Editor's Notes

VOTE!!!

For the first time in three years, there will be an actual election for the CNR Student Senator. The two candidates are Cindy Driggs and Nick Long. This may come as a surprise to many, since Cindy was the only candidate for long enough to be made famous in a Statesman cartoon.

What does this mean to us? It is a chance to decide the course the college will take next year, how we will be perceived by the university at large, and what we think the important issues are at Utah State and in the CNR.

How to accomplish these lofty goals? One simple word, for one simple action: VOTE.

If you don’t know the people who want to represent you on the student senate next year, get to know them. Read their short statements, found on page 3 of this issue following the NR Week calendar of events. They are planning on visiting some natural resource classes, as well.

This is something that many CNR students have never seen before, as the past three senators, all of whom have done incredible jobs of representing our college, ran unopposed. For many of us, this is the first year that our vote will make a tangible difference in the future of the CNR.

I will be casting my vote in all of the ASUSU officer elections. Even if you don’t care about the government of Utah State as a whole (and you should, because these are the people who influence fee increases, class scheduling, and many other aspects of every student’s life), take three minutes and make your vote count.

Because there are two candidates, the CNR Senatorial race will not be affected by preliminary voting. The final vote will be held APRIL 9-10 from 8:00-4:00 in the International (Sunburst) Lounge of the Taggart Student Center.

Be there.

For those of you who haven’t noticed yet, NR Week is fast approaching. April 14-19 will be packed with fun activities and opportunities to get involved. If you haven’t done anything all year, this is the time to get started. A full calendar of events is found on the following two pages.

I hope you enjoy this issue. Remember to vote next week.

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Life after USU: a Guide to the Future
a special student session of the annual NR Week Symposium

The CNR Council and the CNR Student Senator have been busy planning an event that you shouldn't miss. It's called Life After USU: a Guide to the Future. It is a special session of the NR Week Symposium designed to give CNR students the opportunity to find out about applying and hiring, graduate school, agency positions and non-agency positions. Speakers include the acting Deputy Director of the USFS--Bertha Gillam, the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies--James Shaver, the State Conservationist, NRCS--Phillip Nelson and many, many more. If you plan to work in a field related to Natural Resources, this is an event you can't miss. The registration deadline has been extended to April 8, 1997. Registration packets are available in the Dean's Office, NR 108.

Schedule of Events
Thursday, April 17, 1997, from 9:00 AM to 1:20 PM
Ellen Eccles Conference Center, Utah State University

Graduate School Panel (9:00-10:00 AM)
This panel will discuss graduate school entrance exams, financial aid, admissions, research, teaching, and all aspects of graduate student life. There will be representatives from the CNR administration, the USU School of Graduate Studies, USU Testing Services, as well as two CNR graduate students.

Refreshment Break (10:05-10:15 AM)

Agency Panel (10:20-11:15 AM)
This panel, featuring state and federal agency representatives, will discuss how to apply and interview for a permanent agency job, how to make yourself a competitive applicant, and what's hot in the Nineties.

Non-Agency Panel (11:20 AM-12:15 PM)
This panel, featuring non-agency, natural resources-oriented employers and employees, will discuss applying for and working in areas such as environmental law, non-profit organizations, environmental education, consulting firms, and environmental journalism.

Confirmed Speakers

Graduate School Panel
John A. Kodics (moderator)
Dean, College of Natural Resources
James Shaver
Dean, School of Graduate Studies
Dianna Thimmes
Admissions Officer, School of Graduate Studies
Eric Jensen
Coordinator, USU Testing Services

Agency Panel
Bertha C. Gillam (moderator)
Acting Deputy Director, USFS
Phillip Nelson
State Conservationist, NRCS
Joanne McGugh
Director for Human Resources,
Utah Dept. Of Natural Resources
Bill Lamb
State Director, BLM
Peggy Haldeman
Assistant Field Director, NFS

Non-Agency Panel
Joe Stringer (moderator)
Representative for Environmental Law, USFS
Kathy Voel
Representative for Environmental Education, BLM
Tom Wharton
Representative for Environmental Journalism, SALT Lake Tribu
Paul Holden
Representative for Environmental, Consulting, Bio-Ween Inc.
Heather Trecker
Volunteer, Peace Corps
Wayne Wurtsbaugh
Volunteer, Peace Corps
Natural Resources Week

April 14-19

the old and the new by Joanna Garrard

Natural Resources Week is going to be different this year. Along with the traditional, favorite activities like the Logger's Breakfast, the Wildlife Lunch, EarthFest, and the CNR Banquet, there will be several new activities added to the Week. Highlights of the new activities include a faculty versus students softball game, a chili cook-off dinner, a turkey shoot contest, a bagel lunch, and a special student session of the annual NR Week Symposium. If you need information on any of the NR Week Activities, please see Jo Garrard in NR 212.

Monday, April 14

Logger's Breakfast sponsored by the Forestry Club
All-You-Can-Eat $ 3.00, Tree Adoptions $ 1.00
7:30-10:30, All Week, TSC Patio

Wildlife Lunch sponsored by the Wildlife Society
11:30-1:30, Monday-Thursday, TSC Patio

Tree Identification Contest
All Week, CNR Atrium

Forestry Displays
8:30-4:00, Monday-Wednesday, TSC Sunburst Lounge

Wednesday, April 16

EarthFest '97
Sponsored by the Earth Resources Club
9:00-5:00, Wednesday, TSC Patio
(In the case of rain, TSC Sunburst Lounge)

Forestry Conclave (Log Sawing, Ax Throwing, etc.)
Noon, Wednesday, Lawn between Widstoe and TSC

Friday, April 18

NR Week Symposium
8:00-Noon, Friday, ECC

GTU Bagel Lunch
11:30-1:30, Friday, TSC Patio

CNR Awards Banquet
7:00 PM, Friday, TSC Ballroom

Tuesday, April 15

SPRING INTERACTION
Faculty versus Students Softball Game
Chili Cook-off Dinner
Dinner is $1.00 and the event is sponsored by the CNR Honors Council and the Fisheries Society
5:00 PM, Tuesday, Location to be Announced

Thursday, April 17

Life After USU: a Guide to the Future
Student Session of the NR Week Symposium
9:00-12:15, Thursday, ECC Auditorium

NR Week Convocation Speaker
William Kittridge, author
12:30-1:20, Thursday, TSC Auditorium

NR Week Symposium
1:30-6:30, Thursday, ECC

Saturday, April 19

Turkey Shoot Contest sponsored by the Range Club
Saturday, Time and Location to be Announced
CNR Student 
Senator Candidate 
Statements

(EDITORIAL NOTE: The following statements were not edited at all, in order to give CNR students an unbiased opinion of their candidates.)

Cindy Driggs

Goals:
I do not have a profound eyebrow-raising reason for wanting to be next year's Senator, however, I do consider it a great honor and opportunity to serve our College. Natural Resources represents the smallest and probably the most misunderstood college at Utah State University. We are often identified by coffee mugs and extremely large backpacks; these generalizations however, fail to recognize our diversity and broad ranges of experience. As Senator, I would like to encourage greater amounts of cooperation and interaction. Now before you get cheesy pictures of campfire scenes with everyone holding hands and singing, stop and think about your expectations for the College. Possible sources of joint action might include the creation of legislation to prevent the reduction of the O.R.C. to an equipment rental center. It would be impossible for a single Senator to include every important issue, therefore, I am seeking your involvement too. I refuse to make any tacky promises except to say that, if elected, I will give this office my complete dedication and imagination.

Sincerely,
Cindy Driggs

Qualifications:
Environmental Studies Major, 
Coordinated Resource Mgmt emphasis.
Quinney Scholar
CNR Honors Council
Range Club Secretary
N.O.L.S. Graduate and Campus Representative.
USU Cattle Women's Club
Teton Science School, Natural History Course
4-H. Leader
Girl Scout Counselor
Size 10 in Women's shoes

Nick Long

Goals:
"He may be a jester, but LONG is no joke!"
I want to be able to actively participate in the conversion from quarters to semesters. This will help students caught in the middle of the conversion not to be steamrolled by the conversion. Also, I would continue lobbying for the support of the ORC center, and for a fee increase for next year for the center. My final goal would be the student radio station. Like most colleges around the country, a student radio station would give the students a voice in which to hear the music they want to hear, while also receiving the recognition and educational aspects in which it has to offer.

Qualifications:
I am a junior majoring in Forestry. I am a member of the Forestry club. I have been a teaching assistant within the college, which has enabled me to get to know many of the students within the college. I am also a Resident Assistant here on campus, which gives people greater availability in which to contact me in order to convey their message.

Club News From...

Earth Resources Club

EarthFest '97 is coming!

EarthFest is an environmental fair complete with information booths and tables, vendors, and music that will be held Wednesday April 16 during NR week, on the patio of the TSC.

This is a great opportunity to increase awareness of your organization or raise funds.

We are also looking for blossoming musicians to play acoustic or mellowly amplified music for intervals of 10 minutes to an hour. It will be similar to an open-mic, but since there will be lots of things going on there is no reason for stage fright.

If you are interested in reserving a table, playing music or would like more information contact Neesha Zollinger at 755-9441 or SL1JS.

Forestry Club
by Paige Stock

The beginning of February brought with it a ton of snow and a lot of fun. Fun was had by all who joined us for a hike up the hill at our annual Winter Sports Day. This year's tubing event brought with it the usual injuries associated with a trip down the hill. All injuries were soothed by hot chocolate and a bowl of chili.

The USU Forestry Club and The Wildlife Society held the annual Logger's Ball and Game Dinner. [see article below]

Natural Resources Week is approaching fast and the Forestry Club wants all to become
involved and be a part of the great tradition. We have the annual ALL YOU CAN EAT Logger's Breakfast. This will be held Mon.-Fri. on the TSC patio. Other activities throughout the week include: conclave, tree identification contest, forestry displays, and various other Paul activities.

If you are interested in getting involved in NR Week, contact Paige Stock (E-mail SLCDY) Home 750-6608 Club Office 797-1270

The Forestry Club would also like to congratulate Ty Hunter, co-president, and Gary Bishop, social chair, on their upcoming graduations. Their help in making this year a success has been much appreciated. We will miss them, and wish them well in their future endeavors.

Forestry and The Wildlife Society

Logger's Ball and Game Dinner Incredible Success

On February 21, the Forestry and Wildlife Societies rocked the Bullen Center with their annual Logger's Ball and Game Dinner. There was a great turnout; extra tables had to be set up to accommodate the guests. This was the best showing in years.

Many of the guests brought game meat from many different animals. Deer, elk, trout, moose, pronghorn, duck, and goose dishes filled up the kitchen and the serving table. The food was surprisingly good. Even people who normally shy away from game meat enjoyed the meal.

The raffle included 53 awesome prizes. The odds were very good for winning raffle prizes and some individuals won multiple prizes. After the raffle, the tables were rolled away and the music started. At last year's Ball and Dinner, most people left after the raffle. However, this year, many people stayed to dance. There was a good mix of country and pop music so most everyone had something to dance to. The night was incredible and fun for everyone.

The Forestry Society and Wildlife Society presidencies want to thank everyone who helped with the dinner. Many area businesses were very generous in donating raffle prizes. Students and faculty from the college and the community prepared and donated some wonderful game dishes. At the dinner, we had many individuals help with set up and clean up as well as servicing meat. We can not tell you all who helped how much we appreciate your time, effort, and donations. You made the night a great success!!

Geography
by John Jarnagin

The Geography Department has had an event filled schedule. There were three very interesting and informative brown bag presentations Winter quarter. Mike Butkis gave an interesting presentation on Lithuania and some surrounding areas. Dr. Derrick Thom talked about the birth and transformation of the Geography Department. Kathy Adamson from Career Services was kind enough to shed some light on job possibilities for Geographers.

Many thanks to Dr. Butkis, Dr. Thom and Kathy Adamson for taking the time from their busy schedules to share informative, new views with members of the Geography Department.

The GTU officers would like to thank everyone who helped to sell, promote or purchase bagels on Wednesday (Feb. 26). The success of the bagel sale was due to all of you and also to the fact that Einsteins Brothers Bagels are so darn tasty and healthy. Geographers also like them because they are round (like the earth). Thanks especially goes to Roger Perkins for coming up with the idea.

GTU has also started a list-serve (compliments of Roger Perkins) to better inform Geography members when the upcoming activities and events are happening. If you are a Geography major/GTU member and have not been getting E-Mail messages from GTU, please contact Roger Perkins so that he can put you on his list serve.

Range Club

U.R.M.E.I.T.E.S Invade South Dakota!
by Cindy Driggs

February 15-20, a group of students, professors and professionals traveled to Rapid City, South Dakota for the 50th annual Society for Range Management international meetings and convention.

With the coaching of Ben Bobowski (our Fearless Leader) and Brenda Younkin, along with free food incentives from Allen Rasmussen, the Undergraduate Range Management Exam (URME) Team scored an incredible sixth place out of twenty schools from the U.S., Canada and Mexico.
Congratulations to team members Mike Berry, Cindy Driggs, Chandra Heaton, Rachel Pieterick and Mindy Smith. Looks like all that study time paid off!

The Plant I.D. Team consisted of two very dedicated members: Rachel Fugal and Eric Reid. They also did exceptionally well. This team was directed by Mark Francis, who also doubled as chaperone for the high school delegation.

Scott Pratt and Mindy Smith also made the school proud with their beautiful handmade juniper bench. The many hours invested by the pair resulted in the most talked-about item in the silent auction, as people marveled at their skill and craftsmanship.

Scott’s display representing Utah State also took 2nd place at the meetings. Way to go!

Both teams took time out for a little sight seeing. Highlights of the trip included: a car wash by some feral burros (they have very wet tongues), fudge samples at Mt. Rushmore, and a black-footed ferret presentation by a park biologist at Badlands National Park.

With the assistance (or was it coercion) of Mike Berry, Eric Reid, and some guy from Washington D.C., Cindy Driggs set an S.R.M. record, dancing up a storm at the president’s reception and dance. Never before has any individual danced with one representative from every state and country participating in the conference. This new record exceeds 37 dances, not including repeats, and 21 different states. Bonus points were given to delegates from Canada and Mexico.

Speaking of Mexico, next year’s conference will be held in Guadalajara. Both teams will be recruiting new members, and you do not need to be a major or a dancer to apply. In fact, 2 of this year’s 5 member URMÉ team are not range majors. This is an incredible opportunity to gain experience and have a lot of fun in the process. By participating in these competitions and going to the meetings, you make job contacts, learn A LOT of valuable information, and most of all have FUN!!!! If you are interested in finding out more about next year, contact Brenda Youkin through the secretaries in the Range Department office.

Trap shoot planned for NR Week
by Mindy Smith
Saturday, April 19th, the Range Club will sponsor a trap shoot at the Public Shooting Grounds, west of town. We will be competing for exciting prizes (to be announced).

Tickets will be $3.00 in advance, or $4.00 at the door. We will open up for practice at 10:00 a.m. ($3.00 for 20 clay pigeons), and begin competing at 11:00 a.m. There will be coffee and donuts for sale.

Bring your own shells and guns. Guns are also available for use at the Shooting Grounds for a small fee.

Tickets will be available during NR Week at a table in the basement of the TSC, or from Range Club members. Also, check out our table at EarthFest. Hope to see you there... it should be a real "blast".

The Wildlife Society
Wildlife Society pulls off surprising second place at Conclave
by Julie Stiver

Four members of The Wildlife Society attended the Western Regional Student Conclave in Tucson, Arizona over spring break. Paul Bemin, Jenny Neyme, Aarön Poc, and Julie Stiver competed in the annual quiz bowl. Dr. Mike Wolfe supported the quiz bowl team as advisor. After beating Texas A&M and Oklahoma State, Utah State lost to Humboldt State University (California). Since it was a double elimination tournament, the team played in the losers’ bracket. They beat Texas A&M and Stephen F. Austin (Texas) to play Wyoming to get into the championship. Utah State beat Wyoming, the favored team, by 5 points to advance to the championship against Humboldt. To win the quiz bowl, Utah State would have had to beat Humboldt twice. Although Utah State was unable to beat Humboldt, everyone at the conclave was impressed and surprised by our performance. For the second place finish, Utah State took home a beautiful wood hawk carving.

Captain Julie Stiver said, “I was very surprised and pleased with our performance. I knew we had a well-rounded team that had potential. Paul covered fish and populations. Jenny remembered many scientific names and biology questions. Aarön knows more birds than I can count. Every member was crucial to the victory.”

The Wildlife Society was also able to explore Tucson. Saturday was spent at the Arizona-Sonora
Desert Museum. The Sonora Desert has many wonderful and exotic species. The Desert Museum provided us with the opportunity to see the diversity flora and fauna of the region. The Conclave team had a wonderful Spring Break and returned to Logan not only with memories but also with a trophy! We are looking forward to attending next year’s Conclave at Humboldt State in Arcadia, California.

In other Wildlife Society business... We are preparing to do Wildlife Lunch for Natural Resources Week. Hamburgers and veggie burgers will be cooking on the TSC patio every day but Friday of NR Week. We have many activities planned for Spring Quarter so look for fliers in the NR atrium and expect some phone calls. Have a wonderful Spring Quarter!!!

Upcoming...

“Challenges of Being a Female Professional in Natural Resources”

Sponsored by the CNR Student Council, this informal brown bag luncheon/round table discussion will take place April 8, 12:30, NR 204.

Light refreshments will be provided for those who stay for the discussion. Everyone, male and female alike, is welcome to attend.

VOTE VOTE VOTE
ASUSU Elections are April 9 & 10 from 8-4, in the TSC Sunburst/International Lounge (across from the Carousel).
VOTE VOTE VOTE

Don't let this happen to you!!!

Attend the symposium
Left to Right: Paul Bemis, Jenny Neume, Aaron Poe, Julie Stiver. Wildlife Conclave Team, 1997


Eric Reid and Mike Berry shoot out at Wall Drug, South Dakota on the way home from the S.R.M. meetings.