plans for the coming year were discussed. On November 6 Mike Allred of USU spoke about the Little Bear River and the Adopt-A-Waterbody program, which the Earth Resources Club is a part of. This is a cooperative program between landowners, volunteers, and government agencies, working to restore an important watershed in our valley and increase cooperation among those that use and appreciate the river.

The Little Bear project is a prime illustration of our motto, "Building Bridges to the Future". We invite all to take some time and join us as we move into this new season. There are many opportunities to serve, and we are always open to new ideas for presentations and activities. Come talk with us in the club office (NR 212) or call club president Mark Poe at 755-6124.

Forestry Club
by Paige Steck and Ty Hunter

Yes, we are skipping the whole welcome back spiel, because you are all aware that you are here and obviously the school is still here too. So, let’s just get down to the meat and potatoes and tell you what the Forestry Club is all about.

We are a group of people interested in forestry and other related fields. We have many activities throughout the year. Fall quarter activities so far have included our Adopt-A-Highway cleanup project on October 23rd. If you were not present you missed out on a lot of fun and some good eatin’. Our annual Christmas tree cut will take place on November 16th and tree sales will begin two weeks prior to finals. All trees will go for $2.00 a foot and will be sold in front of the NR building.

Winter and Spring quarter activities include professional speakers brought in to address current forest related topics. A winter sports day, the annual Logger’s Ball (informal dance), and a few movie nights will also be held. Spring quarter will bring in Natural Resources week and its various activities.

We are affiliated nationally with the Society of American Foresters (SAF), and hold monthly meetings in Ogden in conjunction with the Wasatch Front Chapter. During the second week in November, six of us had the opportunity to go to Albuquerque, New Mexico for SAF’s national convention. If you take initiative and get involved, you may have a chance to go to next year’s convention in Tennessee.

Membership in the Forestry Club is FREE, however if you choose to become a member of SAF, it will cost $25. We encourage you all to get involved with the Forestry Club, a perfect opportunity to have fun and make friends. If you have any questions feel free to stop by the club office (NR 212) or give us a call at 797-1270.

Range Club
by Mindy Smith

The USU Chapter of the Society for Range Management (SRM), better known as Range Club, attempts to foster greater involvement of undergraduates in the conservation and management of rangelands, forests, riparian areas, etc. We also try to promote professional development by becoming actively involved in local, state, national, and international organizations.

Right now, the Range Club is getting ready to attend the Utah SRM meeting in Richfield, Nov. 13th and 14th. The theme of the meeting is “Monitoring Rangelands: Advancement or Demise”.

We are also planning our Christmas Party, which will be on the 10th of December. More info will be posted as we get closer to December.

Many of our member are devoting a lot of their time to preparing for the Plant ID Competition and URME (Undergraduate Range Management Exam), two competitions which will take place in Rapid City, South Dakota at the annual SRM meetings. Team members will compete against students from all over the U.S., Mexico and Canada. This year is the 50th anniversary of the SRM, and these meetings are predicted to be the largest in the history of the Society. Some of our members are also putting together a display for the Trade Show held in conjunction with the meetings. It will be an exciting time, and a great opportunity for students planning on becoming Range professionals.

For information on the Range Club or any of our activities, contact Mindy Smith (787-8530) or Eric Reid (752-5075).
The Wildlife Society
Spend Spring Break in Arizona.
by Julie Stivers

What is the maximum fence height that a pronghorn will readily jump? The Wildlife Society is organizing a quiz bowl team for the Western Regional Conclave of Student chapters of TWS. The Conclave will be held at the University of Arizona in Tucson from March 20 to 23. We are looking for motivated students in the CNR to complete our team. Practices are held Wednesday night at 5:00 in NR217. In preparation, we are learning scientific names and cool wildlife facts. This is a great way to learn identification.

The Conclave should be very exciting. Not only will the Wildlife Society be competing in the Conclave quiz bowl but there will also be a dance and field trips to sites in southern Arizona. Wildlife students from other Universities in the west will be presenting research that they have completed. This is an excellent chance to meet our peers in wildlife. Please call Julie Stiver at 797-8484 (E-mail SL1Q9) if you are interested. By the way, a pronghorn will readily jump a fence that is no more than 32 inches high!

News from Maureen’s Office*
*Located in NR 112, right behind the fish tanks in the atrium, the Academic Service Center (Maureen’s office) is an important resource for CNR students.

Peer Advisors
There are two peer advisors this year, eager to serve their fellow CNR students. Rick Mowery is a senior in Forestry, and Chandra Heaton is a senior in Range Science. Are you getting stressed out about the change to semesters? Do you have questions about which classes to take, how to schedule the next couple of quarters or even the next couple of years? Do you want someone to talk to about any problems you might be having? Chandra and Rick are here to help out, and if they don’t know the answer they will work with you to find it. They can be found in Maureen’s office during posted hours (look for a schedule on her door), or can be reached by E-mail at NRADVISE.

Don’t Want to Take NR 201?

A “challenge exam” is available for students who want to try testing out of NR 201, Computer Techniques. Students who succeed on the test can register for the class and take their test grade as the grade for the course, or just waive NR 201. If you are interested, talk to the peer advisors in NR 112 or contact Dr. Fred Baker. Interested students must E-mail Dr. Baker at FORPEST no later than November 20th. The test will be sometime in early December. Please remember, however, that if you waive the course it will not count toward General Education requirements. Talk to Maureen or the peer advisors for details.

NR 390 Substitutes

If you are unable to fit NR 390 into your schedule and need the class to graduate, don’t despair. The following courses have been approved as substitutes for NR 390 for students who absolutely can’t take the course:
PolSc 418, Natural Resource and Environmental Policy;
FR 555, Environmental and Natural Resource Law and Policy;
RR 520, Recreation Resource Policy;
Geog 520 sec. 2, Colorado River Basin Policy.
Geog 520 will be taught winter quarter, the other three classes are taught spring quarter.

Graduating?

Students planning to graduate this Spring should have begun the graduation process by now. Filing for graduation should begin two quarters before your expected graduation date. If you are not sure what to do, please drop by the office for a handy step-by-step guide to the process. Don’t let this wait!

NPS Application Workshop

Interested in working for the National Park Service this summer? Join A Aron Poe, member of a long-time Park Service family, and Chandra Heaton, 3-time seasonal Park Ranger, to get a few helpful tips on filling out your NPS application. Tentative date and time is December 5th at 7:00 p.m. Details will be posted in the atrium.

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