1942
Dick Jørgensen, D.E '54, writes: "Gayley Atkinson is at Foulkeways, a continuing care retirement community in Gwynedd, Pa. Richard West went from Florida to a family reunion in New London, N.H., and 30 folks showed up from California, Texas, Louisiana and Florida. Dick is pleased that the younger family members are still holding reunions. His wife is confined to a wheelchair because of arthritis, but they are holding up as an old married couple! I am on the board of directors of a senior housing facility and keep fairly busy. I went to my granddaughter's wedding in South Carolina in July. It was nice because my daughter, sister, grands and great-grands were all there."

1946
Class Secretary
Paul Burns
Cliff Bryden's wife, Burne, writes: "Cliff turned 92 in December 2008. He is up and going but doesn't walk very far. We take drives into the country and Cliff goes shopping with me. Cliff's children, Charles, Bruce and Sally, visit him. He has four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren." ■ Paul Burns, Ph.D. '49, writes: "Only three out of the 22 members of our class are still alive: Cliff Bryden, Don Maus and me. I am 89 years old. Dave Smith, the youngest of our class and my long-time friend, died in March (see environment:Yale, Spring 2009). Dave and I began the two-year M.F. program at Yale in June 1941. We both left Yale temporarily in March 1942, volunteering for an Army Air Corps program in meteorology at New York University. I became a weather officer in the European Theater, and Dave was a weather officer in the Mediterranean area. When World War II ended, we returned to Yale and finished our M.F. degrees in June 1946. We were required to take 11 weeks of forestry fieldwork at Crossett, Ark., during the spring of 1946. Cliff and Don needed only one academic year to earn the M.F., and they stayed in New Haven that spring." ■ Don Maus' wife, Betula, writes: "Don is slowed up physically with arthritis and sciatica problems, but does grocery shopping—those carts are good walkers—and is still a good cook. He will reach his 94th birthday in January. I will be 90 in February."

1947
Class Secretary
Evert Johnson

1948
Class Secretary
Francis Clifton
Otis Hall writes: "I went to Reno last year, but not to Orlando this year. My main forestry activity now is spreading the word that forests and trees are the best defense against CO2 and that deforestation must be prevented in the United States, as well as elsewhere in the world. Also, I am promoting wider use of wind and solar power." ■ George Hindmarsh writes: "I drove up to Seminole with my brother and one of my daughters and their spouses for my sister's memorial services. I saw a lot of nieces, nephews and cousins whom I haven't seen in a while." ■ Steve Pryce writes: "My wife experienced a fall and broke her leg. That was in January, and healing is going along well. I get in my swimming and golf regularly. I do woodworking as a hobby."

1949
Class Secretary
Daniel Dick
Daniel Dick writes: "There were 51 of us, the largest class in the history of the school at that time. We were indoctrinated into the lore and noble history of the Yale foresters who had come before us. How the world of forestry education at F&ES has changed! Word comes from Herb Winer, Ph.D. '56, that just one M.F. was among 120 candidates for master's degrees. Herb visited Kroon Hall, former Dean Speth's crowning achievement before he relinquished his post to Sir Peter Crane. Is there still a place in the field of forestry for F&ES graduates? I know that courses in urban ecology and forestry are offered from searching the course catalog. Related to urban forestry is the damage to the maple and ash trees that populated large neighborhoods of Worcester, Mass., by the Asian Longhorned Beetle. Some 22,000 trees have been or are in the process of being removed, trees that either had become host trees or were close to being host trees. The migration of the beetle to this city was apparently in wooden shipping crates from China to one of our large industries."

1950
Class Secretary
Kenneth Carvell

1951
Class Secretary
Peter Arnold

1952
Class Secretary
Milton Hartley
Bob Bond writes: "For years I have attended F&ES receptions at meetings and have always been interested in seeing who the attendee from the oldest class was. At the recent New England SAF meeting in Portland, Maine, I found myself in that position. I hope to attend many more!"

1953
Class Secretary
Stanley Goodrich
Eric Ellwood, Ph.D. '54, writes: "I was class president and attended the school on a Fulbright fellowship from Australia and a Sheffield Fellow
scholarship. I was also fortunate to win the 1953 Wood Award. After graduating I went back to Australia to become a research officer with the Commonwealth Scientific and Research Organization. In 1956 I returned to the United States to join the newly established California Forest Products Laboratory under the direction of Fred Dickenson. After five years, I joined the School of Forest Resources at North Carolina State University as head of the Department of Wood and Paper Science; 10 years later, I was appointed dean of the college. I retired 20 years ago. My dear late wife, Dorothy, suffered through 12 years of Parkinson’s disease and died in 2000. In 2004, I married Dr. Mary Kilburn, a clinical psychologist. My current activities include family time (my three daughters and four grandchildren distributed in three states and Mary’s two daughters and five grandchildren), travel, gardening, fly-fishing, sailing and Rotary Club. My passion is photography and I am a part-time professional. Now in my 87th year, I would be most interested to hear from my surviving classmates via email. ellw@earthlink.net

■ Oakleigh Thorne writes: “I’m teaching birds and bird banding in Thorne Ecological Institute’s Natural Science School during the summer and birds during the school year. I was appointed to the external board of the Yale Institute for Biospheric Studies in 2008 and enjoyed attending the dedication of Kroon Hall in May.”

1954

Class Secretary
Richard Chase

Arthur Westing, Ph.D. ’59, writes: “I have been following up on one of my past United Nations Environment Programme assignments to become a volunteer in efforts to restore environmental integrity and harmonious relations on the Korean peninsula. I am channeling these efforts primarily through the DMZ Forum, an international NGO dedicated to establishing substantial portions of the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) as a permanent park for peace and nature. This brings me full circle because, as a U.S. Marine Corps artillery officer in the Korean War—an interlude that interrupted my M.F. studies at the Forestry School—my duties contributed significantly to the environmental and social disruption being addressed here. It is a pleasure to note that Seong-il Kim ’84, a professor of forestry at Seoul National University, and I are in correspondence about pursuing joint efforts in these hopes for the DMZ.”

1955  55th Reunion Year

Dave Holmes writes from Australia: “Last February we took a drive up the north coast, retracing our steps to visit Ellenborough Falls, west of Taree in New South Wales, and several of the old forests of our former district. There are vast areas of fine regeneration that do not have our written name on them, but could have! A great pleasure to go back to find that our best blackbutt forests are in order and well protected from fire and other perils. These days, we don’t feel very threatened by bushfires here in Manly, New South Wales, yet some of those parklands we look onto have had wildfires that scorch the crowns bare, sometimes killing small trees.” ■ Larry Sunderland writes: “Not much activity on my New Hampshire woodland other than cleaning up some of the December 2008 ice storm damage. My forest management plan, such as it is, is too opportunistic for today’s log market. I recently left New Hampshire Audubon’s board after 16 or so years and remain active on committees dealing with environmental policy and land management, including prospective timber sales. I am also vice chair of New Hampshire’s Lakes Management Advisory Committee.”

1956

Class Secretary
Jack Rose

Patrick Duffy writes: “While doing Energy Information Administration (EIA) consulting for the U.N.’s Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome this winter/spring, I had the pleasure to meet with Susan Braatz ’80 on climate change and forestry. This tied in with my new assignment as international consultant to the FAO regional office in Budapest on adapting agriculture to climate change in 12 Eastern European and mid-Asia countries. I see an active Gordon Westman ’58, Ph.D. ’62, around the Vancouver forestry scene, and I have been in touch with Gerardo Budowski, Ph.D. ’62. Retired from the University for Peace in San Jose, Costa Rica, Gerardo assisted me on an urban forest inventory for the San Jose municipality a few years ago. I admire him for his work, including his stint at the International Union for Conservation of Nature in Switzerland and at the Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center at Turrialba and the University for Peace. My current work includes trying to find more water for Accra, Ghana, and advising as a volunteer on the closing of a 30-year-old garbage dump and the opening of a well-designed sanitary landfill at Santa Rosa de Copan, Honduras. I also serve on an intervener funding committee on the Federal EIA review of a large and complex run-of-the-river project on the central coast of British Columbia. After 20 years on Eagle Island, we moved to a spacious condo in North Vancouver. With three of our four adult kids and the grandchildren nearby, there’s nary a dull moment. And volunteering for the Winter Olympic Games at the alpine ski events at Whistler will keep things interesting this winter. I mentor students at the University of British Columbia and always mention the opportunities at Yale.”
1958
Class Secretary
Ernest Kumes

Herster Barres writes: “The U.N. climate change program that I manage is moving forward, albeit suffering from a lack of funding. We now have 300 acres of carbon capture and storage forests on five farms in Costa Rica. Each of the 33 forests is a potential case study that I am writing up. The forest we established for the F&ES Class of 2007 in Costa Rica is doing very nicely.” □ Bill Rogers writes: “I am applying my love of trees to my hobby of bonsai after 50 years of industrial and public consulting in the wood/tree industry. Bonsai is a great hobby for retired tree guys. I’ll always remember and appreciate that short meeting with Dean Garrett just prior to graduation that launched my career.” □ Gordon Weetman, Ph.D. ’62, writes: “Although I have been retired for 10 years, the forestry faculty at the University of British Columbia kindly allows me to keep an office at the Forest Sciences building, where I stay involved with graduate students and professional forestry issues. Anne and I have three children and five grandchildren, all of them around Vancouver.”

1959
Class Secretary
Hans Bergey

1960
Class Secretary
John Hamner

1961
Class Secretary
Roger Graham

Scott Wallinger writes: “Chairing the Forest History Society and occasional consulting in forest sustainability and biotechnology are my ‘toe in the water’ in the forestry world. I’m president of the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association, with an array of new challenges, including keeping 2,700 owners happy, completing a $10 million community center with pools and fitness center, planning to re-cut the inlet of the Kiawah River into the Atlantic (I’m learning a lot about beach management!) and dealing with wildlife—from eagle nests, to maintaining a sustainable deer population, to gators (ever had a 10-foot gator get stuck and die in the drain box at the end of a storm drain?).”

1962
Class Secretary
Larry Safford

Bob Miller, Ph.D. ’67, writes: “I’m retired from surveying, as a professor of physiology, dean of Radford University and the practice of law in Raleigh, N.C. My time is now spent with my wife, dogs (two Newfoundlands and one Irish Setter), sailing and swimming in the Intracoastal Waterway at our second home near Holden Beach, N.C. Life is great!” drmiller@nc.rr.com

1963
Class Secretary
James Boyle

Terry Blake writes: “I retired last year after 28 years at the University of Toronto. My wife, Rosemary, and I moved back to Australia and we live in Geelong, near Melbourne. We are close to some of the best surfing beaches in Australia and to our family. Our son Paul is a lawyer in Sydney; another son, Martin, lives in Toronto, and our daughter, Turi, and three grandchildren live near Queenstown, New Zealand. Rosemary’s book of poetry, Wintering, was published just before we left Canada. I am completing a book on the eucalyptus and have taken up a position at Deakin University, Geelong.”

1964
Steve Hanover writes: “All is well in southwest Florida, with no hurricanes this summer. It was hot, as usual, so we traveled up North for a while, following our two-and-a-half-month stay in China. In late summer, we viewed the awesome Redwood country in California. My forestry/wood science training is still with me, thank God. I still enjoy tree identification. In China, Ginkgo is prevalent, as well as the weeping willow. They are such beauties in and around Beijing, especially in the Summer Palace.” □ Nils Parr writes: “After working as a forester and then in forestry research, I taught college for the rest of my career. I retired, got bored, got into local government and am now elected to a six-year term on the board of supervisors of West Manheim Township in York County, Penn. I dream of retiring to the Penobsco Bay area of the coast of Maine, but right now I’m having too much fun.” □ Jun Revilla, Ph.D. ’78, writes: “I am very thankful for the many opportunities that came my way to develop myself. My wife and I have three children and eight wonderful grandchildren (four boys and four girls). I truly could not ask for more. From the age of about 6 or 7, I was working in the farm, tending chickens/ducks/carabaos, plowing the fields, planting and harvesting various crops in the Philippines. While I dreamed of going to a university, I never thought that opportunity would come, much less at Yale. But, government and Yale scholarships came my way, and I do my best to realize them. Our grandchildren, children, my wife and I are all well. We all play tennis. I walk 1.6 miles to the tennis court, play and walk back home almost every morning.”

1965
Class Secretary
James Howard

John Blouch writes: “I’m traveling lots for business and enjoying the friendships, as well as the challenges of the economy and the marketplace. My golf game is improving, and I found a customer who enjoys trips...”
to the pistol range as much as I do. I’m about to start a several-room hardwood flooring project (i.e., cat-proofing). I teach a Sunday school class a couple of times a month. NPR’s Morning Edition provides conversation for the day’s visits. The Yale degree was the best possible investment of time and money.”

1966
Class Secretary
Howard Dickinson Jr.

1967
Class Secretary
Robert Hintze

1968
Class Secretary
Gerald Gagne

1969
Class Secretary
Davis Cherington

1970  40th Reunion Year
Class Secretary
Whitney Beals

Donn Critchell writes: “I took early retirement 11 years ago and went back to school to pick up an art degree at the local community college. After that I volunteered in the dark-room until it was closed down two years ago. Fortunately, I had already made the jump to digital and could print at home for myself and members of the camera club. I almost picked up certification as a webmaster, but didn’t need it because there is enough business for me. Coding (not using software) and working with clients is the enjoyable part of this task. Sue and I hike, ski and kayak.”

Joe Honowitz, Ph.D. ’75, writes: “My wife, Nancy Hicks, and I are living near Boston. We dropped by the school on August 17 and got a tour of Kroon and Sage by Kath Schomaker ’96. We’re both retired (Joe almost 10 years from the Army Corps of Engineers as a senior environmental scientist and Nancy four years from teaching college physics). We recently returned from nearly a month in Norway, where we visited Oslo and Bergen and toured Svalbard (an arctic archipelago) in a Russian research vessel with 80 other adventurers to see polar bears and glaciers, arctic seabirds and wildflowers.”

1971
Class Secretary
Harold Nygren

Barry Bryan is working full time, extremely healthy and having fun, so he has no plans to retire. He is fully engaged representing the British Columbia Ministry of Forests and Range, negotiating compensation with forest tenure holders negatively affected by government land use initiatives (e.g., creation of new protected areas) and First Nation treaty settlements. ■ Tom (Harold) Nygren writes: “I’m enjoying retirement and working with small-woodland owners. I just finished a term as president of the Oregon Woodland Cooperative and have more time to devote to my own tree farm.”

Jim Okraszewski writes: “My wife, Clare, and I have been retired for one year and live in Michigan near Land O’ Lakes, Wisc. I worked for NewPage as their corporate wood and forest sustainability director until August 2008. My main volunteer activity is with a residential hospice and with patients at home, 40 hours per month. It is work I really enjoy. I also am on the property tax board of review for Watersmeet, Mich., and on the board of directors for the Invasive Species Control Coalition, which seeks to control invasive water plants and critters such as Eurasian milfoil, curly pondweed, Chinese mystery snails and zebra mussels. Clare volunteers at the Land O’ Lakes Library. Fun includes fishing, hunting, biking and hiking. The view of the lake is something I never tire of, summer or winter. Although we live in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, our mailing address is a Wisconsin town near here. It is locally known as the ‘lost 40,’ since it is accessible by road only through Wisconsin or by boat from Michigan.”

Edwin (Bart) Young writes: “After 20 years with the U.S. National Park Service, I am a senior planning technical advisor for Tanzania National Parks of the World Conservation Union. Over the course of the four-year assignment, I worked with a team in developing management plans for Kilimanjaro, Serengeti, Ruaha and Tarangire national parks. Due to the expanding development pressures to build hotels and permanent camps within the national parks, the team also developed a concessions manual, incorporating procedures and an evaluation system to guide park tourism developments. The biggest challenge we faced was getting a wilderness concept incorporated into the revision of the Tanzania National Park policy document. Following this assignment, I served as USAID chief of party for Uganda’s Action Program for the Environment, bringing together and coordinating efforts with 35 conservation stakeholders. The focus was on revisiting Uganda’s biodiversity and environmental goals, identifying outstanding issues and needs and assessing the existing programs in meeting those goals. Having a dual role as senior planning technical advisor for the Uganda Wildlife Authority, I selected and trained a five-member national team to develop a management plan for Queen Elizabeth National Park. I am a senior technical advisor for the Uganda Wildlife Authority, and am working full time, extremely healthy and having fun, so he has no plans to retire. He is fully engaged representing the British Columbia Ministry of Forests and Range, negotiating compensation with forest tenure holders negatively affected by government land use initiatives (e.g., creation of new protected areas) and First Nation treaty settlements. ■ Tom (Harold) Nygren writes: “I’m enjoying retirement and working with small-woodland owners. I just finished a term as president of the Oregon Woodland Cooperative and have more time to devote to my own tree farm.”

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1972

Class Secretary
Ruth Hamilton Allen

Rosalind Batchelor writes: “I am a consultant, undertaking interim assignments, most recently with the Yorkshire Rural Community Council. I also am a caller for a local ceilidh band, performing regularly for celebrations of all sorts. As chair of two local nonprofit furniture recycling businesses, I have been busy fundraising and making improvements to the stores. Our next big trip is scheduled for Australia in January.”

Matt Rosen writes: “I am retired from the City of Des Moines, Iowa. I am chair of the Greater Des Moines Sister City Commission, so I’m staying active in the community and getting to do some international travel.”

1973

John Aber, Ph.D. ’76, writes: “My book, The Sustainable Learning Community: One University’s Journey to the Future, was published late last spring (see Bookshelf, page 22). I’m the first editor in this presentation of 36 case studies detailing steps that folks at the University of New Hampshire have taken in curriculum, operations, research and engagement to create a campus that maximizes quality of life and minimizes our environmental footprint. I am provost and vice president for academic affairs here at UNH. After two years back on the faculty, following a four-year stint as vice president for research, it’s back to administration and the chance to help keep UNH moving forward.”

Roy Deitchman has been working at Amtrak for the past 10 years as vice president of the Environmental Health and Safety Department, based at Union Station in Washington, D.C. Over the past few years, he has also been able to develop programs to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions from trains. He is proud that his two children are now in grad school. Athletics take less time, but the schedule has not slowed any, only shifted in emphasis.”

Andrew Ezell writes: “Kevier is having a great time and both children are now in grad school. Athletics are challenging, times. I’m at the Natural Resources Defense Council, after 30-plus years.”

William (Buzz) Constable writes: “When I am not chasing real estate investment and development (all green, really), I sit on nonprofit boards (Old South Meeting House, The Trustees of Reservations, Environmental League of Massachusetts) and do a lot of land conservation stuff, including a Sisyphean effort to revise Massachusetts zoning. 20 years running a famous land trust and much time spent personally designing, building and clearing about 50 miles of suburban trails. Peter, Chuck, Spencer, Catherine, where are you?”

R.A. Lautenschlager writes: “When I’m not being a science guy, I continue to write, play and

1974

Catherine Badgley, Ph.D. ’82, writes: “I am at the University of Michigan, working on paleoecology—getting insights from the fossil record of mammals during changing paleoenvironments to understand some aspects of ecological responses to climate change today—and modern mammal ecology in relation to climate. Because of the huge impacts of agriculture on biodiversity, I have leapt into debates about what kinds of agriculture are sustainable for the future. I live on a farm and practice what I preach. I have also carved out some time for creative writing—a published children’s book about bats and a play about Darwin (to be performed in our natural history museum in November).”

Frances Beinecke writes: “I’m living in New York, with regular travel to D.C. for the Obama era. These are very exciting, but challenging, times. I’m at the Natural Resources Defense Council, after 30 years. I’m a fellow at the Center for Sustainable Development and the New York League of Conservation Voters. In addition, I am a founder of the Energy Future Coalition and Conservation International’s Center for Environmental Leadership in Business and am on the steering committee of the United States Climate Action Partnership. At Yale, she is a co-chair of the F&S Leadership Council; served as chair of the university’s Council for a Sustainable Yale; and was a member of the Yale Corporation board. She also has been a leader on the boards of the Wilderness Society, the China-U.S. Center for Sustainable Development and the New York League of Conservation Voters. In addition, she is the recipient of the Rachel Carson Award from the National Audubon Society, the Annual Conservation Award from the Adirondack Council and the Robert Marshall Award from the Wilderness Society.

Frances Beinecke Receives First Aldo Leopold Award

Frances Beinecke ’74, president of the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), received the inaugural Aldo Leopold Award in April for her environmental leadership. She has intensified NRDC’s efforts to fight global warming, promote clean-energy initiatives, revive the world’s oceans, save endangered wild habitats and stem the proliferation of toxic chemicals. The Aldo Leopold Award recognizes exceptional contributions to the protection of the environment; stewardship of the land as Leopold envisioned it; and scholarship or writing in environmental ethics, ecology or a related field. Beinecke, who has spent over 30 years with the NRDC, serves on the boards of the World Resources Institute, the Energy Future Coalition and Conservation International’s Center for Environmental Leadership in Business and is on the steering committee of the United States Climate Action Partnership. At Yale, she is a co-chair of the F&S Leadership Council; served as chair of the university’s Council for a Sustainable Yale; and was a member of the Yale Corporation board. She also has been a leader on the boards of the Wilderness Society, the China-U.S. Center for Sustainable Development and the New York League of Conservation Voters. In addition, she is the recipient of the Rachel Carson Award from the National Audubon Society, the Annual Conservation Award from the Adirondack Council and the Robert Marshall Award from the Wilderness Society.
Helen Waldorf is an independent energy and environment consultant, specializing in renewable alternatives analysis and regulatory compliance. She works with the University of Massachusetts, Lowell; the MBTA; and water utilities. She was trained by Al Gore and The Climate Project as one of 1,000 presenters of the slide show An Inconvenient Truth. She lives in Boston and Hull, Mass., with spouse Jude, Julie the dog and Penny the cat.

1976

Sally Hasted writes: “I left the field of environmental site reviews and went into special education teaching. I’ve done what I can to teach environmental appreciation at every opportunity. I’ve recently swung into helping teenagers who suffer from addiction and psychoemotional difficulties. I’ve started our town’s conservation commission, served on conservation and various open space and water resource committees and testified as an expert witness during many tidal wetland hearings, and I still stand up against development threats in our town. I taught wetland science (including tidal wetland restoration) for five summers and have led field and stream instruction for the National Audubon Society. If I ever get to retire, I’d like to do a doctorate on tidal wetland restoration and help inner city kids to enjoy, understand and fit in with natural areas.”

Colin Peterson writes: “Having moved 15 times in my 34-plus years of employment with International Paper, it is nice to be where we now call “home”—Georgetown, S.C. It is like a hometown for me, with the seemingly hundreds whom I have gotten to know over the years here with IP. My wife, Sandy, is close to our daughter in Charleston and friends in Myrtle Beach. I’ve stayed in touch with Yale classmate Bill Timko and his wife, Pam, and I need to travel up toward D.C. before it gets too cold for a visit. Yalie Mike Macedo ’88 is the new east regional manager with IP here in Georgetown. I enjoy hearing Mike in our St. Mary’s Church choir each Sunday and working together in the Knights of Columbus. I play plenty of baseball, softball, soccer and volleyball with the grandchildren and get exercise from our two dogs that love to take us for a walk as much as possible.”

Bob Seymour, Ph.D. ’80, writes: “I am in my 23rd year teaching silviculture and forest stand dynamics as the Curtis Hutchins Professor at the University of Maine. We recently eliminated our department structure and are now all in one School of Forest Resources. Last year I was named a fellow of the Society of American Foresters, along with my wife of 15 years, Carol Redelsheimer, a forester for the Scientific Forest Management Area of Baxter State Park. Chad Oliver ’70, Ph.D. ’75, was also so honored. My kids are now all out of college, live in Maine and seem happy. Our daughter, Jessie (a Dartmouth B.A. in sociology), works for the Northern Forest Center, staffing their traveling exhibit, ‘Ways of the Woods.’ I serve on Maine’s Forester Licensing Board with Tom Rumpf ’78, who works for Maine’s TNC.”
1977
Class Secretary
James Guldin

Denise Mitten enjoyed the Ecological Society of America conference this August because she got to meet people at the F&ES mixer and she got to watch her daughter, Lauren, present on her wild rice research. Denise presented on the Ferris State University Political Engagement Project (PEP) model for creating an engaged student body and faculty on campus. PEP is an initiative sponsored by Carnegie and The New York Times. Denise is now starting an Academic Service Learning Initiative at Ferris.

1978
Class Secretaries
Susan Cuman
Marie Magleby
Regina Rochefort

John Hoffnagle writes: “The first weekend in April brought members of the Class of 1978 to the Napa Valley for a weekend of wine tasting, hiking, spas and great meals. My wife, Suzanne Easton, teamed up with Jim Sempere to host the get-together, marked by perfect weather and a stunning villa that served as base camp. Ed Becker and wife Sheila Becker, Bob Gipe and wife Betsy Fine, Cathie Hopper and husband David Perlman, Andy Schwarz and Loring LaBarbera Schwarz and Gordon Smith came from still-wintery Massachusetts, Connecticut, Washington state and North Carolina. Virginia Pflueger, widow of Kim Pflueger, came down from Seattle and brought her two sons, Max and Nathan. Ted Schwarz, son of Andy and Loring, also attended. Attendees grew very comfortable with wine-tasting after sampling over 30 different wines in a four-day marathon of tasting, palette cleansing and feasting. We had a fabulous time reconnecting and would love to have other class
members join us on our next adventure slated for 2011, maybe in Seattle. Contact me for further details.” John@napalandtrust.org

Luke Umeh writes: “I retired from the African Development Bank, Abidjan, as chief of the Agriculture and Rural Development Division in 2003. I decided to return to Nigeria, where I set up a consulting firm, Sustainable Agriculture Forest Resources Rural and Environmental Development (SAFRRED), and an NGO, Umeh-Diokpo Foundation (UDF). With assistance from the World Bank and African Development Bank, SAFRRED helped the federal government of Nigeria to develop environmental guidelines for implementing microprojects and assisted in forestry and water resources planning, as well as determining the effects of climate change in sustainable land management. UDF is dedicated to helping the poor and the elderly live better lives. We support evangelism and also assist the less-privileged children in schools of higher learning. Through UDF’s program, termed Spiritual, Preventive and Curative Medicare, we run health clinics. Our children, Ifeanyi and Nonye (with her husband and two children, Chidule and Ogechi), are in the United States. www.safredd.com, www.umehdiokpo.org

1979
Class Secretary
John Carey

1980 30th Reunion Year

Class Secretary
Sara Schreiner-Kendall

Sanat Dhungel writes: My current research includes cobra farming and breeding, venom collection and venom protein isolation research and development; herb collection, trading, growing and exporting; protein isolation in zebra fish; and biodiesel plantations of Jatropha curcus seedlings raised in the nursery.” drsanatdhungel@gmail.com  ■ Laura

Snook, D. For. ’93, writes: “I’m at Biodiversity International in Rome, working on the conservation of useful plant species, including forest trees around the world, in partnership with researchers affiliated with universities, national research institutes or NGOs in dozens of countries. I lead a group of 30 scientists, located in Africa, Asia and Latin America and Europe, in a program titled Understanding and Managing Biodiversity, which focuses on conserving the genetic diversity that provides the traits that will help us adapt our primary production to climate change. Jonathan and I delight in the beauty, culture and history of Rome and Italy, enjoying many an expedition with Susan Braatz, who lives just across the Tiber near one of the few remaining individuals of the endemic Sicilian fir, Abies nebrodensis. Last year we enjoyed a visit from Jim Thorne, Ph.D. ’85, and his wife, Rosemary. We occasionally visit Connecticut because my parents still live there, and we look forward to the next Class of ’80 reunion in 2010 (year of biodiversity!).”

Jane Sokolow writes: “I work on community and green issues in the Bronx and New York City and keep an eye on the shale natural gas drilling in the watershed in the Catskills. I am on the board of the Hubbard Brook Research Foundation, as well as Hudsonia, Bronx Council on Environmental Quality and the Friends of the Beavertail.”

1981
Class Secretaries
Fred Hadley
Carol Youell

Tom Gaman writes: “The slow economy has afforded me time to put a new roof on my house, count fewer but greener trees at Tioga Pass and Mono Lake and make plans for a self-guided forestry tour of New Zealand at the Awaroa bach in February and March 2010.” www.forestdata.com/allegro/bachinfo.pdf  ■ Thea (Weiss) Hayes writes: “I’ve spent 18 years teaching science (and now health) to middle school students in Portland, Ore. My husband, Angel, is working toward his mechanical engineering degree at Mt. Hood Community College. Daughter Hanna, 21, is out and working, and Rachel, 13, just became a Bat Mitzvah. My major interest is invasive species ecology education. I’m planning to retire soon to a farm with goats and bees.”  ■ Bill Klassen writes: “I’m in the Yukon Territory, Canada, and semiretired. I’m a member of a Canadian Environmental Assessment Act panel and am conducting an environmental assessment of a proposed copper mine in British Columbia. I’m also assisting Holland America Line with the screening of the operation of their Yukon Queen II on the Yukon River from Dawson City, Y.T., to Eagle, Alaska, under the Yukon Environmental and Socio-Economic Assessment Act. One of my brothers and I and our families are trying to re-establish a stand of red pine on part of our woodlot in southeastern Manitoba, located in the most westerly extension of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence mixed hardwood/softwood forest. We’re also investigating the feasibility of white birch syrup production there. Besides that, my wife, Rayanne, and I are enjoying being grandparents!”

Elizabeth Mullin writes: “I am living in Washington, D.C., and am the executive director of Friends of Rock Creek’s Environment, a nonprofit group working to protect and restore the Rock Creek watershed. Rock Creek meanders 33 miles through the heart of the nation’s capital and flows into the Potomac River by the Watergate complex and the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. The watershed includes Rock Creek Park, a premier urban forest.”

1982
Class Secretaries
Barbara Hansen
Kenneth Osbom
Junaid Choudhury writes: “I retired from government service in 2001. At present, I am working as a freelance consultant, mostly as a forestry specialist. I’ve worked with mangroves for a long time, specializing in Sundarban mangroves. I have two daughters—Junna, who is in Sydney, and Juhaina, who is in London. I am very sad to learn of the death of two of my favorite F&ES teachers, David Smith and George Furnival. I pray for the eternal peace of these great souls. Jeffrey Chow, an F&ES Ph.D. student, came to my residence at Dhaka in June to discuss Sundarban.”

Paula Daukas writes: “I live in Bozeman, Mont., manager of restoration science for the World Wildlife Fund.” paula.daukas@denverwater.org

Kate Dreyfus writes: “I live in Portland, Ore., and am a transportation planner for a city government located close to Portland. My daughter started fifth grade this fall.”
kate.dreyfus@gmail.com

Tom Jacob writes: “I am the Western regional government affairs manager for DuPont in Sacramento, Calif. My daughters, Kristin and Erin, reside in the Seattle area, so we travel up and down the Pacific Coast regularly, particularly now that we have a granddaughter, Quinn. 3, up there (Kristin’s daughter).”

Ada Ndeso-Atanga writes: “I work on Nature & Faune, which is a peer-reviewed, international bilingual (English and French) publication of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. It is dedicated to the exchange of information and practical experience in the field of wildlife and protected-areas management and conservation of natural resources on the African continent. Nature & Faune has been in wide circulation since 1985. Our daughter, Ihuoma Chichi Ndeso-Atanga, graduated last May, and my husband, our son, JP, and I were in Pittsburgh for the occasion.”

Ken Osborn manages a German family’s forest in Washington State. He worked with the owners in acquiring forest lands on the North Island, New Zealand, where, given his frequency of visits, he splurged on a house. Ross Povenmire is a conservation, town planning and community preservation agent in Boxford, Mass.”

1983

Class Secretary

Stephen Broker

Steve Blackmer writes: “To my utter astonishment, I find myself returning to Yale this fall as a graduate student—this time to the Divinity School. I’ve come to believe that the mounting realities of catastrophic ecological change—climate change and more—will demand transformation at least as much of the human spirit as changes in policy, the economy and technology.”

Domenic Forcella writes: “I am involved with the blues, finishing my sixth and final year as a member of the Blues Foundation board of directors in Memphis. I write the weekly Blues Beat column for four daily papers, one give-away and an insert for a fifth. I serve as faculty advisor to WFCS 107.7, the student-run radio station on the campus of Central Connecticut State University (CCSU), and DJ a weekly blues show. Last semester, I taught a blues history class at Manchester Community College. I’m also doing environmental health and safety work at CCSU and teaching a hazardous-materials course. I provide OSHA training to staff.”

Dave Locks continues his natural resource management consulting practice. This year he completed a ground-breaking critique of public wildlife management for the Yukon Fish and Wildlife management board and is now conducting research and field demonstration trials in forest fuel management in the highly flammable urban interface of Whitehorse.

I am finishing my second year as senior educator at the Harvard Museum of Natural History. I spend most of my time writing science curriculum for children and teachers and am writing grants to support our projects. It’s a great job. The highlight of my year was traveling to New York state on a paleontology field trip and finding two fossils in the Beecher’s trilobite beds—Yale territory! I am in touch with Susan Foster and visited her at her house in Vermont.”

1984

Class Secretaries

Therese Feng

Robertas Tabell Jordan

Dusti Becker writes: “I am living on Maui with my husband and fellow conservation biologist, Tony Povilaitis. We run a nonprofit conservation organization together—Life Net Nature—and work on a variety of projects focusing on biodiversity. My paying job is with the Maui Forest Bird Recovery Project, in which I do...”
conservation research for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and for Hawaii’s Department of Land and Natural Resources in order to recover the Maui parrotbill and Akohekohe.” www.lifenetnature.org  Randy Hagenstein writes: “I am the director of the Alaska Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. Last September, Evie Witten ’95 and I welcomed our daughter, Névé, into our lives. Névé just finished her first Alaskan wilderness experience—five days rafting the Gulkana River—a christening of sorts (thankfully no baptism).”

1985  25th Reunion Year

Class Secretary  Alex Brash

Haydi Danielson and her family recently moved to the south end of Monterey Bay, near Carmel, Calif. She’s retired as director of the Carden School of Santa Cruz and is now spending her time enjoying her two teenage children, Dylan, 17, and Teddy, 16, and her husband, Damon. She works part-time for her family’s tree business. She enjoyed a visit from Eva Muller ’84 this summer. hdanielson@boethingtreeland.com

Chris Donnelly writes: “I am working for the State of Connecticut, making the world safe for urban trees. Rita and I are keeping house together in Northford. I am looking forward to the 2010 reunion, when we will be—gawd!—25 years out.”

Mark Duda will celebrate 20 years with Responsive Management, a survey research firm that specializes in natural resource and outdoor recreation issues. Since founding the company in 1990, Mark has watched Responsive Management grow from a single-room operation to a company that employs more than 60 people. Responsive Management has completed almost 1,000 surveys, including recent studies of attitudes toward climate change, bears in Alaska and hunting and shooting sports participation, as well as an evaluation of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Marine Mammal Stranding Network. Mark lives in Virginia’s Shenandoah Valley with his wife, Mary Anne, with whom he will celebrate 23 years of marriage this year, a daughter, Maddie, 18, and a son, Mark Damian II.

1986

Laura MacAlister Brown and Rob Roy Ramey are consulting on endangered species, conducting original research and traveling. Maggie Coon writes: “After more than 20 years, I departed The Nature Conservancy to return to my beloved Methow Valley farm. My husband and I are co-directors of the Twisp Public Development Authority. We’re heading up a new enterprise, initially focused on bringing innovative educational programs to the site of a former U.S. Forest Service complex in the Methow Valley. Key project themes include promoting local agriculture, local arts and culture and sustainable energy. We’re having a blast!”

Tom Duffus writes: “I am well into my fifth year with the Conservation Fund and enjoying the work in the eight upper Midwestern states and beyond. I was recently appointed to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. For those who remember the bagpiper … I am headed to the World Championships with my band next summer in Glasgow, Scotland.”

Daniel Hellerstein, Ph.D. ’89, writes: “I live in Washington, D.C., and work for the USDA Economic Research Service. My kids are finishing high school. My work tends to focus on how to manage USDA conservation programs, with more of a focus on cost effectiveness—the ‘valuation’ component is something I don’t do as much of anymore. Carbon sequestration is a big deal these days.”

Steve Miller writes: “I run the Coastal Training Program at the Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in New Hampshire. It’s very challenging and rewarding work that has demonstrated success in providing science-based training and technical assistance to mainly municipal decision-makers in the watershed. I love working in New Hampshire and being part of a national program through NOAA; there are 27 reserves across the country.”

Michael Wells enjoys international environmental consulting from his office home in Norway. Most work energies recently have gone into a trans-Pacific program evaluation for the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation (including a fascinating trip to Kamchatka); helping the World Bank’s Development Marketplace strengthen its monitoring and evaluation system; and advising the Norwegian government on its increasingly substantial Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries investments, globally as well as in Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and Guyana. During the last year, I had the pleasure of interacting with classmate Ken Andrasko (World Bank). Fellow alums or current students interested in getting some evaluation or applied-research experience within teams that I periodically put together and lead for international agencies, foundations and NGOs are welcome to get in contact.”

1987

Class Secretaries  Christie Coon  Melissa Paly

Andrew Brower writes: “I wrote Biological Systematics: Principles and Applications with R.T. Schuh, reissued in its second edition by Cornell University Press this year. In addition, I have contributed over 2,000 Web pages about the phylogenetic relationships of butterflies and moths to the Tree of Life.”

Robert Lester writes: “I’ve been in Guatemala for seven years, continuing to build a local consulting firm I founded that provides environmental and social services to private-sector
clients. I'm working in Central America on a lot of energy and other projects connected with financing deals. My Guatemalan wife and Nico, 9, and Nina, 3, and a chocolate lab occupy my off hours, as well as daydreams of building a small boat."

Michael O'Connell is executive director of the Irvine Ranch Conservancy in Orange County, Calif., a nonprofit land stewardship organization he helped found with billionaire philanthropist Donald Bren. The conservancy was created to ensure the permanent management of 44,000 acres of wildlands protected on the historic Irvine Ranch. The land was recently declared a natural landmark by the State of California and the National Park Service. (see photo on the 1987 class page, environment.yale.edu/ alumni-alumnae/)

Jim Pissot and his wife, Valerie, decided to help boost General Motors' sagging fortunes by purchasing a Chevrolet. It's a 1948 Fleetmaster. Jim alternates his time under the hood and behind the wheel (when he's not helping Canadian wolves and bears) with aims to restore the already roadworthy classic. Chris Pratt writes: “I am back in Vermont for a while, getting a window weatherization company started. We were out in Portland, Ore., but the startup environment is better for me here. I was in town for the Kroon Hall grand opening—it was impressive—and caught up with Dan Hellerstein '86, Holly Welles '88 and others.” Joshua Royte is a conservation planner for The Nature Conservancy in Maine, focusing primarily on the Penobscot River Restoration Project, a $50 million-plus project to purchase three large dams, remove two and bypass a third in order to bring sea-run fish back to over 1,000 miles of spawning habitat. He lives in Yarmouth with his wife, Leigh, and leads the local version of a conservation commission. Noel Seton writes: “We are happily settled in Jerusalem. I am director of a company that runs study tours of Israel. Laura is a researcher, editor and writer for the Institute on the Holocaust and Genocide, which seeks to prevent such atrocities.”

1988

Class Secretaries
Diane Stark
Holly Welles

Kaaren Lewis writes: “I am the director of the ecosystems branch for the British Columbia Ministry of Environment, with responsibility for legislation, policy, science and information for species and ecosystems at risk. My two lovely children, Talia, 12, and Finn, 9, are healthy and happy, and my husband, Jeff, is off for a month to explore the high Arctic and Northwest Passage. We have a lovely home near Victoria on wooded acreage.”

Karen LeAnn McKay writes: “I am working part time for Tropical Salvage, a small, fair-trade company that makes furniture from reclaimed and salvaged wood from Indonesia. I had a chance to visit the workshop and salvage sites last year and it was truly inspiring. My husband, Ted, is writing, my eldest daughter is looking at colleges on the East Coast for next year, and my youngest daughter entered high school this year.”

Holly Welles writes: “I’m enjoying the consulting life in Princeton and learning to appreciate the landscape in this part of the world. My husband, Rob, and I miss the West, but Princeton is a great place to raise our twins, Cole and Riley. I’m engaged in a variety of projects addressing climate change, energy efficiency and renewables and marine conservation. Last year I joined F&ES Alumni Association Board, so if you have any thoughts or suggestions about how the school can engage alumni, feel free to let me know. It would be great to connect.”

1989

Class Secretaries
Susan Campbell
Jane Freeman

Laurie Reynolds Rardin writes: “I am the research translation coordinator for the Dartmouth College Toxic Metals Program. The program is funded by a Superfund grant, and I am taking the research data developed on arsenic and mercury and putting it into language and formats that will connect many different interest groups—from other scientists, resource managers and politicians to the fishermen standing under the bridge trying to catch dinner, and all others in between. The questions being studied will generate meaningful and useful information that will help in public health and resource management decisions.”

1990

20th Reunion Year

Class Secretaries
Judy Olson Hicks
Carolyn Anne Pilling

Vicki Nichols Goldstein and Bruce Goldstein have packed up the kids (Ari, 9, and Melina, 7) and headed west after five years in Appalachia, landing in Boulder, Colo. Bruce is associate professor of ecological planning at the University of Colorado, Denver, and Vicki is working with the Center for Youth and the Environment at C.U. “We hooked up with Doug Robotham recently in Denver and are looking forward to hanging with the sizable F&ES contingent out here in mountain paradise!”

Peter Jipp writes: “I extended my assignment in Bangkok for another year and will continue working with the World Bank in Cambodia and Laos, supporting efforts to improve natural resources management across disciplines, including participatory forest management, biodiversity conservation and land titling. Our family made a 10-day trek in Ladakh this summer, which earned rave reviews from everyone.”

Bet (Flores) Zimmerman writes: “I’m at Pacific...”
Northwest National Laboratory, providing senior-level strategic and technical services on environmental protection programs and leading International Organization for Standardization 14001 audits around the country. For fun, I write a weekly newspaper column on environmental issues. My personal passion is bluebirding. My husband, Doug, and I maintain 100 nest boxes, and I have an educational website on small cavity nesters. We live in an old farmhouse in rural Woodstock, Conn., with our indoor Cornish Rex cat, Tenzing, and outdoor pygmy goat and ducks.” www.ourbetternature.org, www.sialis.org

1991
Class Secretary
Richard Wallace

Chip Isenhart writes: “Jill Isenhart and I are working at ECOS Communications, but I spent a significant amount of time over the last year helping to start Bio-Logical Capital (BLC). BLC is a sustainable land development company with a focus on large-scale investment opportunities aimed at producing environmental, social and financial benefits. The firm generates value through a variety of emerging environmental markets, including payments for ecosystem services, alternative energy, reforestation/certified timber, ecotourism and environmentally sound real estate development. We now have a couple of other F&ESers on board—Stephen Kellert, Tweedy Ordway Professor of Social Ecology, and Julie Witherspoon ’08—and have some interesting projects in the works.” www.biologicalcapital.com, http://ecos.us/project_icebarge.html

Joan Becker Kelsch and Tom Kelsch ’90 visited briefly with Tim Donnay while he was on home leave. Tim, his wife and two children live in Macedonia, where Tim works for USAID. They love living overseas and are doing well. The Kelsch family had
The hope for Kroon Hall is that it will eventually become central to environmental life at Yale—that it will build, in the words of those who imagined it, “social capital” or, put plainly, bring people together. Five months after the building’s opening in January, the promise of that vision was already being fulfilled. For four days in May, Kroon Hall was at the center of three gatherings that simultaneously acknowledged the selfless generosity of the school’s Leadership Council; reflected on the enduring legacy of arguably the most significant F&ES alum, Aldo Leopold (see inside front cover); and welcomed back alumni—those spiritual custodians of the Leopoldian view that the fate of humanity is bound up in the land—for a reunion.

Most of the events, among them a lecture on visions of a sustainable future and a symposium on President Obama’s environmental instincts in his first 100 days, reaffirmed the school’s central role in environmental discourse, but they also represented a transition, of sorts, in the life of the school. Kroon Hall, dedicated that weekend, officially became the school’s nerve center, supplanting Sage Hall—retrofitted to accommodate more staff and, better still, rebaptized to more ably aid in fulfilling the destinies of F&ES students—as the main administrative home. And Gus Speth, aglow in accolades for a decade of accomplishment as dean, presided over events one last time, but with a buoyancy emblematic of an administration winding down. However, before the reins would be handed over, at least symbolically, to the eminent evolutionary biologist, Sir Peter Crane, Ed Bass, a longtime supporter of F&ES, would announce, to the surprise of those in attendance, a campaign that covertly raised over $1 million in new gifts and pledges for the Cameron and Gus Speth Fund for Financial Aid.

At the end of the Leadership Council program, over 450 guests, including 134 alumni, spilled out onto Kroon Hall’s spacious south courtyard for a barbecue and live Creole music. They basked, drinks in hand, in the shadow of Kroon, flush with an air of excitement that their collective efforts—their sacrifice, hard work and faith—had produced a beacon for Yale, and for the rest of the country, for doing right by the environment in a big way. It was their hour. They laughed, listened to a few more tributes and posed for a few more pictures before catching cabs in the soft spring twilight for their flights home.
notes

a great trip to the Canadian Rockies this summer—a highly recommended destination for anyone looking for big mountains, fresh air and great hiking.

1992

Class Secretary
Katherine Kearn Farhadian
Ann Hooker Clarke, D.E.E.S. ’92, environmental chief at NASA Ames Research Center, Mountain View, Calif., issued the center’s first environmental sustainability report. The annual reports will highlight efforts to reduce the center’s environmental footprint in Silicon Valley and the Bay Area, while supporting the region’s growing ecotechnology sector.

Greg Knoettner writes: “I’m on the coast of Maine, surfing, sailing and running our girls around. I’m also developing software from home while the dogs look on.” Aliza Mizrahi writes: “I am working on organic agriculture. I have two kids, Anat, 8, and Yael, 6.” Peter Palmiutto, D.F. ’98, director of the conservation biology program at Antioch New England Graduate School, has served as a core faculty member in the Environmental Studies Department since 2001 and serves the institution as director of the Monadnock Ecological Research and Education Project and co-director of the Center for Tropical Ecology and Conservation. Peter also serves the broader community as an alternate on the Town of Walpole’s conservation commission and as a member of the Pisgah Technical Committee, which advises the State of New Hampshire on the development of a master plan for Pisgah State Park.

1993

Class Secretaries
Dean Gibson
Molly Goodyear
Heather Merbs

Jeff Griffin writes: “My wife, Amy, and I moved our family back to my hometown of Billings, Mont., two years ago. We are living life back in Big Sky country, with views of three different mountain ranges and lots of fly-fishing, skiing and outdoor fun. Our three little boys, ages 3 to 7, keep us hopping and marveling as they grow and learn. I consult independently and have built my career managing, developing and evaluating conservation projects worldwide for the past 15-plus years, working with the Global Environment Facility, the United Nations, the World Bank, NGOs and private companies. I volunteer on the boards of two nonprofits and, more recently, have become involved with a local entrepreneurial company called Floating Island International, which has invented and is fine-tuning a wonderful example of biomimicry—a floating island modeled after naturally occurring floating islands in Wisconsin and many other places. It turns out these things have some real potential applications in wastewater treatment worldwide and especially in the developing world.”

Arjun Heimsath writes: “I moved to Phoenix a couple of years ago because of the convergence of intellectual forces—sustainability, Earth and space exploration and human evolution and social change; they are three new schools at the University of Arizona that I work closely with. Love it!” Bill Mott celebrated 10 years of working at the Ocean Project, helping aquariums, zoos and museums around the world to increase their effectiveness at generating conservation awareness and action with their millions of visitors. In June, the Ocean Project released the results from a sweeping new national survey titled America, the Ocean, and Climate Change: New Research Insights for Conservation, Awareness, and Action, which polled over 22,000 Americans on a range of ocean- and environment-related topics. It is the largest environmental survey ever conducted, with lots of strategic information for all sorts of organizations and individuals working to advance conservation.”

www.theoceanproject.org

Eugene Simonov, known as Ximeng, with his wife, Svetlana, and son, Daniel, cultivated tomatoes on the balcony of their summer quarters at Yellow Sea near Dalian, China, and moved to their winter quarters at Northeast Forestry University in Harbin, closer to the Sino-Russian border. Eugene works on Amur River basin conservation, dealing with issues in transboundary water transfers and transboundary protected areas in Northeast Asia. Besides being involved in environmental consultancy for the past three years, Eugene has been a researcher at the Chinese-Mongolian-Russian Dauria International Protected Area, where his fieldwork area borders the Mongolian domain of Rich Reading ’86, Ph.D. ’93.

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Jamison Suter writes: “Hello from Diecke in southeastern Guinea, West Africa! I am the environmental and community relations manager for BHP Billiton’s iron ore exploration activities in the Republic of Guinea. While mining creates holes in the ground, when done responsibly and planned carefully, it can actually lead to significant net environmental benefits. This is especially true in a place like Guinea, where many live at a subsistence level and pursue livelihoods (slash-and-burn agriculture, hunting, charcoal production) in an unsustainable manner. By providing alternatives, investing in improved natural resources and protected-areas management and reducing dependence on low-tech resource-consumptive livelihoods, the benefits can be significant.”

1994

Class Secretaries
Jane Calvin
Cynthia Hersshaw
Jane Whitehill

Cynthia Caron writes: “I gave birth to my first child in August in Sri
Lanka. Anjali Cecilia weighed in at 4.25 lbs. We'll return to the United States in November. ■ Greg Corbin writes: “I live in and love Portland, Ore. I recently joined the board of the nonprofit Sustainable Northwest. The organization has good F&ES ties, with Maia Enzer ’93 serving as its policy director and Wendy Gerlitz ’93 as a senior policy advisor.” www.sustainablenorthwest.org  ■ Cris Cosslett writes: “I’ve lived in Tirana, Albania, for three years, formulating biodiversity conservation projects for the Global Environment Facility. Latest projects are for protected-areas management and financing in the Congo River Basin and in Southeast Asia. I’m starting to get involved with Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation.” chris.cosslett@gmail.com  ■ Tad Gallion writes: “It’s been a full year of stay-at-home dadhood for me. Lots of time to watch the kids loaf and obsess on how best to replace our old, failed television or to exercise a dog with a bulging waistline. Kristen has enjoyed her first year with a new, interesting, but difficult, job at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Peace and love from Brookline, Mass.” ■ Bill Keeton finished a sabbatical year, with several months spent abroad, including field research in the Carpathian Mountains of western Ukraine and visiting scientist gigs at universities in Vienna, Berlin, Rome and Geneva. He is co-directing the Carbon Dynamics Laboratory at the University of Vermont. ■ Scott Mathison writes: “I, my wife, Kelly, and children, Jasper and Ella, recently returned from a four-and-a-half-month holiday/sabbatical in southern Africa. After a month driving the wilds of Namibia in a 4x4, we rented a home in a small agricultural town in the Western Cape of South Africa and spent half our time getting to know the Montagu community traveling throughout South Africa. Highlights included an insane 4x4 drive through the untouched highlands of Lesotho, seeing community tourism in action at Bulungula on the Wild Coast and parasailing off Table Mountain in Cape Town.” ■ Guido Rahr was in Moscow with Laura Williams ’93 for the United States-Russia Civil Society Summit, which was held in conjunction with the Obama-Medvedev presidential summit. Guido and Laura, who now works with the Wild Salmon Center, worked together on a resolution asking both presidents to support the leadership of NGOs involved in U.S.-Russia environmental efforts at protecting wild salmon and the North Pacific Ocean. President Obama came to the Civil Society Summit and expressed his support. grahr@wildsalmoncenter.org  ■ Rajesh Thadani, Ph.D. ’99, has started the Centre for Ecology, Development and Research, a research-based NGO that will operate out of Dehradun in the Himalayan foothills. He advises the Sir Ratan Tata Trust, a large philanthropy working in rural areas across India. He writes, “Our son, Rishna, goes to the Mirambika free progress school, a small school in Delhi that believes in allowing kids to develop their own strengths rather than cramming them full of facts.” thadani.rajesh@hotmail.com  ■ Michael Webber writes: “I am in my seventh year at the Trinity Pawling School teaching A.P. environmental science and chemistry. I am also advisor to the senior class and coaching football and baseball. I spent this past summer painting in Pawling, N.Y., and spending time with my family at our home in Old Saybrook, Conn. Our three children have kept us busy—Larry, 11, Joe, 9, and Veronica, 2.” ■ Jane Whitehill is working in drug development and watching the Dance of the Giglio on Pleasant Avenue. She was delighted to see so many at reunion weekend in May and to participate in the policy debates and good times. janewhitehill@yahoo.com  ■ Jessica Bennett Wilkinson and her husband, Eric, and sons Josh, 9, and Ethan, 6, moved to Amherst, Mass., last January. Jessica works remotely for the Environmental Law Institute in Washington, D.C. jessica_wilkinson@comcast.net 1995 | 15th Reunion Year  Class Secretaries  Marie Gunning  Ciara O’Connell  Laura Williams ’93  Ayesha Ercelawn ’95  writes: “I am lucky to be teaching children about the natural world in a school garden in San Francisco.” — Ayesha Ercelawn ’95  “I am lucky to be teaching children about the natural world in a school garden in San Francisco.” — Ayesha Ercelawn ’95  “I am lucky to be teaching children about the natural world in a school garden in San Francisco.” — Ayesha Ercelawn ’95
I got married to Tom DeWinter on May 2! It was a wonderful day, starting with a Catholic ceremony in Boston and evolving into a Hindu one in Cambridge (complete with ‘baraat,’ or marriage procession), which was kicked off by my husband being on a white horse, wearing a turban and surrounded by our friends dancing it up to Bollywood music. It was a bit of an F&ES reunion—Bob Fitzgerald and Kris Phelps, Anne Reynolds, Antoinette Wannebo, Ted Wickwire and Rhonda Williams. On the work front, Root Capital was recognized by *Financial Times* and the International Finance Corporation for ‘Achievement for Banking at the Base of the Pyramid.’ It’s been a good year.”

**Jigme Palden** writes: “I gave up my teaching job to join politics, and I lost in the first democratic election for the Upper House. I was jobless for more than a year, but I am now working as a freelance consultant and a tour operator based in the capital, Thimphu. Robin Sears was here in Bhutan on business in May.”

**Sharon Cooper** writes: “I am the assistant director of education at Deep Earth Academy, which is the education arm of the scientific ocean-drilling program (officially known as Integrated Ocean Drilling Program). We run the U.S. vessel for ocean drilling, the JOIDES Resolution, and I work with educators and students to teach them about the work of the ship and its resources for learning about many aspects of Earth and ocean science and life at sea. Jason and I had our third child last November. We are now the happy and busy parents of three young boys, 7 and 3 years old, and 9 months. We live in Fairfax, Va.”

**Liza Esser** writes: “My husband, Gary Fitzgerald, and I are living in Washington, D.C. We celebrated our one-year wedding anniversary this summer, and we are happy to announce that we are expecting our first child in February!”

**Namrita Kapur** writes: “My big news is that I have been living outside of Montpelier in central Vermont in a house we designed. We have two kids, Jenna, 7, and Gus, 5, and an Amazon parrot, and we are soon to embark on the puppy experience. I have worked with National Wildlife Federation’s northeastern field office on sustainable forest management and forest certification initiatives. Not surprisingly, many of the folks with whom I work at other NGOs—landowners or forest products companies—are F&ES grads! For the past year, however, we had a major change of scenery and took one-year leaves from our jobs to head over to Bamako, Mali, where my husband managed a school construction project and I had the great opportunity to work with Peace Corps Mali’s Small Enterprise Development team. My job gave me the chance to travel throughout Mali and see the great work of volunteers, an amazingly diverse landscape and an amazing initiative by Malians in the face of desperate poverty and resource challenges. We are back in Vermont now and still absorbing all that we experienced.”

**Keegan Eisenstadt** writes: “‘My wife, Kristy, and I have two little boys. We live in Missoula, Mont., and enjoy being in the woods. A couple of years ago, I founded a climate change consulting company, designing carbon forestry projects around the world. We’re actively involved in the energetic international debate that concerns climate change and the role that forests can and should play. We often work with communal forest landholders, who are interested in improving their forest management and entering the carbon marketplace.”

**Zeon Nam Jin** writes: “I moved from Rome to Suva, Fiji Islands, in September 2007. Since then I have been working at the embassy of the Republic of Korea in Suva as the Korean ambassador to Fiji Islands. I stay here with my wife and enjoy an exotic South Pacific life. I shall be here until August 2010.”

**Madeline June Kass** was promoted to associate professor of law at Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego, Calif. Her twin boys are now 9 years old and heading into fourth grade. **Jon Kohl** writes: “I just got back from Africa, where I visited Malawi and Swaziland as a U.S. State Department speaker. I talked about ecotourism development in those countries. I have two projects. First is my eco-village, which is developing. We have a formal association in Costa Rica and are developing a friends group in the United States. I’m also working on a book with a professor at the University of Montana about..."
the new paradigm in protected-areas planning. Our research indicates that the problem isn’t our technical ability, but the very paradigm and worldview that underlie our concept of planning.”

■ Shalini Ramanathan writes: “I’m now the vice president of development for the south central region at Renewable Energy Systems Americas. The region includes wind projects in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, as well as solar projects in Arizona and New Mexico. I am based in Austin.”

■ Bill Stanley writes: “I, my wife, Megan, and kids, Cate, 6, and Luke, 2, moved from Virginia to Columbus, Ohio, during this year’s bitter cold January to be nearer to family and to start a new chapter with The Nature Conservancy (TNC). My work at TNC over the past 10 years has ranged from being a carbon forester, to climate change, and now to conservation in a state program. I’m keeping busy outside of work with the kids, building a tree house and getting to know new people and places. There is still a little time to hack around on the guitar, but the tunes have changed from Neil Young to Dan Zanes.”

■ José Juan Terraza-Soler is deputy executive director for planning and development at the Puerto Rico Tourism Company, responsible for the planning and development of new tourism facilities and the promotion of sustainable tourism practices in Puerto Rico. He has also been appointed chief development officer of the Puerto Rico Convention Center District Authority, a public corporation in charge of the largest tourism-oriented development district in San Juan. José Juan lives in Miramar, San Juan, with his wife, Dr. Alicia Olmo, and daughter, Sara Lauren.

■ Peter Yolles is living in the San Francisco Bay Area with his wife, Jill Einstein, a son, Sam, 7, and a daughter, Amanda, 5. Peter recently founded WaterInsight.com, a water management consultancy. He advises companies and NGOs on sustainable water strategy, water rights and the water-energy-climate nexus.

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Class Secretaries

Nadine Block
Claire Corcoran

Claire Corcoran writes: “Inspired by our fun reunion last year, I got together this summer with Krieg Brown; Chris Elwell and his wife, Kirsty, and their daughter, Georgiana; and Joseph Guse and his wife, Lucy, and their daughter, Greta, for a long weekend in New Hampshire. Joe Taggart and his wife, Wendy, stopped by with their three kids. It was great to see everyone again! This past year I co-authored a publication for Massachusetts Audubon on land use change called Losing Ground: Beyond the Footprint; Patterns of Development and Their Impact on the Nature of Massachusetts. We present some cool analyses of the ecological impact of development as measured by the Conservation Assessment and Prioritization System, a computer model developed at University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and applied here to the whole state. The report is available online, as is a breakdown of its findings by town, watershed and ecoregion for conservation and development planning on different levels. I live in Boston with my husband, Will, and three kids, and am enjoying being involved with park stewardship and advocacy, including a new initiative called the Boston Park Advocates Network.”

www.massaudubon.org/losingground

■ Elise Fields writes: “After living in Seattle, New York and New Haven for 12 great years, I have finally come home to California. My husband, Eric, and I, along with our two children, moved to Santa Barbara in January. Although we miss our great friends in Seattle, we are really enjoying the warm weather and closer proximity to all of our family and many old friends.”

■ Jess Lawrence writes: “I’m renovating an old house that I recently bought in Oakland with my partner of eight years, Shawn Sullivan. I work at Earthjustice’s International Program, mostly on petitions to U.N. agencies and the EPA on how easily-mitigated soot emissions increase Arctic glacier melt and sea levels. I’m on the board of the Borneo Project, where I was executive director for four years, coordinating capacity-building for community-based natural resource management, ancestral lands mapping with GPS/GIS and legal aid for indigenous land-rights court cases. We lived in Borneo in 2006 and 2007 and made a half-hour-long documentary, Rumah Nor, on a precedent-setting case.”

www.stopsoot.org,

www.borneoproject.org

■ Lisa Mastny is nearing her 11th year at the Worldwatch Institute, where she now serves as senior editor and has been helping to produce reports on a wide range of environmental topics, from green jobs to climate mitigation to environmental health. She telecommutes from Durango, Colo., and is an active volunteer around town (when she’s not hiking, rafting or exploring). She lives with her partner, Steve, and her cattle dog, Tasman, and also serves as board secretary of the Sustainability Alliance of Southwest Colorado, helping to encourage local residents and decision-makers to support more sustainable policies and lifestyles. Paula (Lebowitz) Schauwecker is practicing law at the firm of Beveridge & Diamond in New York City, where her practice focuses on toxic torts and complex litigation. She is also an adjunct professor of law at Pace Law School, where she teaches land use law and environmental litigation. Paula is also reviving her music career and is writing, recording and performing. She plans to launch a new website and a new CD in early 2010. Her sons, Andrew, 22, and Eric, 21,

“I got married to Tom DeWinter on May 2! It was a wonderful day, starting with a Catholic ceremony and evolving into a Hindu one in Cambridge (complete with ‘baraat,’ or marriage procession), which was kicked off by my husband being on a white horse, wearing a turban and surrounded by our friends dancing it up to Bollywood music.”

— Namrita Kapur ’96
are pursuing artistic careers.

Sarah Whitney writes: “I am living near Allentown, Pa., and am now the associate director for Pennsylvania Sea Grant, heading up the Harrisburg office. I work mostly on aquatic invasive species outreach and policy, but other water quality issues get thrown in as well. My son, Nathaniel, 15 months, keeps us on our toes. We are hoping to introduce him to hiking and camping this fall.”

1999

Class Secretaries

Jocelyn Forbush
Jennifer Garrison Ross
Christiana Jones

Kirsten Prettyman Adams writes: “We are living in Baltimore with our three kids. We live on the campus of a boarding school, so our kids love exploring the acres of forest, farmland and streams. We spent the summer enjoying the school’s community garden. The summer harvest was amazing.”

Jeffrey Blake writes: “Since graduating, I have switched employers twice and continue to take on additional responsibilities in the environmental, health and safety field. My wife and I have recently relocated to Michigan, where we were both born, and have been blessed with a daughter, 5.”

Steven Bosak writes: “I’m working for a regional environmental agency in New Zealand, but Mia, the three kids and I are considering a return to the United States at the end of the year. We’ve been exploring the north and south islands and just did a trip to Australia. I’ve enjoyed developing a biodiversity policy for my region and working with local farmers to promote an afforestation program designed to help New Zealand meet its Kyoto commitments while helping regional governments enhance soil, water quality and habitat.”

Denise Burchsted writes: “I am working on my Ph.D. in geosciences at the University of Connecticut. I am
returning to Yale to conduct research at Yale-Myers Forest, studying the impacts of beaver activity on stream processes. My beautiful, active boys, 2 and 6, keep me out on the water during any free time I might find.”

Brett Furnas writes: “I am a wildlife biologist with the California Department of Fish and Game. I am also a Ph.D. candidate at University of California, Berkeley, studying songbirds and biodiversity monitoring methods in northern California.”

Andre Heinz writes: “As co-founder of the Sustainable Technologies Fund, I am busy investing in Scandinavian clean-tech companies and spending considerable time in the region (mostly Stockholm).”


Peter Price-Thomas married Annalise in November 2007, with Andre Heinz and Rob Klee, Ph.D. ’05, in attendance as groomsmen. Peter is based in the United Kingdom. He has been working as an international consultant for the Natural Step; setting up a project called EcoChurch to help Christians see sustainability as a practical extension of their faith; and co-authoring with Dan Esty the follow-up to Green to Gold, titled The Green to Gold Playbook, a practical guide for businesses on how to embed sustainability into their operations. The book will be published by Wiley in early 2010. ppi@price-thomas.org, www.naturalstep.org

Miguel Romero and Steven Price spent a week in August scouting sites in northwest Patagonia for an upcoming fly-fishing forestry tour and reunion. Inquiries can be sent to FES99Patagonia2010@gmail.com.

Eli Sagor is nearing his 10th year with the University of Minnesota Extension. Major projects include use of social media to engage Minnesota family forest owners and dissertation research on the impact of personal networks on landowner behavior. Eli lives in the Twin Cities with his wife, Amy Kay, and daughters, Evelyn and Catherine.”

Lila San Gil writes: “I am a contractor with Cooperative and International Forestry, with the Forest Service Regional Office in Albuquerque, N.M., after a two-and-a-half-year absence to stay home with babies, now 3 and 5. My husband, Inigo, is working with the Longterm Ecological Research Network Office at the University of New Mexico. Our newest additions are six baby chicks. I am volunteering with a nonprofit that aims to build a zero-energy charter school.”

Josh Schachter runs a photography and community-based media business out of Tucson. For the past 10 years he has been working with youth and community groups throughout the United States and around the globe on media projects. He facilitates projects that help communities produce their own photographs and media that offer opportunities for self-expression and to help ensure that they have a voice in shaping the future of their communities. In 2008, he worked with Tibetan refugees at the Tibetan Children’s Village in India to create digital stories about their lives, initiated a girls’ media program in southeastern Nigeria and facilitated a digital storytelling workshop for youth living in townships outside of Cape Town. He also continues to work extensively with the increasing refugee and immigrant population in Tucson.


John Wickham is a consultant at the Global Environment Facility in the World Bank, where he has been since 2008. He is excited by the new U.S. administration and its strong environmental team. John helps green his church, St. Columba’s, in northwest Washington, D.C.

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Class Secretaries
Erika Schaub
Zikun Yu

Monica Araya, Ph.D. ’06, writes: “In July, I joined E3G, a U.K. policy group, after two years at Climate Change Capital (CCC), the asset manager. I am also supporting the World Economic Forum’s business task force on low carbon prosperity and two stand-alone projects in Costa Rica. At CCC, I saw Michela de Palo ’04 every day. I very frequently see Stephen Campbell ’99 and Sasha Silver ’01.”

Berry Bross married Karen Levy at the end of September, just outside of Yosemite National Park with many F&ESers present. The couple will both start tenure-track faculty positions at Emory University in Atlanta in January, Berry in the environmental studies department and Karen in the School of Public Health. Berry is finishing his postdoc at Stanford and living in San Francisco through the end of the year.

Sylvia (Stone) Bushy left The Nature Conservancy of California after three years as conservation science and planning program manager, just before the birth of her second daughter, Torrey. She and her husband, Bruce, and their two girls recently moved from the Bay Area to San Diego in order to be near their families. They enjoy hiking in the Torrey Pines State Reserve.

Linus Chen is an advisory attorney at the Department of the Interior Solicitor’s Office, working on wildlife and refuge issues. He is active in the Udall Foundation, helping out with the new scholars’ orientation and the Udall alumni association conference.

In his free time, he teaches spinning, kickboxing and boot camp at the Washington Sports Clubs and Sports Clubs LA and sings with Choral Arts (most recently sharing the stage with Barry Manilow at the Fourth of July.
concert). ▪ Philip Johnson was named senior program officer in environment by the Pittsburgh-based Heinz Endowments in April. Johnson, who is completing a doctorate in environmental health and risk management at Yale, previously worked on air and water pollution issues in the government and nonprofit sectors and founded Air Intelligence, an organization that assists communities facing serious contamination difficulties.

▪ Caroline Kuebler and Peter Hill ’01 got hitched lakeside in Elberta, Mich., on September 6, 2008. Joining them at the celebration were Navis Berneldez; Berry Brosi; Laura (Pyle) Brunton ’03 and Chuck Brunton ’03; Kerry Cesareo ’01; Roberta Elias ’01; Anne Eschtruth; Mary Ford ’01; Heather Griscom, Ph.D. ’04, and Bronson Griscom; Matt Hollamby ’01; Lisbet Kugler ’01, Ph.D. ’03; Erika (McFarlane) Mark; Laura Nelms; Colin O’Brien ’01; Chris Oshi ’01; Ellen (Clark) Sorensen; Ray Wan ’01; and Jim Woodworth ’01.

▪ Yuki Matsuoka writes: “I am a farmer’s market ‘Hyaku-sai’ sub-manager. Four years have passed since I moved to this southern island, Tokunoshima, near Okinawa in Japan. My first purpose was to be an organic farmer of mangoes in the tropical island, though I’m working for local farmers as an officer in local government. This June I participated in a triathlon. My daughter, Tenma, 3, has started to command two languages—Japanese and the language of the islanders. This place is almost like a heaven to raise a child, as the bond of the local community is so strong.” ▪ Christy (Vollbracht) Merrick is an independent consultant in environmental communications in Fort Lauderdale and is pleased to report that she found time between consulting projects and taking care of her two young daughters to learn to surf this summer.

▪ Ali Abuyuan Monge and her husband, Lindsay, are expecting their second child in late January, days after their firstborn, Lucas, turns 2. ▪ Steve Rhe, Ph.D. ’06, writes: “After two years working on trade issues at the U.S. State Department through the American Association for the Advancement of Science’s science and technology policy fellowship, I’m moving back to Indonesia to work for the Ford Foundation as their program officer for community development and natural assets. I will be responsible for grant-making related to rural communities’ rights over natural resources and improved local livelihoods.” ▪ Dylan Simonds writes: “My wife, Dorlon, and I celebrated the birth of our second son, Andrew, on January 14. He and big brother Will, 2, fill our home with laughter and keep us in a near-constant state of exhaustion. My fellow pals Carlos Pineda and Roger Williams and their spouses have followed my lead by moving across the bridge from San Francisco to Marin County, where the concentration of F&ES alumni is unusually high.”

▪ Julie Stein has been working with two new initiatives as co-founding steering committee and board member. The first is the Human Wildlife Conflict Collaboration, which offers an experiential conservation and conflict training for wildlife professionals. The second is a global certification and eco-label called Wildlife Friendly, which launched last year and has certified five product lines, with several more in the pipeline. jscabin@aol.com, http://snowthepitbull.wordpress.com/, www.humanwildlifeconflict.org, www.wildlifefriendly.org

▪ Harry White continues his work in land conservation in northwestern Connecticut, having been intimately involved in the permanent protection of over 6,000 acres of wildlands and agricultural systems since graduation. Of particular note is his success in protecting over 400 acres as Forever Wild forestland as part of his old-growth restoration campaign in the Northwest Highlands of the state. He is also engaged in auto racing in the Formula Vee class in the SCCA North Atlantic Road Racing Championships at Lime Rock Park, Watkins Glen International.

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Class Secretaries

Leigh Cash
Adam Chambers
Jennifer Grimm

Dave Ellum, Ph.D. ’07, writes: “Mona, Townes, 7, and Seija, 2, are doing great. I’m really enjoying teaching at Warren Wilson College and have been appointed college forest director. In March we hosted a leg of the F&ES/University of Munich silviculture field trip. It was a joy to see Herr Professor Ashton and his merry band. This November we are hosting The Forest Guild’s southeast regional meeting.”

▪ Rick Fox writes: “I’m moving to D.C., uprooting the family from our Jackson Hole nirvana to take a policy job at the U.S. Forest Service. All in all it’s a net positive—better work, better pay, better schools for the kids (Jen and I have three children now), closer to family and so forth.”

▪ Katina (Henderson) Hanson writes: “Josh and I and our son, Atticus, 3, are living outside D.C. I work at USDA headquarters as the Farm Service Agency’s program manager for the emergency conservation program. I love my job and have a new opportunity as the agency contact for the secretary’s People’s Garden Initiative.” ▪ Georgia Silvera Seamans is completing her dissertation on the role of street trees in Northern California cities between 1980 and 2008.

2002

Class Secretaries

Catherine Bottrill
Roberto J. Frau

Mahua Acharya went back to India last January after close to 11 years
overseas, moving between Switzerland, the United States and the United Kingdom. She is now with Emergent Ventures, a clean energy and climate change firm based in New Delhi, where she is responsible for leading the firm’s strategic ventures and all of its international operations.

■ Sarah (Wakefield) Adhya was married in Vermont this June to Yale SOM graduate Nilanjan Adhya. Yemesrech Magenasa, Akiko Kawaguchi and Shalini Gupta flew long distances to join the celebration.

■ Cesar Alcacer and Paola Amador write: “A little bit more than a year after our arrival in the United Kingdom, we have decided to come back to Spain. But the important news is that our daughter, Mar, was born back in Spain. But the important news is that our daughter, Mar, was born back in Spain.”

■ Skip Barbour, D.F.E.S. ’02 writes: “I’m at the Yale medical school, applying my training in ecology to the epidemiology of microbial diseases, HIV, hepatitis C and tuberculosis.”

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■ Beth Cullen is in Seattle with King County Water and Land Resources Division as a water quality planner. She writes: “Our work was mostly focused on toxic blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) this summer. In partnership with the state health department, I field managed a half-million-dollar grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to track cyanobacteria blooms in our lakes and recorded human and pet illnesses and deaths. It’s a regional partnership with three counties, 30 volunteers, two state agencies, Seattle University and a few contractors. It’s a huge project to manage, but it has been incredibly fun. I bought a house with my fiancé, Kevin le Doux, in Seattle last February. We’re prepping the backyard with native plants and a victory garden to host our wedding there next summer.”

■ Mike DeBonis, southwest regional director of the Forest Guild, is interim executive director of the guild’s board of directors. Mike has agreed to serve in this role until a new executive director has been selected. His knowledge of daily and national Forest Guild activities will help to ensure a smooth transition.

■ Derik Frederiksen writes: “Work and life in Seattle are amazing. Sealaska Environmental continues to grow—we now have over 60 employees! Ella will be entering fifth grade, after having starred in a production of the play ‘The Music Man’ all summer. We took a road trip down to the Redwood National Forest this summer.”

■ Michael Funaro and Zhanna Beisembaeva-Funaro moved into their first home in April—San Antonio! Michael is with ESI, and Zhanna is home taking care of the new house and their kids, Danna, 11, and Kair, 3.”

■ Kate Giese and her husband, Jeb Wofford, recently moved to Luray, Va. She is director of the Shenandoah Valley Network and has a 1-year-old son, Will. Shalini Gupta is wrapping up her Archibald Bush Foundation Fellowship at the Center for Earth, Energy and Democracy at the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy in Minneapolis. She attended Sarah Wakefield’s wedding in Vermont in June, and she had a chance to see Akiko Kawaguchi, who came in from Shanghai, and Yemi Tessema, who came in from Davis, Calif. She is looking forward to seeing Laura Meadors, who will be running the Twin Cities Marathon in Minneapolis in October.

■ Sarah Wakefield writes: “I work for the Office of Climate Change of the California Air Resources Board with the team that is implementing the California cap-and-trade program. I am the technical leader for forests within our group.”

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Becky Tavani's wedding and subsequent weeklong party. Afterward, Dylan, Sarah Canham and I did some backpacking in the Dolomites of northern Italy. Hopefully, that got me in shape for running the New York City marathon in November.

Becky Tavani writes: "I got hitched on September 19 in Rome to my Italian squeeze, Davide Iacovoni. I don't know what is more exciting, matrimony or the minireunion that transpired, mixed with cultural chaos! Sarah Canham, Rachel Fertik, Colleen Ryan, Roberto Frau, Dylan Taylor and Hatsby Moore '06 shared the special day with us, as well as a relaxing week on the Isle of Ponza."

2003

Class Secretaries
Brian Goldberg
Benjamin Hodgdon

Ian Cheney writes: "I'm growing food in the back of my pickup truck and finishing work on a film about light pollution and the disappearance of darkness from the Earth."

Daniela Cusack writes: "I finished my Ph.D. at Berkeley in ecosystem science, and I started a postdoc this fall at the University of California, Santa Barbara. My new field site will be the Big Island of Hawaii, and I will be studying the effects of increasing wildfires (resulting from invasive grasses) on soil carbon storage. I will be part time in Santa Barbara and part time in Hawaii. My boyfriend of five years is moving down with me from Santa Cruz, so I guess perhaps we are seriously going steady now. I miss you, F&ES!"

Maria Ana de Rijk writes: "I am living and working in Mexico City. I am working for the Strategic Program Fund at the British Embassy. I am a project officer, focusing on changing legislation in Mexico and Central America to put climate change on the national agenda. Other projects focus on energy efficiency and capacity building in the National Environment Commission. I also bought an apartment with my fiance, whom I met while working at the World Bank. We plan to get married next year." Larisa DeSantis is excited to announce the birth of her daughter, Sydney Jo, the completion of her Ph.D. at the University of Florida and her acceptance of a faculty position at Vanderbilt University in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences.

Jason Drebitko writes: "Clare and I have been in Woodstock, Vt., since 2003. I spend most of my time managing an environmentally and socially responsible company that makes fine furniture, pottery and accessories by hand, ShackletonThoms. I also provide management and economic consulting for nonprofit environmental and cultural organizations, having recently worked with National Audubon and the Annenberg Foundation. We have two fast-growing children, Will and Lucy, and are busy trying to balance work, play and family."

Brian Goldberg is seeking ways to make his life livable in New York City. One fun venture has been his involvement in pro bono work for the Maasai Wilderness Conservation Trust. This fall, Brian is organizing his company's efforts to raise funds for the trust by sponsoring runners in the 2009 New York City Marathon. www.maasaimarathon.com

Alissa Hamilton, Ph.D. '06, writes: "This summer has been busy with the release of Squeezed: What You Don't Know About Orange Juice, published by Yale University Press (see Bookshelf, page 22). The book has attracted some unexpected, but welcome, media attention. I encourage alumni to check out the book's website/blog. All comments, including the one from the Florida Department of Citrus, are welcome. I have a few months left of my Food and Society Policy fellowship with the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy. alissa.hamilton@aya.yale.edu, www.yalebooks.com/squeezed

Betony Jones has started her own consulting firm—Fourth Sector Strategies—working on projects in energy efficiency, climate, forestry and rural green jobs. She writes: "I'm immensely enjoying self-employment, as it gives me more time to explore the Sierra by foot, rope and pedal."

Krithi Karanth spent four months in India collecting data in 10 parks for her postdoc. Keya, 2, had a marvelous time in India.

Sunanda Kishore writes: "It has been an exciting year. My husband and I welcomed a new addition to our family, Mandira Kishore Cruz. I am with the World Bank and recently co-authored a book, International Trade and Climate Change: Economic, Legal and Institutional Perspectives, which I was happy to learn was nominated for an International Choice Award. I am also working on climate adaptation assessments for bank projects in the hopes of identifying how best to integrate such practices for the future."

Pete Land married Emily Copeland in Vermont on September 19. They will split time in Boston, where she is attending graduate school at Boston College, and Burlington, where they bought a house.

Kelly Levin defended her dissertation this June at F&ES and joined the World Resources Institute to work on international climate policy. She's based in Boston.

Cherie (Lim) Lin writes: "I married in May and have moved to Cleveland to be with my husband. I am establishing the foundation for my company, Envirokox, an environmental due diligence firm, and seeking to expand my market here in the Midwest and on the East Coast."

Carlos Linares went back to Washington, D.C., after graduation and spent one year as a water and sanitation consultant for the World..."
Bank and private consulting firms. In 2005 he was senior water policy advisor at the United Nations Development Programme in New York. He is now living in Alexandria, Va., and working for International Relief and Development (IRD). As senior infrastructure officer at IRD, he is in charge of managing technical assistance and infrastructure development programs for USAID in Kosovo and the Department of State in Iraq. Fuyumi Naito writes: “I live in Geneva and am a diplomat. I cover some environment treaties here. My husband lives in Brussels and comes back to Geneva every weekend. We are going back to Tokyo probably next summer.”

Kabir Peay writes: “I received my doctorate last December from the Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Management at the University of California, Berkeley. I’m a postdoc in the Department of Plant and Microbial Biology, also at U.C. Berkeley, with an eye toward a professorial position in the not-too-distant future.”

Bryan Petit writes: “In April, I bought a fixer-upper house in the Old Town area of Alexandria, Va. I’m trying to rehab the house with a green, craftsman theme—all native woods and plants, wood heat, solar-augmented—causing me to look past the graffiti and holes in the wall for the time being.”

Soni Pradhanang is in the process of finishing her Ph.D., focusing on the area of watershed hydrology and modeling, and was hoping to graduate around October. Abdalla Shah writes: “In March I moved back to Dar es Salaam, where I am working for the International Union for Conservation of Nature as head of the Tanzania office.”

Ninian Stein started a two-year Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Teaching Fellowship at Wheaton College in Norton, Mass., in September. Nicole Vickey writes: “I am with The Nature Conservancy’s Florida chapter, with a recent focus on helping to get federal stimulus funding for our coral reef resilience work in the Keys and U.S. Caribbean. Elle, 5, is starting preschool. We’re expecting a baby boy, via adoption from Ethiopia, to be home with us around the end of the year.”

Yvette Williams writes: “I am in my third year of my Ph.D. program in geography at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. I expect to be in candidacy by this fall.”

Our thanks to Scott Threadgill for his years of service as class secretary. Welcome, Ben Hodgdon!

2004

Class Secretaries
Jennifer Vogel Bass
Keith Bisson
Daniela Vizzaino
Laura Wooley

Jessie Barnes is working on her dissertation on water management in Egypt, which she is hoping to finish by next year. She and David Kneas ’05 married in London this summer.

Robin Barr married David Hogan in a wonderful lakeside wedding on Orcas Island, Wash., on August 8. Many F&ES friends were in attendance, including Melissa Aikens, Jen Vogel Bass, Sarah Davidson and Kim Mortimer. The happy couple lives in Seattle and honeymooned in Belize the first two weeks in September.

Jonathan Cook writes: “I have been working with World Wildlife Fund (WWF) in Washington, D.C., since 2004, though I was lucky enough to spend most of 2007 based at the WWF office in Laos, where I followed in the Sasquatch-like footsteps of Ben Hodgdon ’03. I have recently moved from WWFs macroeconomics program into the climate change program, where I focus on adaptation issues.”

Valerie Craig and Marco Buttazzoni are enjoying their year as gypsies with their son, traveling between the United States and Italy. Valerie works on sustainable seafood with SeaWeb, while Marco has started his own company, Sustainability 3.0.

Eunhae Jeong writes: “In August, Dean Peter Crane and Korean F&ES alumni had a dinner during Dean Crane’s visit to the Republic of Korea. Participants included Ji-Seok Kim ’00, British Embassy in Korea; Eun-Shik Kim, Ph.D. ’88, professor of Kookmin University; Choomy Kim ’07, Korea Federation for Environmental Movement; and me, director of the environmental information office, Ministry of Environment.”

Cindy Kushner writes: “I left Timor-Leste after three years and moved back ‘home’ to Brooklyn, consulting for UNICEF for the next year and happily enjoying myself in my home country. Dani Simons ’04 and I kicked some serious Cape Cod butt in June, raising over $3,000 and riding 150 miles from Boston to Provincetown for Bike MS!”

Susan Tambi Matambo writes: “Marc, Muta, Leia and I are now settled in Bethesda a year after we arrived back from Southeast Asia. I work with the Global Environment Facility evaluation office in Washington, D.C., on a part-time basis. My children, 2 and 15, are growing very quickly and keeping me very busy too! I attended the Class of 2004 5th reunion, and it was great to see everyone. Kroon Hall is magnificent, and it was wonderful to see Gus before he left New Haven. I also had the pleasure of meeting our new dean.”

Liz Perera writes: “I work at the Union of Concerned Scientists as its Washington, D.C., representative on climate change. I left the Natural Resources Defense Council last December for this promotion. My husband, Alex, is the director of the Green Power Market Development Group at the World Resources Institute. My new daughter, Lia, was born in August, and I can’t wait to get started!”

“Recently I opened the Early Street Grow It Green Community Garden, which is providing a place for over 40 families to grow their own produce.” —Samantha Rothman ’04
class notes

her a little F&ES T-shirt. I see Kath (Cambell) Frangione, Beth Larry and Kate Zyla a lot here in D.C."

Christopher Riely writes: “This summer finds me working on a range of field and office projects that will ultimately converge in an updated management plan for Providence's Scituate Reservoir watershed forest. I passed the Society of American Foresters certified forester exam, and I’m in the University of Rhode Island’s evening M.B.A. program.”

Samantha Rothman writes: “I recently co-founded Grow it Green Morristown, a nonprofit located in New Jersey. Shortly after our formation, we opened the Early Street Grow it Green Community Garden, which is providing a place for over 40 families to grow their own produce. This fall, we are opening the Urban Farm at Lafayette, which will provide fresh produce to the 4,500 school children in the Morris School District.” www.growitgreenmorristown.org

Nalin Sahni writes: “The last few months have been busy for me. I graduated from law school, traveled in South America for six weeks and have started work as a prosecutor at the Ontario Ministry of the Environment.”

Corrina Steward writes: “I got married in July to Antonio Horta. It was a reunion, with Melissa Aikens, Robin Barr, Jen Vogel Bass, Cindy Kushner, Sarah Davidson and Kim Mortimer attending the festivities. Tony and I moved to Revere, Mass., in June to capture a little piece of nature—the ocean—in Boston’s metropolis. I lead my business, EcoResource Consulting and Coaching. My current project is with the U.N. Development Programme’s Small Grants Program, coordinating a cataloguing process for Latin American and Caribbean biodiversity products. In the last year, I also developed my first individualized coaching program, Be an Everyday Humanitarian. It has been a great way to connect my sustainability interests by working with individuals striving for personal and global sustainability.”

Marty Walters spent a glorious seven weeks visiting the United States this summer and reconnecting with friends and family, including a wonderful tour of Kroon Hall in her first visit back to campus since all the construction started on Science Hill. She and her kids, Caroline, Cecilia and Kai, are back in Tokyo, where Marty supports G.E. Capital’s customers on environmental, health, safety and social responsibility issues throughout the Asia region. marty.walters@ge.com

Abigail Weinberg writes: “I work on forestland and farmland conservation at the Open Space Institute, with the new and exciting challenge of balancing work with a wonderful baby boy. Jack Mariner joined the world in July.”

Kevin Woods writes: “I finished my first year of graduate school (environmental science policy and management) at the University of California, Berkeley, and had a summer of preliminary field research in northern Burma/Myanmar. Happy to be living in the Bay Area at last and to have summers free for Southeast Asia despite the monsoons.”

Heather Wright writes: “I am a program officer at the Moore Foundation in its environment program. Much of my recent work has been focused on forest carbon and climate and the incorporation of a fair and effective Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD) mechanism into the post-Kyoto climate agreement. I am enjoying being back on the West Coast.”

2005 5th Reunion Year

Class Secretaries
David Cherney
Dora Cutjoe
Virginia Lacy
Benjamin Urquhart

Lisa Botero writes: “In the last six months I have traveled throughout Europe to meet up with old and new friends. Back at home in Miami Beach, I am working on a new sustainability plan for my city. I am the environmental manager for the City of Miami Beach, and I have witnessed the impacts of the financial situation on our ability to effect change. I am still hopeful though.”

Alvaro Redondo Brenes writes: “I finished my dissertation fieldwork in Costa Rica, studying the effect of land use change on bird conservation in the Path of the Tapir Biological Corridor in southern Costa Rica. I expect to graduate this spring.”

Patrick Burris writes: “I moved to London in July 2006 to head up the cleantech investing practice of Amadeus Capital, a European venture capital firm. Most of the other folks in the firm focus on things like semiconductors, IT, telecom equipment and so on. I’m the lucky one who gets to tour solar manufacturing plants and smell farms looking at biogas plants. I married Jennifer Thomas in July 2007 after three years of mostly long-distance dating. We are living happily in Notting Hill. No kids yet, but a very cute dog who now barks in British. The financial meltdown has hit London reasonably hard but we’re hanging in there. We were very sad that Kyle Jones left us last year and moved back to New York. We see some other F&ESers and SOMers from time to time—André Heinz ’99, who is based in Stockholm and has founded a new cleantech venture capital firm; Jill Savery, who is working on making the London 2012 Olympics sustainable; and Mike Zentz (SOM).” pburtis@amadeuscapital.com
Entrepreneurs. " www.svtgroup.net

America's Most Promising Social BusinessWeek projects or ecotourism). In August, communities (e.g., voluntary carbon benefit the environment and local for-profit businesses designed to in areas where people are starting and environmental returns, especially organizations maximize their social big companies get richer, we help positive an impact for their invest-ments as possible. Rather than help manage their resources to achieve as many and environmental organizations better implement conservation projects in Peru and Bolivia. www.amazonconservation.org

Kelly Coleman and Amir Flesher moved to Brattleboro, Vt., last year, bought a house and got married. They are pleased to introduce their daughter, Maayan Flesher Coleman, born this June. After a couple of months at home, Kelly will return to work as the program director at Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture in western Massachusetts. Dora Nsuwa (Jo-Jo), is 15 months old.

Cesar Moran Cahusac is the executive director of the Amazon Conservation Association, an NGO that implements conservation projects in Peru and Bolivia. www.amazonconservation.org

Sharifa Gulamhussein writes: “I live in Indonesia and volunteer with the Coral Triangle Partnerships for International Research and Education. The project aims to discover the evolutionary origins of marine biodiversity in the Indo-Pacific and to exchange knowledge and methods for local coastal management. In my spare time, I've been traveling, taking courses in cooking and diving and learning how to surf! This fall, I will join the banana slugs at the University of California, Santa Cruz, to start a doctoral program in environmental studies with an emphasis on forest ecology and management.”

Ann Grodnik writes: “I'm working at Seattle-Northwest Securities, working in the ever-fascinating municipal bond world and focusing on energy efficiency and renewable energy financing for cities, counties and states in the Northeast. My most exciting news is that Kyle Nagle and I got married in February in Winthrop, Wash., during a weekend of cross-country skiing, good food and revelry. Many F&ESers celebrated with us, including Alice Bond '06, Heather (Kaplan) Coleman '04, Jim Cronan '06, Sara Eisenstat '07, Jeremy Goetz', Marc Hiller '07, Jocelyn Hittle, Andrea Johnson, Charlotte Kaiser '07, Virginia Lacy '06, Michelle Lichtenfels, Ali Macalady '06, Garrett Miller '04, Dave Mitchell, Derek Murrow '03, Tiffany Potter '06, Amy Shatzkin (in spirit), Mason Smith '06, Dan Stonington and Critter Thompson '07. A few of us have started a monthly F&ES cabal breakfast, which is fun.”

Rob Lamb and his wife, Mary Alice, had another baby, Sylvia Lucile Lamb. Their son, Tennessee, is now 2.

Michelle Lichtenfels writes: “I've been a project manager with Portland Energy Conservation for almost two-and-a-half years now, where I develop and manage energy efficiency programs for large utility clients. In my free time, I've been racing bikes as a Category 3 racer—cyclocross and road racing—although I've taken this season off. Matt and I welcomed a new little lady Lichtenfels in August. We couldn't be more thrilled! I've also been growing a fair-sized vegetable garden and have kept busy picking berries and veggies, canning and freezing!”

Joe MacDougald writes: “Since selling my company last year, I've pursued my environmental and legal interests through Madison (Conn.) town politics and teaching environmental law. As a sitting Madison selectman, I help settle the town's legal problems but also established a land acquisition committee. My real joy was teaching climate law last spring at the University of Connecticut law school—incredibly rewarding! For the fall semester, I'll be at UConn law full time for one semester as the school's first-ever visiting scholar, where I'll focus on land use law, policy and economics in my writing, in addition to teaching the main land use law course. I expect to teach climate law in the spring.”

Brett Galimidi '05 and his business partner help social and environmental organizations manage their resources. BusinessWeek named them among America’s Most Promising Social Entrepreneurs. www.myspace.com/rebeccapoetry

Rebecca Reider writes: “I've been living in beautiful New Zealand for nearly four years now. I live in the blissful community of Golden Bay, surrounded by mountains and ocean, and think more F&ESers should come here and start an intelligent ecotopian community. I am helping farmers learn about organics, particularly in the wine industry. But what lights my fire most these days is performing my poetry, collaborating with local musicians. I've just released my first CD, a benefit for the land rights campaign of Shiwa Yacu, the indigenous Amazonian community that I first lived with in Ecuador during my F&ES master's research. My creative nonfiction book on Biosphere 2, titled Dreaming the Biosphere, at long last comes out this fall from University of New Mexico Press.” www.myspace.com/rebeccapoetry
2006

Class Secretaries
Flora Chi
Reilly Renshaw Dibner
Krisa A. Mostoller
Jill Savery
Susan Ely

Jen Adler writes: “I married Rolland Mathers in August in D.C. and got to catch up with a few F&ES friends while there. I live in Oakland and am a plant and wetland biologist for WRA, an environmental consulting firm in San Rafael, Calif.”

Imelda (Dada) Bacudo lives in East Africa, working for the Uganda Wildlife Authority, doing conservation finance. She hopes to assist the Ugandan government and stakeholders to establish the first protected-areas conservation trust fund in the country and advocate for biodiversity offsets from oil companies drilling inside national parks. She is happy with her work but is also looking forward to relocating to Asia after a couple of years.

Saima Pervaiz Baig writes: “This year I moved to Colombo, Sri Lanka, as the head of the regional environmental economics program for the International Union for Conservation of Nature, Asia. Before that I was a consultant on various environmental economics and sustainable financing projects in the region. I traveled extensively in the region to India, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Thailand and Nepal.”

Mohamad Chakaki writes: “On a beautiful spring day in late April in Washington, D.C., amid dogwoods, redbuds and a handful of loved ones, I was married to Jasmine Samara. We spent a joyous honeymoon exploring northern Greece and western Turkey early this summer. Now we are settling in to Cambridge, Mass., where I will start a Ph.D. program at MIT in the study of architecture and urbanism in the Muslim world.”

Flora Chi writes: “In June, Joel Creswell visited China for a conference and en route came to Hong Kong and Macau. We had a mini class reunion on Victoria Peak.”

Yusule Taishi writes: “I’ve worked at the U.N. Development Programme in New York since November 2008. I’m working in the regional bureau for Asia and the Pacific and looking after its regional program. Moving from a small nonprofit research institution based in India, where I worked for the last three-and-a-half years, to working at a place like the United Nations is a big challenge. I’m also fascinated by the potential impact my work can bring about on the poor—and who can complain about life in NYC?”

Carlisle Tuggle writes: “I practice environmental and land use law at the law firm of Preti Flaherty in Portland, Maine. I am handling matters at the local, state and federal levels involving issues of water and air quality, renewable energy and emerging carbon markets, land conservation and development, hazardous waste remediation and solid waste management. For fun during summer months, I sail the Casco Bay and other regions of the Maine coast; during winter, I downhill ski the Maine mountains as frequently as possible.”

Ben Urquhart writes: “My son, Gregory, 4 months, is healthy, happy and getting bigger every day. I am a research associate at the Harvard University Center for the Environment, developing scenarios of future energy consumption and researching technological solutions for mitigating climate change. Sometimes I manage to work in a little forestry consulting and biomass energy project development.”

Aaron Welch and Carishma Gokhale-Welch are living in India. Carishma is researching water and air pollution issues for the Centre for Development Finance. Aaron is near completion of a Fulbright grant researching innovations in biodiversity conservation. The rapidly growing country continues to amaze and has made for a memorable year full of learning, good food and travel.

Reilly Dibner writes: “I’m doing frog research in Ireland and enjoying Galway City. In May I had a wonderful weekend visit with Jill Savery. Outside of time in the bog, I keep busy with the usual swimming, hiking and running, as well as a hit of music when the timing is right.”

Konstantine Drakonakis writes: “LaunchCapital has launched! We have made 26 investments to date, spanning the technology spectrum. The best deal, however, was the arrival of my son, Nicholas, in March. Trying to spend as much time with him as possible while growing a seed-stage venture capital firm has proven to be challenging, exciting and, at times, exhausting.”

Ross Gerden writes: “Julie and I are taking advantage of the Obama tax incentives and purchasing our very first home in Edgewater, Md. Lately I’ve been promoting a project to develop a revised and highly robust geographic inventory of mountaintop removal, which will inform the EPA, CEQ and other agencies about surface mining trends and conditions in Appalachia. Nina Bhattacharyya ’09 has begun doing some work on this project with me. I am also full time with the Maryland Natural Heritage Program.”

Gonzalo Griebenow writes: “I work at the World Bank in D.C. and do consulting work for the U.N. Development Programme (UNDP) in New York and Lima. My work is mostly related to climate change and poverty reduction. I recently finished a publication on the topic with the World Bank and am about to finish another one for UNDP supporting the climate change adaptation strategy for Peru. Last February, while doing fieldwork in Ghana, I had the great opportunity to meet Patricia Buah, Melody Ocloo ’07 and Godfred...
Ohene-Gyan: "I work on solar electrons for distributed clients. I'm living in Manhattan, which continues to happily surprise me as a very livable city." ▫ Jesse Grossman writes: "In June, I finished the second year of my congressional hunger fellowship, during which I was placed at the Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome. I just started the F&ES Ph.D. program." alder.keleman@gmail.com ▫ Chris Meaney writes: "I live in Washington, D.C., with my wife, Kristin, and I work for NOAA Fisheries in the office of habitat conservation. We managed to sneak in a trip to Peru in April and enjoyed the summer with friends and family." ▫ Krista Anderson Mostoller writes: "I was promoted to senior analyst at the Government Accountability Office this summer and started a new assignment looking at the Forest Service's workforce planning efforts. I'm looking forward to a trip to Peru in April and enjoyed the summer with friends and family." ▫ Daniel Piotto is a doctoral candidate at F&ES. ▫ Sarah Price writes: "In July I joined the Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) International as head of projects and development. At PEFC, my focus is on strategic growth and advancement of the world's largest certification system, especially in the tropics. I'm based in Geneva." sarah.price@pefc.org ▫ Alison Rau writes: "I graduated from the University of Connecticut law school in May and am now studying for the bar exam and actively seeking environmental employment. I've also just co-authored a paper that was published in the spring, From Fear of Crime to Fear of Nature: The Problem With Permitting Loaded, Concealed Firearms in National Parks," in the Golden Gate University Environmental Law Journal: Pacific Region Edition." alison.rau@gmail.com ▫ Alexis Ringwald writes: "I completed my Fulbright at TERI last year and then co-founded a cleantech company called Valence Energy. We do smart microgrids and energy efficiency. I also drove across India in solar electric cars on a climate solutions road tour in January with several Yale's, including Bidisha Banerjee, Caroline Howe '07, Alark Saxena '07 and Kartikeya Singh. After two-and-a-half years in India, I moved to California to work with my team at Valence." ▫ Jill Savery writes: "I'm living in London, working for the charity BioRegional, leading its London 2012 Olympic work on sustainability. I recently caught up with Reilly Dibner in Ireland and Valentina Giannini '07 in Italy." (see photos on the 2006 class pages, environment.yale.edu/ alumni-alumnae/) ▫ Alexander Shenkin is working on a Ph.D. at the University of Florida, looking at dynamic forest models and applying them to community forests in lowland Bolivia. ▫ Daihi Wilson writes: "Living in Victor, Idaho, and bought a house. I am working several jobs, all of which are exciting. I am coordinating a project called Envision Victor, which strives to model a new way of planning in our city that engages more people and is more deeply rooted in the values of the community. I am working with Rebecca Sandborn-Stone on that project, because she works with the foundation that is supporting it. I also help coordinate the loose alliance of progressive political think tanks called the Progressive Ideas Network, and I am excited to begin work with Jeni Kanczuki Barcelos '07 again to help raise money for the important climate work she is doing with the University of Washington Law School. My hand, Lunkur, is beginning to gain some local renown, and we are having a great time." www.envisionvictor.com, www.lunkur.com ▫ Marisa Camargo is protecting polar bear habitat in Finland but is also working hard to help promote South-South cooperation between Brazil and Mozambique on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation and agroforestry projects—and, of course, surfing, climbing mountains and thriving." ▫ Rosi Kerr is living in San Francisco and is a project manager for the Peninsula Open Space Trust, Catherine Benson '07 will be in Cambodia until December and in Papua New Guinea from February through December 2010 on a Fulbright-Hays Fellowship.
a regional land trust in Palo Alto. He loves getting outside to enjoy the Bay Area, while saving parts of it, too.

Brigid Curry writes: “My husband, Amos, and I had a baby in July. His name is Thomas Anders Presler. We are living in Alexandria, Va., and I work at the EPA in D.C.”

Galvadrakh Davaa writes: “After graduation, I joined The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in Colorado as a conservation fellow. I moved to Mongolia in September 2008 to work for the newly established TNC Program in Mongolia as a director of conservation.” gala_dava@yahoo.com

Derrick Dease writes: “I’m an environmental engineer for International Paper Company. After an all-too-frequent round of locating and relocating over the past couple of years, I’m back in my home state of Mississippi. Stephanie Horn ’06 lives about three hours away in New Orleans, so she and I occasionally get to see each other.”

Emily Enderle writes: “After spending two years as the associate director of admissions at F&ES, I moved to D.C. to work for Earthjustice’s policy and legislation team as its environmental health and air quality advocate.”

Qian Fang writes: “After working in Shanghai, China, for one year, I’ve decided to move back to America. I will be an environmental consultant and engineer in New Jersey.”

Todd Gartner, conservation incentives manager for the American Forest Foundation (AFF), was awarded $500,000 from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Conservation Innovation Grant program. The three-year grant will help support AFF’s work with partners in Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine to develop market mechanisms to give private forest landowners incentives to restore, enhance and protect aquatic resources in two critical watersheds in the Northern Forest region.

Danny Gehalle writes: “Since graduation, Linda (Chhay) and I got married and moved to San Francisco. Linda was an economic consultant for National Economic Research Associates, focused on intellectual property litigation, but recently took a position at the American Civil Liberties Union of northern California. I worked for a large investment firm for a year after F&ES, then took a position at Corporation for Enterprise Development—a nonprofit in San Francisco focused on asset building for low-income families.”

Valentina Giannini writes: “I am working and studying in Venice and taking the unique opportunity of learning how to row alla veneta, i.e., like gondoliers. I am part of the sustainable development research team of Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei, part of the project consortium called Brahmawtinn, researching integrated water resources management and climate change. I am in the second year of a Ph.D. program in science and management of climate change, an interdisciplinary Ph.D. at Ca’ Foscari University in Venice.”

Xuemei Han writes: “I am studying for my Ph.D. at F&ES. I work with Professor Chad Oliver on evaluating the Amur tiger habitat in northeastern China and the Russian Far East, exploring ways of sustainable forest management to enhance the conservation of this species and to resolve the conflict between wildlife and humans. Over the past two years, I traveled to many places for fieldwork, conferences or just for fun: Korea, Russia, and western and northeastern China, and inside the United States I visited the Grand Canyon, Zion National Park, the Pennsylvania Dutch, New Mexico and more. I am always amazed by the spectacular natural landscape and the enjoyable interaction with local people.”

Ruoting Jiang is having fun with her Ph.D. project at Stanford.

Charlotte Kaiser is at The Nature Conservancy, after leaving Citibank along with 53,000 others at the end of 2008, developing new sources of investor capital for the organization. Her main focus is the creation of a debt fund capitalized by individuals and institutions to finance conservation acquisitions. Charlotte is also the very proud mother of Linus Hazard Peterson, who arrived two-and-a-half weeks early in July.

David Manor writes: “Shortly after graduation, I fell in love and married Rebecca Kafka. Last November our daughter, Sarah, was born. We reside in Boston, where I am the general manager of a carbon reduction consultancy. If you pass L’Aroma Cafe on Newbury Street, peek inside; I’m the one sipping double espresso with a hint of lemon.”

Stephanie Ogburn left the mountains of Colorado to move to the Bay Area this spring. She’s a Packard Fellow at the Agricultural Sustainability Institute (ASI) at the University of California, Davis, working in communications and outreach for ASI and on the California Nitrogen Assessment, a new project of the institute. In her spare hours she is helping the High Country News become a Web 2.0 powerhouse, thinking deep thoughts about food and agriculture and occasionally sharing these thoughts via articles and blog posts at Grist.org and Ethicurean.com. Somehow she also finds time to volunteer at KALX Berkeley, one of the greatest college radio stations around, and to make a lot of jam and pickles from California’s agricultural bounty.

Krishna Roka writes: “I am happy in ‘Happy Valley’ of Pennsylvania State University and have become an ardent fan of the Nittany Lions. I am working on my dissertation research, looking at the impacts of NGOs on conservation and development at the community level in rural Nepal. The kids are growing and I am running out of stories to make them sleep every night.”

Amanda Sahi is a
presidential management fellow at the Rocky Mountain Institute.

Alark Saxena writes: “After finishing my assignment as the executive director for the Disaster Risk Reduction Initiative at the Yale Global Institute of Sustainable Forestry, I joined the Ph.D. program at F&ES. I am working on the topic of climate change adaptation, looking at how we can measure the resilience of a dynamic socioecological system. I am in India working on my preliminary research sites in the UNESCO Man and Biosphere reserve (Pachmarhi). There are only a handful of these around the world. I am also planning to establish a similar research site on a Caribbean Island called Dominica and do comparative planning to establish a similar system. I am in India working on my preliminary research sites in the UNESCO Man and Biosphere reserve (Pachmarhi). There are only a handful of these around the world. I am also planning to establish a similar research site on a Caribbean Island called Dominica and do comparative planning to establish a similar system.

Vanitha Sivarajan writes: “I am the community conservation specialist at The Field Museum’s environment, culture and conservation department in Chicago. My task is to facilitate the creation of a conservation corridor in the Pando region, home to Bolivia’s Amazon forest. We work with multistakeholders—government, indigenous tribes, rural forest dwellers, NGOs, loggers, farmers and Brazil nut concession holders. We promote open dialogue to collaborate on a common goal of conservation for the region. I’m fully enjoying the opportunity to be in Chicago, my hometown!”

Laura Washington is working with an environmental NGO on a government contract, performing evaluation and optimization of environmental restoration and remediation programs on Air Force bases throughout the United States. Living and working in D.C., she’s looking for opportunities for involvement in environmental development in sub-Saharan Africa and is planning to attend the World Cup in South Africa in 2010.

2008

Class Secretary
Kelsey Kidd

Sara Bushey and Ron Ohrel married in July 2008. The celebration, held on the Pacific Coast, was fabulous and attended by Audrey Davenport ’09, Benson Gabler ’09, Claire Gagne ’07, John Paul Jewell ’09 and Luke Knowles. Sara works at the Environmental Protection Agency, focusing on climate economics, and Ron works at the University of Delaware. The couple lives happily in northern Maryland.

Natalie Ceperley writes: “I am living part time in Lausanne, Switzerland, and part time in Majoari, Burkina Faso. I’m working on a Ph.D. at the Ecole Polytechnique of Lausanne, studying the hydrologic function of savanna and agroforestry vegetation, particularly Sclerocarya birrea.”

Nigel Gurnett writes: “I am interning in the Corporate Council of the Environmental League of Massachusetts (ELM), a nonprofit that lobbies state government in favor of environmental policies. The council provides much-needed backing for ELM with regard to its lobbying capabilities. My task is to suggest and then conduct research on potential companies in order to ensure that they demonstrate the ability to meet the criteria that ELM has identified as necessary.”

Amy Heinemann writes: “I’m a renewable-energy policy analyst for the Database of State Incentives for Renewable and Efficiency at the North Carolina Solar Center in Raleigh.”

Andrew Mackie writes: “In March I moved to Colorado to become the executive director of the Land Trust of the Upper Arkansas.”

Jenny McIvor writes: “I live in Omaha and am an environmental coordinator for MidAmerican Energy Company at the Walter Scott Jr. Energy Center in Council Bluffs, Iowa. I work to ensure facility compliance with numerous environmental permits and regulatory requirements that govern the company’s state-of-the-art power plant.”

Kyle Meister has joined the Forest Carbon Association.

Matt Oden writes: “I am the sustainability manager at the University of Southern California. This is the first time anyone has held this position, and I just recently established the Office of Sustainability at the university. I love my job because it has no formal description and is very entrepreneurial. I get to touch upon many issues constantly, including waste, energy, education, policy, investments and more, and help drive the university forward from an environmental perspective. I also work late into the nights on CarbonPig.com and have been able to raise more than $2,000 through CarbonPig Apparel sales to invest in wind energy projects.”

http://MattOden.com

Sam Price writes: “In August I headed to Beijing for three months after working for GreenWood Resources, a timberland investment manager based in Portland, Ore.”

Jamie (Spivey) Quigg writes: “I recently moved from Hartford to Hoquiam, Wash., my hometown. I left my environment, health and safety position at United Technologies to join Grays Harbor Paper as its sustainability manager.”

Paula Randler writes: “I’m in my second year of my presidential management fellowship (PMF) with the Forest Service in Washington, D.C., after spending most of the summer in Missoula, Mont., and Beverly Hills on a back-to-back Forest Service detail. I worked for 10 weeks on the Bitterroot National Forest and with the Selway-Bitterroot Foundation, where I learned how to use a cross-cut saw, planned for volunteer recruitment in the off-season and hiked 30 miles into and out of the wilderness along the fabled Selway River. In California I’m working with..."
the nonprofit TreePeople, a trend-setting urban forestry group founded by Andy Lipkis, and living in West Hollywood. My prior experience as a community forester with the Urban Resources Initiative is proving invaluable as I assess the community engagement opportunities in south L.A. In October, I’ll return to Alexandria, Va., get a dog and settle into a nice Metro-riding routine.” paula.randler@aya.yale.edu

■ Yuliya Shmidt writes: “I’m living in San Francisco and am a policy analyst at the California Public Utilities Commission. I work on energy policy, specifically on a set of programs called demand response, which reduce peak demand for electricity. I work in the consumer advocacy branch of the commission, the Division of Ratepayer Advocates, and my job is to advocate at the commission for effective and affordable energy policies.” ■ Peyton Smith is working on her Ph.D. in soil microbial ecology at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. ■ Lu Su writes: “I am now doing my Ph.D. at Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. My field of interest in this doctoral program is environmental microbiology, which involves a multidisciplinary approach to the study of the interaction of microorganisms and metals. I find it fascinating and also fun to work with.”

■ Rebecca Watters writes: “Greetings from Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. I’m dividing my time between being project manager for the Northern Rockies Conservation Cooperative in Wyoming and setting up a project on wildlife management in Mongolia. In both regions, I’m focusing on the co-existence between large carnivores and livestock-oriented cultures. I’m involved with ecological field studies on wolverines and wolves, and I work with livestock- and wildlife-dependent communities to reduce predation, understand people’s perceptions and knowledge of the environment and facilitate sustainable management.” ■ Jason Weiner is the associate director and staff attorney for the Ventura Coastkeeper.

■ Carolina Zambrano writes: “I’m Ecuador’s national climate change director at the Ministry of the Environment. I’m also the national focal point for the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change and lead my country’s climate negotiations team. It has been a super-interesting and challenging experience and the best opportunity for me to do something for my country!”

2009

Class Secretaries
Rajesh Koirala
Neellesh Shrestha
Simon Tudiver
Jude Wu

Mariya Absar writes: “I am in Islamabad, Pakistan, as a researcher, studying the water issues of the Organization of the Islamic Conference member states and making policy recommendations. I am also a member of the National Task Force on Climate Change, and on weekends I volunteer with a small group of people called Responsible Citizens that participates in weekly cleanup drives. In my spare time I go on long hikes on the trails of Margalla Hills and the lower Himalayas.” ■ Mercedes Bravo has returned to F&ES to start the Ph.D. program. ■ Jaime Carlson writes: “I am working with the recovery act team at the Department of Energy, strategizing and disbursing $170 billion in stimulus money.”

■ Michael Coren writes: “I’m in D.C. working with a group called Climate Focus. We’re based in Amsterdam, but the U.S. office recently opened in D.C. Most of my work is split between developing forestry carbon projects in places like the Brazilian Amazon and informing policy to encourage markets that will conserve forests and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.”

■ Kate Harrison is working for her own Internet company that she founded while at F&ES. TheGreenBrideGuide.com, a website that connects couples who want an environmentally friendly wedding with green products and services. She started her website after publishing a book based on the research that she did to create her own green wedding (see Bookshelf, page 21).

■ Andre Mershon writes: “I have moved to Ithaca, N.Y., for the next year. This summer, I worked with the U.N. Development Programme on community-based adaptation to climate change. I plan to keep working on climate change and international development.”

■ Joe Orefice writes: “I joined the faculty of Paul Smith’s College. My faculty position is in the college’s Division of Forestry, Natural Resources and Recreation. I will be living in the Adirondacks region of Upstate New York.” ■ Megan Selby recently relocated to Olympia, Wash.

■ Simon Tudiver is a science and technology policy analyst for the Department of the Environment in the federal government of Canada. He is working on projects related to clean energy technologies and building connections between scientists and policymakers. He also offers discounted walking tours of downtown Ottawa to all F&ES alumni.
Joseph Bennett ’62 (1938-2009) died in Washington, Ga., on April 18 at the age of 70. Joe was born on December 16, 1938, and was a native of Washington. He graduated from Washington High School in 1956 and attended Georgia Tech. He received a bachelor’s degree in forestry at the University of Georgia in 1961 and a master’s in forestry from F&ES. After a 24-year career, he retired in May 1996. He was a member and past director of the Georgia Forestry Association and the South Carolina Forestry Association. He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Deborah; three sons, Joe, Jon and Jim; a daughter, Amy; nine grandchildren, Will, Ben, Alli, Jessica, Zach, Jake, Nicholas, Bobby and Destiny; and a brother, George.

Virgil Cothren ’50 (1919-2007) of Dierks, Ark., died at the age of 88 on October 4, 2007, after a lengthy illness. Virgil was born on September 27, 1919, in Center Point, Ark. He was a forester; a member of Carrollton Methodist Church in New Orleans, Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church in Little Rock and Dierks United Methodist Church; and a World War II Air Force veteran. Survivors include his wife, Mildred; a son, Michael; a brother, Archie; two granddaughters, Emma and Nora; and a number of other relatives.

John Cummings ’63 (1938-2009) died at his home on April 26 at the age of 71 after a long illness. John was born on January 27, 1938, in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. A graduate of the University of British Columbia, he received a master’s degree from F&ES and a Ph.D. in genetics from the University of California, Berkeley. He organized the first Earth Day at Berkeley and was instrumental in forming an interdisciplinary environmental studies program at that campus. Throughout his life, he gave back to others as a teacher and researcher at the university level and as an environmental consultant to the City of Santa Rosa, as well as in the efforts he made to improve natural areas in Sonoma County. When he was no longer able to get around easily, he developed an interest in local history and wrote many papers that document an accurate historical record for Sonoma County that are available to the public and other researchers in the county library system. He loved the outdoors, walking, sailing, bird watching, gardening and building things. He felt that raising his sons to be thoughtful, successful and caring human beings was his greatest achievement. He is survived by three sons, Tim, Paul and Kelsey; seven grandchildren, Amelia, David, Christina, Wiley, Anna, Stephen and Roscoe; and a brother, George.

George Furnival (1925-2009) died at Yale-New Haven Hospital on May 18 at the age of 84. George was born on May 1, 1925, in Johnson City, Tenn.; raised in Rixeyville, Va.; and educated at St. Andrews School in Delaware. He served in the Army and then graduated in 1948 with a B.S.F. from the University of Georgia, where he met and married the former Gloria Hays. He obtained an M.E. in 1951 and a D.F. in 1957, both from Duke University, where he studied under the direction of F.X. Schumacher. The title of his dissertation was Yield Prediction of Even-Aged Longleaf Pine in the Gulf and Atlantic Coastal Plains. He moved to Connecticut in 1956 to assume a teaching post in the graduate program of the Yale Forestry School. In 1964, he left Yale to become chief biometrician for the U.S. Forest Service in Washington, D.C. After two years in that position, he returned to Yale, where he was director of the Yale Computing Center from 1969 to 1970 and director of graduate studies at F&ES from 1979 to 1982. He was named Weyerhaeuser Professor of Forest Management in 1968 and retired in 1995. In 2003, a testimonial lunch attended by many of his former students and colleagues was held in his honor in Victoria, B.C. He was an expert in the field of forestry biometrics and statistics and was best known for his work in computational biometrics. His most well-known contribution is the Leaps and Bounds computer algorithm, which was published in Technometrics in 1974. Developed in collaboration with his longtime colleague, Bob Wilson of the Forest Service, this algorithm was incorporated into all of the major statistical computing packages of the day. The original paper, “Regressions by Leaps and Bounds,” was republished in a special 40th anniversary issue of Technometrics and cited as one of the best 10 papers in the journal’s history and as one of the “classical studies that revolutionized the practice of regression analysis.” He was the first within forestry to write about modeling with a system of equations to account for interdependencies inherent in the growth and yield of forests being modeled. In a 1961 article in Forest Science, he introduced the “Furnival index,” which compared equations used in constructing volume tables, and it is still in use. He also made important contributions in forest management, statistical ecology and, perhaps most notably, statistical sampling in dozens of articles and publications co-authored with colleagues and former students in professional journals and proceedings of scientific conferences. In addition, he was a naturalist, fly-fisherman, photographer, traveler and raconteur. An avid student of Americana, he collected books, model trains, Western art and artifacts and antique carpentry tools, with which he was skilled at restoring antique furniture. Many who knew him marveled most at his tremendous grasp of and intuition for methods of sampling and
William Holmes ’44 (1921-2009) was born on March 13, 1921, in a farmhouse near Temple Hill, Ill. Bill died at his home in Paradise, Calif., with his family at his side on May 8 at the age of 88. He spent the first 11 years of his life in several hospitals in the St. Louis area, being treated for bovine tuberculosis of the bone. After graduating from F&ES with a master’s in forestry, he married Marjorie Lang in 1944. He was offered three forestry jobs, but the one that caught his attention was with a small timber company, the Soper Wheeler Company in Strawberry Valley, Calif. It was a temporary job and it didn’t pay very well, but he decided to stick with it until something better came along. Forty-six years later, he retired as president of Soper Wheeler, and with the judicious purchase of cutover timberland, the company’s acreage grew from 12,500 acres to over 100,000 acres. As a forester, he was recognized as a leader in his field and served on many boards and commissions. He was a prolific reader and also wrote many essays on the subject of private property rights, including the harmful and unintended consequences of government regulation. His book, *Forestry by Coercion*, remains a classic on the subject. He and his wife lived in Strawberry Valley for 25 years, Forbestown for 30 years, Oroville for six years and, finally, Paradise to be near their daughter. In addition to his wife, Marge, he is survived by a son, Jim; a daughter, Christine Holmes-Pinnick; four grandchildren, Bill, Susan, Jeffrey and Christopher; and three great-granddaughters, Megan and Hailey, and Thea Wren Georgitis. In addition, he is survived by Lucy Munoz Rojas, whom he loved as a granddaughter.

Kenneth Korstian ’39 (1916-2009) died on March 2 in Milton, Ga., at the age of 93. Kenneth was born in Albuquerque, N.M., on February 11, 1916. After graduating from Durham High School and earning a B.S. at Duke University and an M.F. from F&ES, he worked for Duke Power; Berry College as a forester; and Georgia Kraft, from which he retired. He was a Golden member of the Society of American Foresters, and belonged to the Rotary Club and the First Presbyterian Church of Rome, Ga. He is survived by two daughters, Connie Beckham and Carolyn Cooley; a son, Hoke Cooley; three grandchildren, Cal Beckham, Smith Cooley and Carolyn Cooley; and two great-grandchildren, Annabelle and Holden Cooley. His body was donated to the Emory School of Medicine.

Nicholas Muhlenberg ’58, Ph.D. ’59 (1927-2009), died of a heart attack at the age of 81 on May 26 at the Watermark at Logan Square, the retirement community where he lived. Born in West Reading, Pa., Nick earned a bachelor’s degree in forestry in 1949 and a master’s in forestry in 1952 from the University of Michigan. Following study on a Fulbright scholarship to New Zealand during the 1952-1953 school year, he earned a master’s in conservation and then a doctorate in 1959 in resource economics from F&ES. He got his hands dirty early in his career, working in West Coast forests. After returning from New Zealand, he was a land and tax research analyst for the paper manufacturer Crown Zellerbach in Portland, Ore.; a tree farm mapper in Seaside, Ore.; and a forest supervisor on a tree farm in Nehalem, Ore. He added international experience when he went to Geneva and wrote market reports on forest products with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization and the Economic Commission for Europe. He began his academic career as a lecturer in forest economics at the University of California, Berkeley, in 1961. The following year he went to Pennsylvania State University School of Forestry on a Resources for the Future grant. From 1966 until he retired in 1992, he was associate professor of regional planning and landscape architecture at what is now the University of Pennsylvania School of Design. He contributed to the 1968 work *Via I: Ecology in Design*, with Louis Kahn, Ruth Patrick, Ian McHarg and others. He contributed papers to the publications *Forest Science* and *Journal of Forestry*. He is survived by two sons, Kobi and Mattias; two daughters, Mimi and Dela Muhlenberg-Bryan; a stepdaughter, Julie Galaudet; two brothers; a sister; his first wife, Erika; and his companion, Barbara Simmons.

David Olson ’87 (1960-2009) died on August 19 at his home in Hermon, N.Y., at the age of 48. David was born on October 29, 1960, in Bridgeport, Conn., the son of John and Ann Safford Olson. He graduated from Shelton High School and received a psychology degree from Fairfield University. He also attended Paul Smith’s College and earned his master’s at F&ES. He married Holly Pison in 1996, and they lived in Hermon for the next 13 years on Birdsye Farm, where they produced maple syrup. He was a member of the New York and Connecticut maple syrup producers associations and enjoyed woodworking. He is survived by his wife, Holly; two sons, Daniel Pinto and Lawrence Pinto; his mother, Ann; and three nieces, Becky, Judy and Carolyn Taylor.
Tudor Richards ’40 (1915-2009) died at home in Exeter, N.H., on March 6 at the age of 94. Tudor was born and raised in Groton, Mass. He attended the Groton School, where his father was a teacher. He spent most of his boyhood summers at his family’s camp on Squam Lake in New Hampshire. It was there that he developed an early and lasting interest in native trees and birds. He attended Harvard and Yale universities, as well as the University of Michigan, obtaining professional degrees in both forestry and wildlife. During World War II, his studies were suspended for four years while he served as a dive bomber pilot in the U.S. Navy. In 1946, he returned to New Hampshire, where he lived for the remainder of his life. He was a forester, wildlife biologist and conservation educator, while serving for many years as volunteer president of the New Hampshire Audubon Society. In 1968, he was appointed the first executive director of Audubon, where he served until his retirement in 1982. In 2007, he was awarded the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Environmental Merit Award by the Environmental Protection Agency in recognition of his 60-year career in forestry and conservation. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Barbara; two sons, Frank and Rob; a daughter, Victoria Hingston; six grandchildren; and a brother, Jack.

Ross Sherer ’65 (1937-2009) died at home in Louisville, Ky., on March 10 at the age of 72. Ross was born in East Canton, Ohio, on January 9, 1937. He attended Case Institute in Cleveland and completed his bachelor’s degree at the University of Washington with a major in forestry. There he met his future wife, Linda Weis, whom he married in Seattle. After completing his master’s at F&ES, he spent the last 25 years of his career with Kingsford Products, a division of Clorox. His many Kingsford assignments led the couple to live in numerous U.S. locations, where he enjoyed sports, especially skiing and golf. He was an avid University of Kentucky fan and a member of St. Andrews United Church of Christ. He did extensive research on his and his wife’s German heritage. He was active in the Louisville Genealogical Society and served as treasurer. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Linda: a daughter, Jennifer Littrell; and a granddaughter, Rachel Littrell.

Arthur Sundt ’60 (1933-2009) died on May 26 at the age of 76 of natural causes at his home in Eagle River, Alaska, with his family at his side. Art was born on February 8, 1933, in Brooklyn, N.Y., and graduated from high school there in 1950. He attended Lehigh University for one year, then enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving for three years with the Army Signal Corps. Upon his return in 1954, he married his high school sweetheart, Mary. From 1955 to 1959 he attended the New York State College of Forestry in Syracuse, N.Y. After earning his master’s degree at F&ES, he worked for the U.S. Forest Service in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest in California. In 1962, the lure of the North beckoned, and the Sundt clan—Art, Mary, Eric, Karen, two dogs and two old cars—traveled the Alaska Highway and settled in Eagle River, where he lived until his death. He was State of Alaska Forester from 1962 to 1968 and was proud to have served under the very first governor of the state, Bill Egan. From 1968 to 1971, he was a private forester and logger. From 1971 to 1983, he worked for Central Alaska Utilities, and he retired from Anchorage Water and
Wastewater Utility in 1987. His postretirement years were spent with Mary as snowbirds, enjoying life as “Ticos” in Costa Rica. The farm there was donated to the forestry school in Syracuse, and it is now being used as a tropical field station. This was immensely satisfying for Art. He always enjoyed being in the woods, river boating and reading as many books as he could get his hands on. The family enjoyed much time at the cabin in Sunshine, sometimes snowshoeing into the cabin for a traditional New Year’s Eve. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Mary; a son, Eric; a daughter, Karen; a granddaughter, Danielle; two dogs, Tula and Nick; and numerous other relatives.

Edmund “Ned” Swigart ’56 (1931-2009) died at the age of 78 in Washington, Conn., on May 14 after a brief struggle with cancer. He died as he lived, surrounded by his loving family. Ned was born in Milwaukee, Wis., on March 31, 1931; graduated from the Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Conn.; and received his B.A. from Yale in 1954, a master’s from F&ES and a Ph.D. in conservation and education from Columbia Pacific University. He was a kind and generous man with a passion for life. He had a deep commitment to his family and friends, to education in the broadest sense and to the conservation of our natural world. He was an avid fisherman, model railroader, birder and outdoorsman. In his early years, he worked for the National Audubon Society and the Massachusetts Audubon Society. Thereafter, he became a much-loved instructor at The Gunnery in Washington, Conn., sharing his unique understanding of the natural world with generations of young people. Toward the end of the 1960s, he started the Shepaug Valley Archeological Society, with the goal of learning more about and preserving the heritage of the north-eastern American Indians. In 1975, Ned co-founded the Institute for American Indian Studies, with the expanded goal of researching, preserving and sharing the heritage, culture and worldview of the north-eastern American Indians, both past and present. Over the past 20 years he researched and wrote three genealogical books tracing the ancestry of his and his wife’s families, earning national and regional awards. In April, he published A White Man’s Journey to a Northeastern American Indian Faith and Its Relevance Today, sharing an alternative natural worldview that he felt was the culmination of his life’s work. He is survived by his best friend and wife of 54 years, Debbie; three children, Lucie, Ted and Paul; an “adopted” daughter, Karen Sheehy McCall; 11 grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; and many other close relatives.

Donald Tufts ’48 (1922-2009) died on July 13 in Brownsville, Tenn., at the age of 87. Don was born on May 2, 1922. He graduated from Lyman Hall High School in Wallingford, Conn., in 1939, and received a B.S. from the University of Connecticut and an M.F. from F&ES. After Yale, he entered the forestry business and worked for Crossett Lumber for 14 years as assistant forester, forest photogrammetrist, assistant division manager and, finally, superintendent of wood utilization. In 1951 he served as first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. He held positions in various paper companies, including assistant to the wood and land manager at Tennessee River Pulp and Paper, wood procurement manager for Pineville Kraft and, later, Bodcow in Louisiana, which was purchased by International Paper. He retired to Brownsville and is survived by his wife of 64 years, Shirley Swanson.

William Weiland ’51 (1921-2009) died in Encinitas, Calif., on June 16 after a long illness at the age of 87. Bill graduated from Cheshire Academy in Connecticut and was enrolled at Duke University in 1941 when World War II began. He then enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and served in the Marine Raider Battalion. His tour of duty took him to the South Pacific, where he fought in Guadalcanal, Guam, Bougainville and Emireau. He earned two Purple Hearts during service to his country, as well as a field commission during the battle of Guam. Upon his return home, he married Barbara Vaiden, a friend he had known since childhood. They lived in Missoula, Mont., for 33 years. He graduated from Colorado A&M with a B.A. and a B.S. and went on to earn his master’s in forestry at F&ES. He worked for Broderick Wood Products in Granby, Colo.; U.S. Plywood in Anderson, Calif.; and Champion International in Bonner. He retired as general manager of the Rocky Mountain Division of Champion in 1972. He loved the outdoors and was an avid mountain climber, scaling countless peaks in Canada, Switzerland, Patagonia, Tibet and the United States, including this nation’s highest mountain, Mount McKinley. When not climbing, he skied and hiked with his family and friends, often accompanied by his dogs. He is survived by his wife, Bobby; four children, John, Patricia Zay, Forrest and Bill; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.