1940
John Slocumb is 93 years old and lives in Grantsville, Md. He is in excellent health, keeps up on forestry and environmental issues, walks daily, likes to sail, plays saxophone in a local band and recently wrote a book on Paul Bunyan stories.

1942
Richard Jorgensen, D.F. ’54, writes: “I have been very fortunate in being able to talk to the other four members of our class. Betty and Dick West are in Florida to be near their three grandkids and seven great-grandkids. Betty is severely arthritic and needs much care, but Dick says her spirit is good. He and Crock Atkinson tented together at Urania camp, and both mentioned Crock sticking his pistol out of the tent and firing to scare an owl away that was keeping them awake. Crock turned 90 last November and is still hunting. He got a 185-pound buck last fall. Sadly, Crock’s brother in Boston is very ill, and Crock had just returned from visiting him when we talked. Sid McKnight lost his beloved wife just about the time I lost mine and is going through the same lonely life, but showed me up by walking 10 miles every day. I go around the block once a week! He has a patch of timber behind his house and often goes out to watch the trees grow. His children are some 30 miles away, and I check on him often. Ben Eggeman lives in Alexandria, Va., with wife Jenny, whom he latched on to some 60 years ago. They’re keeping the line going with six grandchildren. I serve on the board of directors at a senior housing facility and do some church work. I got a new driver’s license on my 90th and take folks shopping, etc.”

1946
Class Secretary
Paul Burns pburns@lsu.edu

Paul Burns, Ph.D. ’49, writes: “I continue to go to my office nearly every day at the Louisiana State University School of Renewable Natural Resources in Baton Rouge. I have been professor emeritus there since I retired in 1986. I have been trying to learn more about the Chinese scientists who received special training in wood technology at the Yale Forestry School from 1945 to 1946. My friend and fellow 1946 alumnus Dave Smith, Ph.D. ’50, and Gordon Geballe, F&ES associate dean for student and alumni affairs, have helped me. Gordon wrote that on the wall near his Sage Hall office is a photo showing 14 Chinese students in a special 1946 class. He also wrote to his colleague Yajie Song ’89, D.F.E.S. 95, who traveled in China during the summer of 2008 and had planned to make contact with one or more of these former students. The history of the Yale Forestry School’s first half-century has a chapter on ‘Yale in Foreign Countries,’ with a section on China that points out how Chinese graduates, including D.Y. Lin ‘24, N.K. Ip ’19, Paul S. Lee ’20, P.F. Shen ’21, C.F. Yao ’21 and C. Wan ’23 played an important part in Chinese forestry.”

1947
Class Secretary
Evert Johnson swede-doc@mindspring.com

Henry “Hank” Wilson writes: “I took a 35-day Viking cruise and was amazed at seeing a plantation in Iceland of very slow-growing trees. I enjoy keeping in touch with Robert Parker, now living in Issaquah, Wash. He is acquiring land in Brush, Colo. I live in Lyman, S.C., a small town between Greenville and Spartanburg. I always enjoy the news of Yale Forestry School graduates from the WWII era.”

1948
Class Secretary
Francis Clifton fhcbyfor@webtv.net

Francis Clifton writes: “August 1 was my fourth anniversary at The Cloisters in DeLand, Fla. George Hindmarsh writes: “I went to White Lake off Lake Michigan with my daughter for 10 days and caught two nice salmon. I admired the great wildlife and huge white pine and red oak in the area above Michigan’s shores.” John O’Donnell writes: “I am long retired but healthy, and keep busy cutting grass and babysitting for grandkids. Not old enough to winter in Florida yet.”

1949 60th Reunion Year
Class Secretary
Daniel Dick d.dick51@verizon.net

Jim Carlaw was the first forester that International Paper ever hired, which involved him in very large sales and purchases of timberland and pulp. He retired to Cape Cod when he was 60. Dan Dick writes: “Then there were 51 of us, the largest class in the history of the school at that time. Now there are 20 of us 59 years later. Not so bad. Noting that the previous issue of environment: Yale did not list a class secretary for our class, I volunteered and was appointed post haste. Wiry Dave Fordyce of Ogden, Utah, for years now has been concerned over the lack of forest management of the timberlands in those states where too little rainfall produces incendiary conditions. To quote Dave, ‘… forests need stocking control through heavy thinning, fire breaks along with prescribed burning. Both federal and private-property holders pulled back from these actions due to no financing and threatened lawsuits by environmental groups using surrogate reasons such as timber harvesting, thinning or any type of vegetative management that would purportedly threaten wildlife habitat, or perhaps, an endangered species. Judicial decisions were handed down to stay harvesting or any type of tree-cutting. With these management practices shut down or curtailed, ground fires turned into crown fires and total destruction of the forest. This year, money has been allocated for extensive thinning. Actually, when controlled, fire is very beneficial, such as in the South, to ensure regeneration.’ How about them apples?! I trust that the rest of us aren’t too old to find some similar passion stirring in our bloodstream about personal or professional issues of interest. How about it?” Herb Winer, Ph.D. ’56, likes the international position the school holds as its curriculum and outreach have developed.”
Eric Ellwood, Ph.D. ’54, writes: “Now in my 86th year, I have been retired for 19 years from my position of Dean of the College of Natural Resources at North Carolina State University. Retired is a misnomer, as I run out of time daily. For the first several years of my retirement, my main occupation was caregiver for my ailing wife Dorothy (Parkinson’s disease). She passed away in 2000, and a few years later I married a wonderful lady, Mary Kilburn, who this year will retire from her business as a clinical psychologist. We do some traveling and have lots of expanded family nearby. I’m pretty active gardening (especially roses) and sailing off the North Carolina coast. My principal passion is photography (I’ve built a studio over the garage), and I’ve won some awards for my work. My best regards to all the other survivors out there and would like to hear from them. Have to go—things to do!”

Herster Barres writes: “I continue to develop the forest carbon-offset model, which I have been working on for more than 40 years. Reforest the Tropics (RTT), a Connecticut-based nonprofit organization, manages 30 carbon-offset forests for 59 U.S. sponsors in Costa Rica. The goal of this applied research, climate-change program is to combine efficient CO₂ sequestration in tropical farm pasture reforestation projects, with the production of wood for farmer income. Key to long-term carbon sequestration is the profitability of these forests to the participating farmer on whose land the forests are established. Only if the farmer is happy with the cash flow from the forest will the forest be managed sustainably. Each forest has a 25-year agreement between RTT and the farmer. In September 2008, the first thinning of these very-fast growing forests will be done for..."
replacement operation in mid-June. The results so far are very positive, with annual sequestration rates of 40 to 50 tons of CO2 per hectare by the fifth and sixth years in some designs. **Rolf Benseler** writes: "It’s our 50th anniversary this year. He also is an active in the local Bernard Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and Adult Education Program. Once a student, always a student. Classmate **Bill Rogers** and his wife, Peg, celebrate their golden anniversary this year. When asked how I spend my time, I recite a little ditty: ‘I wander and wonder, look and listen, usually with dog on the go. Ballet and opera, Bach and Shakespeare, usually with wife in tow.’ **Ernie Kurmes, Ph.D. ’61**, is writing a brief history of the Northern Arizona University forestry school for the celebration of its 50th anniversary this year. He also is completely recovered from a hip replacement operation in mid-June.

**1959 50th Reunion Year**

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**1960**

**Class Secretary**
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**1961**

**Class Secretary**
Roger Graham

**R. Scott Wallinger** writes: “I am a member of the National Commission on Science for Sustainable Forestry, now in its final year and making some significant policy-related recommendations.” **Joyce Berry, D.F.E.S. ’80**, John Gordon and Al Sample ’80, D.F. ’89, are also members. The commission has issued a statement calling for a presidential commission on forests to address major inconsistencies between policies and an urbanizing society with a growing population in federal and state forest policies. In parallel, the commission calls for a forest caucus in the Congress and forestry sectors in the various governors’ associations. I continue to chair the Forest History Society, which is growing its endowment and its relevance to education and public policy. I’m grossly over-worked and underpaid as a member of the board of the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association, and I chair two of its committees, Adelaide and I travel and enjoy grandchildren, and I find time to golf, fish, boat and shoot.” **Harry Wiient Jr., Ph.D. ’63**, holds the Joseph E. Ibberson Chair in Forest Resources Management at Penn State University, which has just announced the institution of a new Ibberson Chair in Silviculture Research. **Joseph Ibberson ’48** was the subject of the book A Forester’s Legacy: The Life of Joseph E. Ibberson, by **Henry Gerhold ’56, Ph.D. ’59** (See Bookshelf, Fall 2007).

**1962**

**Class Secretary**
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**Jeff Burley, Ph.D. ’65**, writes: “After a career in international development forestry and academic teaching and research at Oxford, I retired in 2003 and have recently become chair of an incubator company, C-Questor, which is concerned with marine, geological, terrestrial and silvicultural carbon sequestration and renewable-energy generation.”

**1963**

**Class Secretary**
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**1964 45th Reunion Year**

**John Worrall, Ph.D. ’69**, reports that he is five years retired, but still teaching forestry at the University of British Columbia (41st year coming up). They just don’t pay him for it anymore.

**1965**

**Class Secretary**
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**John Blouch** writes: “I’m director of specialty paper sales, trying to cheer the world with Fluorescent, Photo Ink Jet, Laser and Latex papers from Miami Wabash Paper in Franklin, Ohio. I work out of my home office in Lebanon, Pa. I enjoy great health and love the customers and the opportunities to help. I plan on working until the other huskies pull too fast, and they leave my carcass for the wolves. I’ve been married to Joyce for 43 years. She is a very patient and understanding semi-retired HR manager. The sole progeny John von Blauch (restoration of pre-immigration nomenclature), is managing director of a Madrid jewelry company, Cejalvo, manufacturer of orders and decorations such as Blue Max and Golden Fleece.”

**Michael Greenwood, Ph.D. ’69**, writes: “I am in my last year of a phased retirement in the School of Forest Resources at the University of Maine, wrapping up the establishment of a clonal test of white pine to find weevil-resistant clones. I still have some graduate students, and have some articles to finish on maturation and stand growth in red spruce. I work closely with **Robert Hintze**, on the White Pine project, and work with **Bruce Wiersma** as a member of our new Center for Sustainable Forestry Research.”

**1966**

**Class Secretary**
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**1967**

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**1969 40th Reunion Year**

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1970

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John Bissonette writes: “I work for the U.S. Geological Survey, and have led the Utah Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at Utah State University since 1985. I just finished my fifth book, Temporal Dimensions of Landscape Ecology: Wildlife Responses to Variable Resources, which is the third in a series of landscape ecology ideas for wildlife biologists. I was a Senior Fulbright Scholar in 2002 at the Technic University of Munich, and in 2005 a Mercator Visiting Professor at the University of Freiburg in Germany. I return yearly in November to the University of Freiburg to teach a three-week course in landscape ecology to international students. The people that make life wonderful are my wife of 42 years, Mary; my son, Gabe, who works for the Bureau of Land Management in Moab, Utah; and my daughter, Nicole, who works for the Utah Department of Health, and her husband, Robert. Nicole’s daughter—our first grandbaby, Gabriella—turned 1 in August. I find it so fascinating to watch her go through all of those developmental steps that my children went through more than 35 years ago. It keeps us young. When we’re not traveling, you can find me riding my Harley on the back roads of the West.”

Donn Critchell is designing and maintaining simple websites for local town and community organizations. He is also a member of two photography clubs and participates in their monthly competitions. His photographs are online at www.dynamicdonn.com. After retirement, Donn took up downhill skiing and has been to China twice, Greece once and Switzerland several times with his skiing friends and Sue. He gave up sailing to take up kayaking on lakes and sometimes on the Hudson River near Catskill, N.Y. William Lansing retired as president and CEO of Menasha Forest Products Corporation in April 2006, a position he held since 2001. He is the author of Seeing the Forest for the Trees: Menasha Corporation and Its 100 Year History in Coos County, Oregon, 1905-2005; Can’t You Hear the Whistle Blowin’: Logs, Lignite, and Locomotives in Coos County, Oregon, 1859-1930; and Remember When: Coos County Schools, 1850-1940. He makes presentations around the state of Oregon about the history of the timber, railroad, coal mining and schools of the region. He lives in North Bend, Ore. Rick Matheny writes: “For 32 years, I have been the director of public health for the Farmington Valley Health District, a 10-town area that encompasses the majority of the watershed of the Farmington River in Connecticut. I have just recently rotated off of the board of directors of the National Association of County and City Health Officials after eight years, the last four of which I was on the executive committee. I was just elected president of the Connecticut Association of Directors of Health for a two-year term, and I spent five years as a special consultant to the board of scientific counselors of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry. My wife, Ines, and I have four adult children and two grandchildren, all of whom live within an hour’s drive, so we get to spend lots of time together. I have become a very serious photographer and have had many photographs exhibited at juried art and photography exhibits in the Hartford area. My online gallery can be found at www.nikonians-images.org/galleries under RHMJR2.”

1971

Class Secretary
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1972

Class Secretary
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Gary Taylor, Ph.D. ’77, writes: “I’m working with a small group to commercialize a versatile concentrating solar patent. Ray tracing and computer simulations just completed show that we are ahead of the curve of the most advanced technologies currently deployed. We have just commissioned a prototype that we believe will be finished soon. We have an exclusive deal with the patent holder and are seeking partners, advisors, investors and friends to help us through the coming steps.”

Chuck Dauchy writes: “I’m still using my F&S education and a few years of on-the-job training with the SCS (now NRCS), a small civil engineering firm, and have been an independent consultant since 1986 for wetlands delineation, site design and permitting (to avoid the wetlands) and stormwater management. Thanks to Tom Sicama and my classmates for help on plant identification, to Garth Voight for my intro to soils, to Professor Gartska for an intro to hydrology and to the whole school for the understanding that everything is connected.”

Len Lankford continues expanding the community-based forestry enterprise, Greenleaf Forestry and Wood Products. Three huge buildings have been added—all constructed of salvaged materials—to house a wood-product showroom (10,000 square feet) and two lumber-drying sheds (each 3,500 square feet). Installation of grant-funded small-diameter pole and lumber processing equipment is proceeding. Greenleaf is now processing beetle-kill lodge pole pine from northern Colorado, where 1.5 million acres of lodge pole have died.

www.greenleafforestry.com

Liz Mikols sends warm greetings to all from New Mexico. After retiring from Lehigh Cement Company in the spring of 2008, she and her husband, Joe Schindler, relocated to Silver City, N.M., in early August. As of writing, they were still up to their ears in boxes and bubble wrap. She writes that she participated in a five-session workshop with the Gila Native Plant Society on Shrubs and Trees of New Mexico on August 20. “Although I am terribly rusty, I managed to recognize some of those arcane (and delightful) botanical terms, such as tomentose, pinnately compound and obovate. I am eager to learn a new flora, which I plan to put to good use when landscaping my yard. I volunteer at the local historical museum and hope to begin teaching a few group fitness classes later this year.”
Judith Stockdale writes: “I am executive director of the Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation, which is focused on land conservation and artistic vitality in the three-state Chicago region and the Low Country of South Carolina. Projects of the moment concern local food production, regional land use, the Illinois Cultural Data Project and the Arts Work Fund. I serve on the boards of the Donors Forum, Friends of Ryerson Woods and the Nuveen Funds. My husband, Jonathan Boyer, is working on sustainable architecture and neighborhoods with Farr Associates.”

1975
Jean Thomson Black was promoted to executive editor in the Acquisitions Department of Yale University Press. Jean has built the science, medicine and technology lists from almost nothing since coming to the Press in April 1990. “It is a remarkable and deep accomplishment that has earned the respect of her peers throughout the publishing world,” according to an announcement. She invented the consumer health list and the Yale University Press Health and Wellness imprint. Her specializations have encompassed life, environmental and physical sciences; history of science and medicine; environmental politics and policy; environmental history; the ongoing debate between science and religion; and trade psychology and cognitive science/philosophy of the mind. She has acquired a continuous stream of excellent academic and trade titles, from general interest to scholarly to course books, to major reference from general interest to scholarly to excellent academic and trade titles, acquired a continuous stream of
other grads from different eras. After a five-year stint with The Nature Conservancy, I entered residential real estate, working with conservation sellers and buyers to help protect the Lower Connecticut River through private action. I’m married, have two adult sons—one married, one about to be—and have lived in one place for 32 years. I manage my own 50-acre woodlot in Lyme, which provides me with fuel, some venison and tranquility.” Michael Harlow is undergoing a highly experimental stem cell transplant procedure at Stanford to try to stave off continuing assaults from multiple myeloma. His brother is the stem cell donor.

Patrick Lee assumed a managerial position with the Legacy Lands Program in 2006. He writes: “The Legacy Lands Program seeks to establish an interconnected system of parks, natural areas, open spaces trails and greenways throughout the county. Since its inception in 1985, the program has protected over 4,000 acres of land. The emphasis is on habitat protection and restoration and low-impact recreation. New initiatives include development of programs to support working farms and forests in the county that are threatened by rapid urbanization. Clark County is just across the Columbia River from Portland, Ore., and is an integral part of the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area. My daughter, Robyn, graduated from Oregon State University in 2006 with a major in biology, and is now working at Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland. My son, Darren, is a junior at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., majoring in chemical engineering. At a recent Yale gathering at the Lucky Lab brew pub in northwest Portland, I had a nice conversation with former Dean John Gordon and his son, Sean Gordon ’91.”

Jaynee Levy writes: “I transferred from the Bureau of Land Management in Utah to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) in Washington. I live in Pasco, Wash. My new appointment involves managing visitor services for the FWS at the Mid-Columbia River National Wildlife Refuge Complex, which consists of eight refuges: Columbia, Cold Springs, Conboy Lake, Mckay, Toppenish and Umatilla National Wildlife Refuges; McNary National Wildlife Refuge and Environmental Education Center; and the Hanford Reach National Monument.” Helen Waldorf retired from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection after 25 years to do freelance and volunteer work on climate change. bostongreenfest.org; hawaldorf@aol.com

1976
Richard Guldin, Ph.D. ’79, is the director of Quantitative Sciences at the USDA Forest Service. In June, he was recruited to lead an interagency project started by the Council of Environmental Quality. The intent of the project is to recommend a path forward on building the capacity to regularly report on NEST indicators to the incoming chair of CEQ, director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy and deputy director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Colin Peterson writes: “My wife, Sandy, and I relocated in May from Prattville, Ala., to Georgetown, S.C., following retirement in October 2007 from International Paper’s Global Forestry Division after 36-plus years. All good things must come to an end. I have four daughters, five grandchildren and innumerable friends and fellow associates made over the years in forestry and various organizations.”

Ty Tice writes: “I took a memorable monthlong ‘walkabout’ in the Australian states of Queensland, Victoria and Tasmania, guided by my eldest grandson, Lincoln, after he finished a semester abroad studying environmental issues at Queensland University before graduating from the University of Wisconsin in May 2008. I spent several enjoyable days with Chris and Herb Bormann, here in Seattle. I endured the painful ‘laying to rest’ last fall of a decade-long effort to establish a sustainable business enterprise, discovering and producing hydrocarbon energy, in the Ukraine. Now, having fully completed a transition from a quarter-century of environmental mediation practice to far more laid-back ‘elder’ pursuits of mentoring grandchildren, maintaining fitness, renewing friendships and traveling to special
class

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places, I’m looking forward to swapping tales with F&ES colleagues along the way.”

1977

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Tim Glidden writes: “I’m holding down the fort at Land for Maine’s Future. Generous voters ponied up another $20 million for more trails, eco-reserves, parks and green space, so I guess I’m employed for another couple of years. Maine remains a hotbed of F&ES types—classes old and new. On the home front, one daughter is about to graduate college and thinking about following ol’ dad into the swamp of environmental policy. She is even thinking about applying to F&ES. Yikes. My second daughter is headed to college this fall looking to strike out as a historian and writer.”

Kirk Hall writes: “When I left F&ES, I worked on environmental cases in the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Portland, Ore. I liked the law side, so I got a law degree at Lewis & Clark Law School while working full time in a law firm. I practiced law for five years, started a business related to transportation services and was CEO of a professional liability insurance company for 12 years. I got married to a wine writer along the way. Lisa Shara Hall, so there has been lots of travel to where grapes are grown. I don’t have any kids, but three dogs.

In 2000 I joined a technology startup that was acquired by a big company in 2006. Now I work with a Portland-based commercial real estate syndication firm that focuses on commercial properties in the West, and also with a family company helping them manage their investment and real estate holdings. On the side, I drive Meals on Wheels on weekends and am a court-appointed special advocate for abused and neglected kids. I’m still trying to figure out what I want to do for my real career, and will let you know when I do.”

tim hawley writes: “My son, John, was co-vedctorian of Middletown High School, a National Merit Scholar, Chemistry Olympiad state champion, math team captain, and he played varsity tennis and taught biology to Upward Bound students for a summer job. He’s attending Brown University, and his career goal is to do research in theoretical math. He’s not keen on being close to nature, but he uses the clothesline instead of the dryer and turns off the lights, so he’s on the right track.”

Evan Koslow runs a company in Waterloo, Ontario, where he invents and develops new technologies and starts new companies. Last year, his manufacturing company KX Industries was sold to a large conglomerate. He has four boys, the youngest only 2 years old. His wife, Gosia, is from Poland.

Andrew Melnykovych writes: “I joined the executive staff of the Kentucky Public Service Commission, and am living in Louisville. My son, Alexander, is a sophomore history/economics major at Hendrick College in Arkansas, where he plays on the lacrosse team. My daughter, Anna, is a junior in high school, a prize-winning baker of desserts and a player on the field hockey team. Both kids are goalies, evidence that a lack of common sense is an inheritable trait.”

Howie Neufeld writes: “This summer I was invited to present a lecture to Rainer Matyssek’s research group at the Technical University of Munich about the impacts of ozone on plants in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. I also toured their research forest (and got to go up in one of those canopy cranes to view the forest from above the canopy—something I highly recommend—very cool!). This October, I participated on a U.S. EPA panel in Research Triangle Park, N.C., to discuss the protocols associated with setting the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone. I am also the chair of Appalachian State University’s Darwin Bicentennial Celebration Committee. We will be hosting 13 distinguished lecturers over the upcoming fall and spring semesters to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Darwin’s birth and the 150th anniversary of the publication of On the Origin of Species. The list of speakers can be found at www.universityforum.appstate.edu and includes two Pulitzer Prize-winning authors.”

Joanne Polayes writes: “After 20 years with the Washington State Department of Ecology, I have retired from state service. My last nine years were with the Water Quality Program, where I served as grant project manager for a variety of local nonpoint water quality projects, including stream restoration, water quality monitoring, outreach and education. I enjoyed a summer of hiking, backpacking (including a successful climb of Mt. Whitney), gardening and kayaking. I will be traveling with my husband, Perry Wien, to Argentina and Chile in the fall and winter. After my return, I plan to do volunteer work with environmental nonprofits, perhaps leading eventually to part-time work.”

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Stuart Ross writes: “After 25 years in corporate public relations, I am head of program marketing and communications for the Environmental Defense Fund, where I am primarily based in Washington, D.C., but commuting weekly from home in northern Westchester, N.Y.”

Kate Troll, executive director of the Alaska Conservation Alliance in Anchorage, wrote a letter to the editor that appeared in the July 19 edition of Newsweek. She wrote: “The easiest way to raise individual consciousness is to tie climate change to weather reports—everyone talks about and watches. As such, I was wondering if it was possible for weather experts to develop a climate-change association index—say, on a scale of 1 to 5 for different types of extreme weather events, such as floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, etc.—that weather reporters could quickly reference. When we have 100-year floods every 10 years or so, it’s more than just local weather patterns. Alas, most reporters miss the climate-change connection, and as a result, do so most Americans. I certainly hope this [index] can be developed, given that Alaska is warming up at two to three times the rate of the Lower 48. This small step could have a very significant impact on how we as a nation face up to the challenge of climate change.”
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Zealand; working for a natural resources consulting company, a high-end travel company and a building design firm in Boston.

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Turnbull is studying for a master’s degree in environmental management, focusing particularly on the intersection between business and the environment at F&ES, with the goal of learning more about greening the built environment. “It’s the best school for what I want to do,” she says. “The [environment] school has a great connection to the business school, and it’s forward-thinking and solutions-oriented.”

“It’s been a very public design and building process, and the house is much more interesting, much better-designed and much more creative than it would have been if I’d been building in a vacuum,” she says. “There’s been great volunteer support, donations, curiosity, interest and ideas.”

The house was hauled by a trailer to Yale in October. It uses passive solar heating, so Turnbull says she can position the high wall to the south in the winter for maximum solar heat and then rotate it 180 degrees in the summer, turning the high wall to the north to keep her home cooler.

Her desks fold down Murphy-style, enabling a maximum workspace of 18 square feet, which is massive for the size of the interior space. And she’s euphoric about her combination stove and oven, which is smaller than a two-foot cube. “It’s just a tiny little thing; it’s so cute!” She also has a lot of shelf space and a 3 foot by 7 foot storage loft above the door, as well as the bathroom and a closet wardrobe that she built. “So I had to be thoughtful about what I brought, and it turns out that there’s enough room.” She uses a marine cooler now but hopes to get a solar-powered refrigerator down the road.

The bathroom is the tiniest room in the tiny house. It measures 3 feet by 3 feet, but will eventually host a yacht-style wetbath.

The house is located near F&ES, and she’ll have close access to a bathroom in a host house.

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Ed Hogan writes: “I have been in the private practice of environmental law for the past 27 years; here in New Jersey for the past 25. I have had a great practice and really enjoy what I do. Most of my work has involved dealing with the legal issues involved in the remediation, purchase and sale of contaminated industrial properties. In the ’80s and ’90s, that involved primarily industrial-to-industrial use, but for the past 10 years or so it has turned to redevelopment of these properties to commercial and residential (multifamily) uses. I find myself frequently drawing on what I learned in a number of my F&ES courses. In my work, I also deal with a broad range of other environmental matters concerning endangered species, wetlands, coastal land use and stormwater. On the nonprofit side, I am a member of the board of directors of the New Jersey Audubon Society, and was previously on the board of the New Jersey Forestry Association.”

Tom Rumpf is an associate state director of The Nature Conservancy in Maine. Tom and TNC in Maine, along with other private and public conservation partners, received a Cooperative Conservation Award from the Secretary of the Interior, Dirk Kempthorne, for the Penobscot River Restoration Project, the largest river restoration project east of the Mississippi. The awards were recently announced at a celebration of a major step in the project, which is the execution of options to purchase three hydro dams on the river for $25 million from PPL Maine. When completed in three to four years, the project will open up an additional 1,000 miles of habitat for 11 different species of diadromous fish in Maine’s largest river.

1978

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Ed Hogan writes: “I have been in the private practice of environmental law for the past 27 years; here in New Jersey for the past 25. I have had a great practice and really enjoy what I do. Most of my work has involved dealing with the legal issues involved in the remediation, purchase and sale of contaminated industrial properties. In the ’80s and ’90s, that involved primarily industrial-to-industrial use, but for the past 10 years or so it has turned to redevelopment of these properties to commercial and residential (multifamily) uses. I find myself frequently drawing on what I learned in a number of my F&ES courses. In my work, I also deal with a broad range of other environmental matters concerning endangered species, wetlands, coastal land use and stormwater. On the nonprofit side, I am a member of the board of directors of the New Jersey Audubon Society, and was previously on the board of the New Jersey Forestry Association.”

Tom Rumpf is an associate state director of The Nature Conservancy in Maine. Tom and TNC in Maine, along with other private and public conservation partners, received a Cooperative Conservation Award from the Secretary of the Interior, Dirk Kempthorne, for the Penobscot River Restoration Project, the largest river restoration project east of the Mississippi. The awards were recently announced at a celebration of a major step in the project, which is the execution of options to purchase three hydro dams on the river for $25 million from PPL Maine. When completed in three to four years, the project will open up an additional 1,000 miles of habitat for 11 different species of diadromous fish in Maine’s largest river.

1979

30th Reunion Year

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Tricia Johnson writes: "I finished my fifth year of teaching this past June. I took my biodiversity class on our annual field trip to Great Mountain Forest, where Star Childs led us on a great field tour. My boyfriend of six years, Robert Johnson, and I were married on August 2 in a ceremony at the Pine Orchard Chapel in Branford, near where we live. We sailed off into the sunset aboard our 37-foot Tartan sailboat for a two-week honeymoon cruise. I teach science at Common Ground High School in New Haven, which was founded by Oliver Barton '94." Patti Kolb Millet writes: "I left the Forest Service this year on a disability retirement after having hip replacement surgery in November and in anticipation of future knee replacement—too risky to continue with fieldwork. I fell in love with Mabou, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, a few years ago on the basis of the fiddle music and step dance, the warm ocean water and the genuinely friendly people I met. So I bought a store this spring and opened Nest, which sells jewelry gifts and home decor inspired by nature. It will be a seasonal business for about five years, with Jack holding down the fort in California until the store gets going and we get immigration status, at which time we plan to move here permanently." Charlie Nilson writes: "I'm starting my 19th year as a faculty member in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences at the University of Missouri. Thirty years ago this week I was in the middle of the second week of the modules and roaming around the Yale golf course with Laura Snook, D.F. '93, and Marc Groff '81." Steven Strauss is a professor of genetics and molecular and cellular biology in Oregon State University's College of Forestry. The July issue of The Forestry Source reports that he was recently awarded the title of distinguished professor. He is the author of nearly 160 scholarly papers, has delivered more than 170 invited lectures and raised more than $14 million in research funding from the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health and other federal agencies. He is the founder and director of the Tree Genomics and Biosafety Research Cooperative, composed of biotechnology companies and forest industries, which focuses on reducing ecological risks of genetically engineered trees. He also created and directed the NSF Industry-University Research Center on Tree Genetics in 1999, a multiuniversity center. Jim Thorne and Rosemary Fitzgerald visited Suey Braatz and Laura Snook, D.F. '93, in Rome in June. Suey led a field trip to Umbria.

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Ann Clarke, D.F.E.S. '92, is the environmental chief at NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, Calif. John Echeverria writes: "After serving as executive director of the Georgetown Environmental Law & Policy Institute at Georgetown University Law Center for 12 years, I will join the faculty of the Vermont Law School as a professor of law in September 2009." Thea Weiss (Tarbet) Hayes is a 16-year science teacher at Marysville School in Portland, Ore. She will be working with the Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, Johnson Creek Watershed Council, METRO, Oregon Sea Grant, Oregon Health Sciences University and Portland General Electric in her service learning and research projects with 7th- and 8th-grade students. She is the proud mother of Hanna, 20, a Sign Language Interpretation program college student, and Rachel, 12, a budding cook and David Douglas Swim Club team member. She is happily married to Angel, a mechanical engineering student and engineering technician. Keith Tait is an EHS director at SUNY Plattsburgh. He was recently featured in an article in the Plattsburgh Press Republican about greening the campus.

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Junaid Choudhury writes that he has worked on the National Forest Assessment and Forestry Outlook Report 2020 for the Food and Agriculture Organization. After his retirement in 2000 as conservator of forests for Bangladesh, he joined the International Union for Conservation of Nature and worked as head of Ecosystem & Landscape Management until 2004. He joined Pakistan's Forest Service in 1967. His wife, Juliana, and he live in Dhaka, and they have two daughters, Junna, a sociologist in Sydney, Australia, and Juhaina, an environmentalist who works for the British government in London." Evan DeLucia writes: "Our older son, Nicholas, starts his sophomore year in college, and our younger son, Michael, begins his senior year in high school. After serving as head of the department of Plant Biology at the University of Illinois for seven years, I am stepping down this fall to assume the directorship of the School of Integrative Biology. An unexpected honor bestowed on me this year was an appointment as the G. William Andens Professor of Biology. This prestigious endowed position will provide additional financial support for my laboratory, which examines physiological and ecosystem responses to global change. I have initiated a major new research program examining the ecological consequences of the widespread deployment of biofuel crops on the landscape. Leslie and I often visit Ed Ionata on our travels east to visit family."
explore the growing interest in connecting environment and spirituality, including how I can more fully integrate my own spiritual interests with my work in conservation. On the home front, both kids are away, traveling and in college, and my wife. Kelly continues her conservation communications work. sdblackmer@gmail.com  ■ Mary Ann Fajvan writes: “Since 2004, I have been a research silviculturist with the USFS Northern Research Station. Even though I am stationed in West Virginia, some of my field studies of hemlock woolly adelgid allow me to travel to southern New England, where I run into other alumni and forestry friends from Yale and the University of Maine. I was elected chair of the Allegheny Society of American Foresters, and I am honored to be joining the ranks of other F&ES alumni who have held this position, including Gifford Pinchot, who was the first chair from 1922 to 1923.” ■ Domenic Forcella is on sabbatical from his position as an environmental health and safety officer at Central Connecticut State University. He will be working on college sustainability issues and the role of the EH&S staff. He is serving his last year as a board member of the Blues Foundation in Memphis and is writing a blues column for daily papers around Connecticut called Blues Beat. ■ Bob Glass writes: “I’ve been at Sandia National Laboratories for the past 20 years. In the last few, I’ve moved away from subsurface flow and transport (primarily the vadose zone) and on to complex adaptive systems that include human and social response. As a part of the National Infrastructure Simulation and Analysis Center, I’m working on problems that range from thwarting the next influenza pandemic to preventing congestion and cascading in financial payment systems. I’ve started to turn my attention to the global energy system and the constraints on acceptance of global carbon treaties.” ■ Paul Watson writes: “Retired, remarried and relaxed in Victoria, B.C. I’m not doing any more forestry activities, but the environment is always on my mind. Online stock trading is a pleasant way to spend the mornings. Measuring houses to produce house plans for realtors, appraisers and architects occupies the latter part of the day. Golf figures in there somewhere. The days at F&ES were great and are never far from my mind.”

1984  ■ 25th Reunion Year

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Shere Abbott notes that she left D.C. three years ago for Austin, Texas—a funky, blue blip in the state. She directing the Center for Science and Practice of Sustainability in the provost’s office at the University of Texas at Austin and co-chairs the President’s Task Force on Sustainability, which is focusing on reducing the campus’ carbon footprint and developing a campus culture of sustainability. Her husband, Jim Steinberg, is the dean of the LBJ School of Public Affairs. ■ Shelley Dresser and Dave Gagnon ’85 are living happily ever after in Brattleboro, Vt., with their three kids, Heather, Alex and Hope. Shelley obtained another master’s in education from Smith College and is teaching mathematics at Eaglebrook School, an all-boys independent boarding school in Deerfield, Mass. Dave is the interim executive director at the Organic Trade Association, a national trade group, and he also serves on several boards. The Gagnon-Dresser family spends a good deal of time with Anna and Ned Childs ’83 and their family in Dummerston, Vt., all having enjoyed Schroon Lake in the Adirondacks this summer. ■ Rose Harvey is the Trust for Public Land’s Mid-Atlantic regional director. The trust’s work on an ambitious plan to acquire thousands of acres along the shore of the Chesapeake Bay and five of its largest tributaries for conversion to public park land was highlighted in the July 14, 2008, edition of The Baltimore Sun. “The concept,” Rose is quoted as saying, “is parks for people that will in turn protect the bay. We call it green-printing.” Environmental officials have said they plan to focus on water quality and habitat in deciding which land to purchase. ■ Nobby Riedy writes: “I’m living on the central coast of California (50 miles south of San Francisco) with my wife and 4-year-old daughter. I work from home developing and implementing philanthropic programs to support land conservation in California.” nobby@wildspaces.net  ■ Susan (Huke) Stein is managing the “Forests on the Edge” project for the U.S. Forest Service. She works with scientists throughout the Forest Service and others to produce publications that draw attention to the importance of conserving forests. Susan and husband Bruce are enjoying raising their two boys, Ben, 9, and Noah, 7, and getting them and their new field spaniel out in the woods as much as possible.

1985  ■  Reunion Year

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Gaie Alling writes: “I am president of the Biosphere Foundation, which has several projects to inspire intelligent stewardship of our biosphere, and have been engaged with the Planetary Coral Reef Foundation. I am living in California with my partner, and my son is a musician in college.” www.biospherefoundation.org  ■ Ed Backus writes: “I am living on the Oregon coast, in Newport, with my wife Jessica, a professor of marine fisheries ecology at Oregon State University. I am the vice president for fisheries at Ecotrust. I am working on the development of market approaches to fisheries bycatch (cap and trade) in the Bering Sea, and have also developed a mission loan fund for financing community fisheries trusts to acquire fisheries quotas along the West Coast and Alaska.”  ■ Brent Bailey writes: “I’m living in Morgantown, W.Va., a small postindustrial university-centered river town 75 miles south of Pittsburgh, with my wife, Liz, and two daughters, Zannah, 17, and Lily, 12. I am director of the Appalachia Program with The Mountain Institute, a conservation and community development nonprofit. My time is occupied by environmental education and citizen science programs for teachers and students, management of a high-elevation preserve, a landfill methane...
project, fund-raising to support programs and a staff of about 20. Outside of work, I am on the town’s tree board and the Stewardship Council of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and am a nontenured faculty member in biology at West Virginia University. I garden, bake, hike and watch birds.” ■ Helen Ballew writes: “I’m getting a graduate degree in education. My aim is to knit together my 15 years of professional experience in conservation and environmental protection with my long-time (volunteer) commitment to inner-city public schools in order to help push back against our cultures growing alienation from nature. I’ll be teaching K-8 science for a while. I’m married to David, chair of biology at Trinity, and our three kids and a little women—all bilingual—are thriving at ages 7, 9 and 12. World travels in recent years have taken us to South Africa (twice), Tanzania and central Mexico.” helenba@sbcglobal.net

■ Dorie Bolze is the executive director of a Nashville conservation organization, the Harpeth River Watershed Association. Her kids are now in middle and high school.

■ Rick Boyce got tenure a few years ago at Northern Kentucky University and his boys, Nathan, 14, and Seth, 10, are in Cincinnati with his wife, Martha. On sabbatical this fall, Rick will be in Burlington, VT, studying the effects of calcium deficiency on spruce and fir in northern New England.

■ Alex Brash is the N.E. Regional Director for the National Parks Conservation Association, an organization dedicated to protecting our national parks. He lives in an old Victorian house in Riverside, Conn., with wonderful partner Jane and their kids. Among other projects, Alex edited and published a compendium on the natural history of New York City. He also worked with an array of alumni to hold a conference in Acadia in October on the future of Maine’s North Woods.

■ Jim Coleman, Ph.D. ’87, is vice provost for research at Rice University. Adele, his wife, is still living in Missouri, and stepson Chuck is in Reno, so Houston has been an adjustment. Jim and Jay Aronne ’81, Ph.D. ’88, collaborated on a paper published in Nature in early fall relating to ecosystem carbon dynamics.

■ Haydi Boething Danielson has spent the last 10 years running a private K-8 school in Santa Cruz, but is stepping aside because she and her family are moving to the Carmel area. She plans to work a few days a week with the family tree nursery, helping out in production planning, process improvement and team building at the two northern California locations.

■ Louise de Montigny has conducted silviculture research with the B.C. Ministry of Forests for the past 17 years. Her husband, Raoul, is the director of the Canadian Wood Fibre Centre in Victoria; their oldest son, Jasper, is in his second year of mathematics at the University of Victoria; and their youngest son, Oliver, is a high school junior.

■ Jock Conyngham writes: “I am a research ecologist for the USACE Environmental Lab in Evaro, Mont., office in Missoula. I work on dam removal, river and riparian restoration and fisheries restoration. I also run a consulting business that keeps my field skills up and my hands dirty. The money is good and, at this point, I only agree to fun or strange projects. I’m a faculty affiliate at the University of Montana.”

■ Jeff Diehl writes: “In 1997, I co-founded Albion Environmental, a consulting firm that does biological and archaeological studies. I no longer get to do fieldwork, but I’m having a blast running a small company. We have about 30 employees and three offices in northern and central California. Life is good in Santa Cruz. I live in a great neighborhood three blocks from the beach and a 10-minute bike ride from my office. Rob, my partner, graduated with a Duke MBA and has worked in corporate finance with HP. He’ll be ordained as an Episcopal priest in the coming year.”

■ Chris Donnelly is an urban forester with Connecticut DEP. J.J. Earhart is chair of the Global Environment Fund and works on its $350 million emerging markets forestry fund with the firm of Clark Binkley ’79. With his wife, Analia, J.J. spends half the year in Buenos Aires and the other half in Portland, Ore. His kids are finishing up at university, where Sara just received her master’s degree in marine conservation and Nico will complete his bachelor’s in international studies this winter.

■ Caroline Eliot worked on land use and natural resource issues facing Maine’s North Woods, but left to take care of her kids.

■ Deborah Fleischer has a consulting practice, Green Impact, to provide services in sustainability strategy, program development and written communications. She recently helped launch The Institute at the Golden Gate.

■ J.B. Friday writes: “Greetings from Hilo, Hawaii, where Katie Friday and I have lived for the past 10 years. I’m the extension forester for the University of Hawaii. Most of my work these days involves restoration and management of native Hawaiian forests. I also work with people who are growing high-value tropical timber on former croplands or doing agroforestry. I’m cooperating on a native forest restoration project in Palau, Guam, which is the most beautiful set of islands I’ve ever seen after Hawaii, and I was able to visit the village in the Philippines where we were Peace Corps volunteers over 20 years ago. My son, Nathanael, 15, is a sophomore in our local high school, and Hilda, 9, plays soccer and reads.”

■ Katie Friday writes: “I am working with the Forest Service in Hawaii, American Samoa and Micronesia, trying to bridge the serious cultural differences between federal bureaucracy and indigenous value systems. My favorite projects are internship programs and training. Some of our major areas of emphasis are mangrove conservation, watershed restoration, agroforestry and invasive-species control. I visit Maine at least once a year, and it is deeply encouraging to see how much recovery has taken place since I was a kid—more rivers are swimable, and there are more eagles and ospreys. My father has Parkinson’s and in the couple of years since his diagnosis, we squeezed in extended-family canoe trips on the east branch of the Penobscot and the Allagash.”

■ Tara Gallagher writes: “Life on the North Shore with Steve’s and my three boys is good. This year I started consulting with Pure Strategies, specialists in corporate sustainability consulting. It has been interesting to take all those years of working in...
state government and apply what I’ve learned to a comparable set of problems. I’ve also been teaching part time at Salem State for the past four years. I’m getting my mom finally settled in an assisted-living place near me, and it was a major feat representing a few years of U.N.-worthy negotiations. I imagine I’m not alone in facing such issues.”

Mark Judelson writes: “Anna and I are in Chestnut Ridge, N.Y. I am the executive director of the Arts Council of Rockland, where I’ve been for 14 years. My connection to the woods is maintained—still cutting and selling firewood and playing with the Paulownia I’ve planted and tended at my home. For the past 11 years, I’ve written and performed several one-man shows telling true stories of individuals who respond to violence and genocide with artistic and peaceful gestures. I’ve received four grants to perform in high schools and prisons. Anna directs a Suzuki program, teaches violin, performs and conducts a youth orchestra. Our daughter Malia, 32, directs a Suzuki program in Newton, Mass., teaches violin and performs in and conducts an adult orchestra. Max, 20, after two years of working as a bike messenger in Paris and Manhattan, is about to begin at the Boston Conservatory of Music, where he will study classical bass. Anna and I visited Ruth Yanai, Ph.D. ’90, who threw me regular life-lines in Binkley’s class. I’m still grateful to her.” www.storiesofpeace.com

Asmeen Khan is still hard at work for the World Bank. After a few years at the Trust for Public Land in New York City, Evelyn Lee took time off to take care of her family. Her oldest daughter, Bonnie, is now entering her junior year at Yale as an EEB major, while her younger daughter, Emily, is entering senior year of high school. While on sabbatical, Evelyn wrote two books for the Soundprints habitat series for children. Last summer, she undertook a greenhouse gas emissions inventory for the Regional Plan Association. Stephen Lowrey of Tolland, Conn., is in municipal planning and has helped add over 800 acres of open space to the town and wrote regulations to encourage open space. His older daughter is working on a master’s in entomology at the University of Connecticut; his son is in the Air Force, having gone to Iraq in October after serving in Afghanistan for three years; and his youngest daughter just finished at the University of Connecticut.

Gretchen Meyer is managing the field station for the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee that is located north of Milwaukee. She is responsible for administering programs, teaching occasionally and advising students. She served as a host for the recent Ecological Society of America meeting in Milwaukee and, with her husband Fred, enjoys bicycling and swimming in the summer and skiing and ice skating in the winter. ■ Rolfe Larson writes: “I created my own consulting business, serving nonprofits, and teach marketing and entrepreneurship at the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis. I also wrote a book on business ventures for nonprofits, and was lucky to get Paul Newman of Newman’s Own to endorse it. My consulting work led me to a wide variety of interesting, effective and sometimes struggling nonprofits around the United States, all seeking to incorporate or expand earned-income strategies to help them pursue their social or environmental mission. Most of my environmental work has been done as a volunteer. After graduate school, I worked for almost 10 years as a senior manager at Minnesota Public Radio. My major focus was developing successful earned-income ventures for MPR. I also served for six years on the board of The Nature Conservancy in Minnesota, I was the board chair during our successful capital campaign to raise more than $15 million for conservation acquisitions and maintenance in Minnesota and the region and I guided a process that led to investing a portion of this endowment to support conservation in Guatemala. After leaving MPR in 1995, I married and moved to Denver. Last year, Peg and I adopted an incredible girl, Mariela, from Guatemala.”

Jon Nute has had a 20-year career with the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension. He and wife, Anne, live near Concord, and their daughter, Sarah, is at UNH. Jon was honored as the Society of American Foresters’ New Hampshire Forester of the Year in 2004. Molly Harris Olson works on a National Business Leaders Forum on Sustainable Development, which brought Al Gore to Australia in 2003, and she has an article coming out in Austral Ecology, as well as a book called Ten Commitments: Reshaping the Lucky Country’s Environment. She and her husband have two boys, Atticus, 10, and Aaron, 8, and live in a little historic rural village called Gundaroo just outside Canberra. Lorna Perkins is a mother of two, wife of David for 23 years, teaches biology part time at Salem State College and is a freelance editor. Whitney Tilt leads the Everlands Conservation Initiative, which is an equity-based club for those who share a love of the outdoors while being committed to giving something back in the form of conservation and stewardship.

Kathy Schwartz Spencer writes: “Our son, Will, is a freshman at Cornell. There is a lot of excitement for all he will learn and discover, mixed with profound sadness for us as parents, as we close the door on this chapter of our family life. We have our daughter, Christie, 16, but really need to get rolling on her college search almost immediately. I work part time (about three days a week) as the environmental specialist with a planning/grant-writing firm in Rochester, N.Y. We work mainly with small upstate New York communities, helping them get funds to build public water and sewer utilities. A couple of years ago, we were acquired by an engineering firm, so our projects are widening in scope. I also volunteer with our local land trust, which was established just after I moved to Rochester about 20 years ago. My husband, Tim, works for Kodak.” Tkspencer3@aol.com

David Steckel writes: “I have worked for Natural Lands Trust—a regional land trust focused on eastern Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey—and lived in southeastern Pennsylvania since graduation. The first 20 years were spent in the stewardship department as director of land stewardship. I now divide my time between the development and planning departments. My wife, Claudia, is a consulting botanist. We live in Allentown, Pennsylvania.”
where we spend much time caring for home, gardens and aging relatives." • Gregor Wolf writes: "After nearly 10 years in Brazil, initially with the German Development Bank and then the World Bank, where I ran the G-7 Pilot Program to Protect the Brazilian Rainforests, I am at World Bank headquarters in Washington, D.C. After a two-year stint in our forest policy team at the World Bank's Environment Department, I was promoted to sector leader in charge of the bank’s project portfolio for infrastructure, energy, rural development and the environment. I am married and have two boys, Alex, 11, and Sam, 13. • Ruth Yanai, Ph.D. ’90, writes: "I’m at the Ecosystem Center of the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Mass., for the semester (sabbaticals are a nice feature of academic life), and my daughter Nora is in her first school. I have projects at the Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest, and I work with Tom Siccama, Mary Arthur ’83 and Steve Hamburg ’77, Ph.D. ’84. I’m most excited about an experiment to test whether forests are approaching phosphorus limitation after all the nitrogen we’ve been applying in air pollution." • Steve Young writes: "I am living on the North Shore of Massachusetts with Tara (Gallagher) and our three boys, Dylan, 14, Nathan, 9, and Joshua, 9. I am chair of the Department of Geography at Salem State College (one of the public colleges of Massachusetts). I love working at SSC and in geography. My specialty is satellite imaging and global vegetation change. One of my projects is the Earth Exposed, an art gallery exhibition that explains how geographers study the Earth from space. The show has traveled to a few East Coast cities, the headquarters of the National Science Foundation, Australia and, in August, Tunisian." • Ken Andrasko writes: "I am living on the North Shore of Massachusetts with Tara (Gallagher) and our two daughters. I left the EPA to join the World Bank and work in the innovative carbon finance unit that manages $2 billion in funds and projects that address climate-change emissions mitigation. About five of us are developing the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility, a $300 million partnership fund among developing countries with tropical forests, donor countries and the bank to reduce deforestation at the national scale, use remote sensing to monitor reductions and then create a carbon asset to be traded on international markets in the post-Kyoto Protocol climate regime." kandrasko@worldbank.org • Dave Braun is a tree and forest consultant in Hood River, Ore. Work includes native plant restoration and forest fuels treatment; he enjoys climbing around in trees as part of the diagnosis of health or hazard issues. He does research on bark beetles and eco-restoration, is developing techniques for making wildlife trees with Timothy Brown and is co-authoring a book on the same with Tim, Chris Maser and Bill Laudenslayer. He just landed a contract with Tim to diversify a 40-year-old montane conifer forest by putting in about 50 small stand openings—at 40 to 60 feet off the ground to leave vertical structure for habitat. Becky, his partner, is a nurse practitioner at the regional jail (NORCOR). Son Zev, 15, will give you a Halo tutorial or trombone lesson—your choice." • Eric Carlson and his consultancy E2C2 provide LEED, green-building and advisory services for numerous public projects in the mid-Atlantic region. He is also a senior advisor to a green-business startup in Portland, Ore., called Shorepower. He is an adjunct professor at the Corcoran College of Art & Design in Washington, D.C., where he teaches sustainable practices for designers. www.e2c2inc.com; www.shorepower.com • Maggie Coon celebrated 20 years with The Nature Conservancy in the past five years, she’s been deeply involved in the creation and leadership of the Washington Biodiversity Council, charged by the governor with safeguarding Washington’s natural heritage. • Tom Duffus writes: “I am the Upper Midwest Director with The Conservation Fund and am having fun with some large forest/land conservation projects in the Great Lakes, as well as large river conservation projects on the Mississippi and Missouri rivers. Nell and I live in Duluth, Minn., on Lake Superior. I am playing bagpipes and have joined the Minnesota Police Pipe Band, which is headed to the World Championships in 2010. My son starts college this year, so I am feeling old.” • Michael Wells is a freelance consultant on international environmental topics from his home in Norway, now aided and abetted by two teenage daughters. Recent assignments have included leading independent evaluations of the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund; the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation’s grants to Conservation International; UNDP’s $3 billion global environment and energy program; and the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment. Other clients include the World Bank’s Development Marketplace, NORAD and a variety of Global Environment Facility activities, including the flagship GEF Small Grants Program. These have provided rich opportunities to interact with dedicated environmentalists carrying out marvelous work worldwide, including F&ES alumni. Family vacations have provided a critical balance; most recently, sea kayaking among killer whales north of Vancouver Island in British Columbia." 1987 Class Secretaries Christie Coon cacoon7@aol.com Melissa Paly mpaly@aol.com Jean Brennan is senior climate change scientist of the science program at Defenders of Wildlife. She has been recognized for her vital contributions as part of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that helped win the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize for the IPCC. As science officer for the U.S. Department of State, Office of Global Change, she was part of a federal interagency working group and a member of the U.S. delegation at international negotiations of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change under the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change. She also coordinated tech-
explicit, specific and decisive entry into the biotic community and prompted life-long philosophical and moral reflections. In one sense, the biotic community and predator-prey relations are amoral, natural realities and processes spawned by the Crafty Blind Tinkerer (Darwin’s nature). However, for us humans, biotic communities and natural processes have come to hold a deep, complex cultural and moral significance. We know, however imperfectly, that these processes are how Earthly life, including human life, comes into being—an Earthly life laced with innumerable values moral and other (aesthetic and spiritual, centrally concerning life’s innumerable and incredible forms, capacities and interactions). This amounts to stunning, bedrock philosophic and spiritual revelation. We also know that all these values, forms, capacities and interactions are mortal, finite and vulnerable to harm.

Why might recognition of our aboriginal status in nature, our membership in the biotic community—prompted by hunting, fishing or whatever other means—matter so much? Precisely because the recognition so radically underscores our moral situation and demands that we face squarely ultimate responsibilities. There are several forms of stewardship or caretaker ethics which enjoin us to care for the Earth and all the creatures that dwell therein. But if we do not explicitly and emphatically count ourselves as among Earth’s creatures and as integral participants in Earthly communities, we all too easily let ourselves off the moral hook. We consider nature as not essentially mattering to us humans. However, if we own up to our membership in the biotic community, we must recognize that we are a central and significant factor in immediate and future threats to nature and, ultimately, to ourselves.

For example, there are too many of us human ones (6-plus billion and growing) in Earth’s biotic communities, consuming too many of its material resources and wreaking too much havoc to ongoing evolutionary and ecological processes. What are we going to do about this daunting human overreaching and natural injustice? No doubt the Earth and evolutionary, ecological processes will survive our human onslaught, perhaps with a new abundance of biological species, but at what cost? What goodness and values, including those of human life, painstakingly evolved over natural (evolutionary, ecological and geological) and cultural time, will be lost? Ought we to collectively condone such moral and spiritual guilt, such sins against Earthly life and being?

If deep, existential recognition of our charter membership in the biotic community would help to stem this disastrous moral slide, then we must morally educate, or re-educate, ourselves in a hurry. If hunting and fishing, among other means, are effective avenues to explicit recognition of membership in the biotic community and its attendant moral responsibilities, then readers of Leopold should move past their ethical puzzlement and ponder anew his and others’ hunting and fishing in their widest, biotic-community contexts. Nature’s complex, dynamic and uncontrollable interconnectedness and interactions defy moral simplicity, easily drawn bright lines between good and bad, right and wrong. If we are morally going to return to our native home and community, we need to grow up, culturally and morally.

In marginalizing our membership in biotic communities and, specifically, our implication in predator-prey relations, we marginalize central, fundamental moral issues that already confront us. Let me be more specific, at risk of repetition.

In the United States and elsewhere, whether by intentional design or not, we have extirpated large predators from their native landscapes and ecosystems, with real, usually negative, consequences. Consider metropolitan areas—Chicago, New York and others—with newly engendered species and ecosystem problems, for example, an overabundance of deer,
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Canada geese and even wild turkeys. This overabundance threatens regional flora and fauna, as well as human well-being (Lyme disease, car accidents and more). What should we do in the absence of former large predators that were a natural check to species over-abundance? Arguably, we must take over their roles in keeping regional ecosystems healthy and resilient. For the sake of the biotic community as a whole, we should curb the super-abundance by whatever means we deem most morally appropriate and acceptable. The roles of these large predators have become our moral responsibilities.

But this is only the beginning of our responsibilities as members of the biotic community. Actually, it is not the deer, geese or turkeys that are the greatest threats to regional landscapes and ecosystems. That prize emphatically goes to us. Again, despite the significant, innumerable and distinctive values of human existence, what are we going to do about our own superabundance and overpopulation of biotic communities, our overuse of their life-giving resources, our pollution and disturbance of natural structures and processes? As members of biotic communities, from the regional to the global, in as far as the community’s most effective large predators, we cannot in good conscience evade these facts and attendant responsibilities. Of course, this is exactly what we are doing. Whether out of ignorance, neglect or willful amoral intention, the reigning large predators (ourselves) are undeniably and inexcusably irresponsible. Here is an issue that we must not duck, but resolve humanly — that is, responsibly.

Consider further ramifications of our present irresponsibility. Given our status in evolutionary, ecological and biotic communities, to undermine biotic communities is to undermine and threaten the future of humanity, its very bodily being, the quality of its life and whatever important capacities and values—from the bodily psychic and mental to the moral, artistic, aesthetic, spiritual and other—it harbors. Robust, biologically and culturally diverse communities are as necessary to our inner selfhood and well-being as they are to our physically active bodies. We, our whole selves, emerge out of the world—natural and cultural—and do so ongoing until we die. To impoverish biological and cultural communities is to impoverish ourselves.

In short, to continue in our present cultural, political, economic and moral ways—not to recognize ourselves as predatory organisms with a long evolutionary, ecological and Earthly past, that is, as members of biotic communities—amounts to a form of nihilism, a willful destruction of Earthly, including human, values. If some find this ironic, odd or, indeed, blasphemous, so be it. It is, as far as we can see, the truth.

Did my own road of moral and philosophic reflection begin, at least in part, in hunting Hennepin’s Windblown Bottoms? If so, what role does hunting, fishing or predation, in general, have in the genesis of civically important philosophic and moral landscapes (worldviews)? Leopold and other Darwinian naturalists, as champions of temporally deep biotic communities, would not doubt answer unequivocally a great deal, certainly more than urban, human-centered citizens might think. (The religious practices and rituals of traditional, especially hunter and gatherer, societies evidence as much.) The relatively unexplored relations of human predation (an inescapable fact of our existence) to the recognition of our deepest Earthly, moral responsibilities is a matter worth further pondering, hopefully informing evermore adequate practical and civic action.
in Portland for the last several years. I'm now in Indonesia looking at fair trade and forestry stuff, before I leave the store manager position to become blissfully unemployed for a while. " ■ Alexandra Pitts writes: "I have been living in Fair Oaks, Calif., and for the last four years I have handled communications and congressional affairs for the regional director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Sacramento. My daughters are now 10; my son is 6; and they are all turning into California kids. My husband, Keith, and I just celebrated our 16th anniversary (10 married). The most interesting project I am working on right now is a deal with 26 local partners and a hydroelectric company to restore the Klamath River; so salmon can access 300 more miles of river and the wildlife refuges can have adequate water (among a lot of other important things)." ■ Manuel Ramirez writes: "I am director for Southern Central America for Conservation International in Costa Rica, conducting conservation work in both marine and terrestrial ecosystems and regions in Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama." ■ Tom Strumolo writes: "I spent the first part of my career shoulder-to-shoulder with Bill Burch and other pioneers of atmospheric defense through efficiency, conservation and alternative energy, before I met most of my classmates. I'm now back in a lot of boiler rooms and on a bunch of roofs, most enjoyably in St. Thomas, where 40 cents per kilowatt hour of electricity and 300-plus days of sunshine are finally combining to make photovoltaics unbelievably cost-effective. I am in touch with Anthony Irving, Peter Connorton and Mike Gregonis—the Connecticut eco mafia." ■ Holly Welles writes: "I created my own consulting firm called Summit Environmental Consulting. My primary client is Climate Central—a new and exciting organization in Princeton created to provide information to help the public and policymakers make sound choices about climate change."

1989 20th Reunion Year

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Sasimana Ketty Faichampa writes: "I got a bachelor's of science degree in nursing from the University of Maryland in May 2008, and am now starting my second career in the Open Heart and Thoracic Surgery Stepdown Unit at St. Joseph Medical Center in Towson, MD." ■ Dawn Gelderloos writes: "I own my own company, Silver Wings Coaching and Consulting, in Boulder, Colo. I am an executive/career coach and a communications trainer. I partner with clients across the country to help them produce extraordinary results in their careers, businesses or organizations and their lives. Through the process of coaching, my clients deepen their learning, heighten their self-awareness, improve their performance and enhance their quality of life. My coaching specialties include career planning and development, home-to-work transitions, public speaking and effective communications, life purpose and work/life balance. I enjoy living in the mountains in Boulder with my husband, Dave, and our three kids, Ben, 16, Maddie, 15, and Nevin, 12."

Stephen Kelleher is deputy director of the International Union for Conservation of Nature’s Forest Conservation Programme and joint coordinator of the Livelihoods and Landscapes Initiative. ■ Laurie Reynolds Rardin loves living in Concord, N.H., with her family, where she has been freelancing for several local magazines, helping to start a green committee at husband Jed’s church and generally promoting the connection between spirituality and environmental protection. rardins@aol.com

1990

Class Secretaries
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Seema Bhatt is an independent consultant. Since early 2008, she has been managing a project titled “Adapting to Climate Change in Asia: Identifying Critical Knowledge Gaps,” for the Institute for Social and Environmental Transition Network. This project has been supported by Canada’s International Development Research Centre and the United Kingdom’s Department for International Development. She has also co-authored a book, Ecotourism Development in India: Communities, Capital and Conservation, which was published by the Cambridge University Press in its Foundation Books series. She received a Fulbright Fellowship under the Indo-American Leadership Program and will spend three months in the United States beginning in early 2009. ■ Peter Jipp writes: "I just completed 10 years of service with the World Bank and am now based in Thailand, working in Cambodia and Laos on biodiversity conservation, community forestry and land titling. Our family is doing well—Priya’s network of environmental economists (www.sandeeonline.org) is growing. Tulsi, 9, and Kabir, 6, are growing too, and they really enjoyed our stay at Timberlock this summer.” ■ Christine Laporte writes: “My family and I are moving to Asheville, N.C. I will continue managing the South Atlantic Regional Research Project while I seek local opportunities and work on my wildlife rehab license.” cslaporte@gmail.com

Laura Simon continues her animal advocacy work for the Humane Society of the United States, focusing on humane solutions for wildlife problems. Right now a major project is helping towns learn how to avert beaver flooding problems. Her 5-year-old, Jack, seems to be following in her footsteps, having just rehabilitated his first baby skunks and turtle! ■ Susannah Troner writes: “I am working with the Miami-Dade County’s new Office of Sustainability. We are focusing on getting a handle on the county’s fuel consumption baseline and establishing routine reporting by departments, implementing the county’s new sustainable building ordinance (requiring LEED silver for new buildings and LEED..."
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certified for major renovations) and trying to figure out how to pay for efficiency retrofits and solar installations for existing buildings. Two children of our friends in Italy spent part of the summer with us. Things turned out wonderfully, although we did feel obliged to feed them a good dinner every day instead of sneaking in an occasional meal of cold cereal.”

Mark Van Steefer writes: “Carla Wise and I have a lovely 9-year-old daughter and a yellow lab. We are living in Corvallis, Ore. I have tenure at a nice little university, and Carla has transformed herself into an environmental writer. Check out the September-October Utne Reader, ‘Green All the Lawyers.’”

1991
Class Secretary
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Anne Harper writes: “I have been the vice president of education for Heifer International in Little Rock, Ark., for the past three years. Brady is 27, has a delightful 1-year-old daughter named Eliza Jane and lives in New York City with his family most of the time. This summer Andrea is the production manager for the Brevard Music Center in North Carolina; Brady is the sound engineer; and Eliza Jane is enjoying the opportunity to play outside on the lawn. Megan is 24, and she is a licensed massage therapist and energy healer traveling with a team that uses the trapeze as a challenge course. They have taught her to fly on the trapeze and coach new students, too.”

Chip Isenhart writes: “Jill Isenhart and I live in Boulder with our two kids, 7 and 9. We help run ECOS Communications, a company we originally started with Don Whitemore ’89 and Dawn Amato ’89 just after we finished at Yale. This year I co-founded a new company called Bio-Logical Capital. The firm is developing large-scale projects and investment opportunities in a variety of emerging environmental markets, including carbon, water, biodiversity, renewable energy, ecotourism and, where appropriate, environmentally sound real estate development. Bio-Logical Capital has a solid conservation mission and is well-funded, both operationally and for project seed money.”

Anne Southworth Marsh, Ph.D. ’96, is starting her fourth year at The Heinz Center, where she has worked to develop national environmental indicators for the State of the Nation’s Ecosystem’s project. Anne and her husband, David, split their time between Bethesda, Md., and Gibson Island, Md., where Anne chairs the island’s conservation committee. They have two children, Thomas, 10, and Elizabeth, 8.

Juan Pablo Ruiz Soto is living in Santa fe de Bogotá, Colombia, and is a senior natural resources specialist for the World Bank. He is a manager for such projects as Andean region conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in Colombia; regional integrated silvopastoral approaches to ecosystem management in Costa Rica, Colombia and Nicaragua; the Colombian National Protected Areas Conservation Trust Fund in Colombia; and expanding partnerships for the National Parks System in Venezuela. He also writes on a variety of environmental issues.

1992
Class Secretary
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Kathy Fallon Lambert is the sustainability manager at Dartmouth. She founded and ran a consulting practice, Ecologic: Analysis & Communications, from 2003 to 2008. Lisa Lumbao writes: “I am working on sanitation issues in the Philippines and the Asia region. Josh is working for the Center for Clean Air Policy on climate change issues. Both Susan and Karl are longtime government employees, working for NOAA and the Forest Service, respectively.”

Robin Maille writes: “My husband, Peter Maille, and I moved to La Grande, Ore., in late August. Peter is teaching economics at Eastern Oregon University and is finishing his Ph.D. in natural resource economics at West Virginia University. I have been working as a WVU county extension agent since last September and will be looking for a new job soon. Our two boys, Nathan, 13, and Simon, 8, are happy about being closer to my family in Tacoma, Wash.”

1993
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Dean Gibson
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Patrick Baker writes: “I am a lecturer in plant ecology at Monash University in Melbourne, where I’ve set up Australia’s only dedicated tree-ring lab. I continue my long-standing work in Thailand with the Smithsonian’s Center for Tropical Forest Science and the Thai Department of National Parks. I have research projects reconstructing historical drought severity across eastern Australia, investigating forest dynamics and disturbance histories in Thailand and southeastern Australia and estimating carbon storage in Southeast Asian forests. I am starting a joint project with the Chinese Academy of Sciences and CTFS working on long-term carbon dynamics and forest history in the mountains of eastern China.”

www.ozendoro.org

Cynthia Barakatt is director of content development for the Encyclopedia of Earth. A collaborative effort between Boston University and the National Council for Science and the Environment, the encyclopedia is a “wiki” site, but only scientists with expertise in the specific topics are allowed to be editors and reviewers of the information that gets posted. Part of Cynthia’s job is to recruit scientists to contribute content and serve as editors. barakatt@bu.edu

Susan Helms Daley adopted an adorable boy (Jackson) from Kazakhstan about three years ago, and six months later, she and her husband, Sean, had a girl, Emilene. Susan is working hard at home teaching her children about the environment.

Andre Eid writes: “I just finished working for three years with UNEP and UN-HABITAT for
the Norwegian Government in Nairobi. Now I'm back in Oslo, a very different world, and working for NORAD (USAID) and providing Norwegian experience on sustainable exploration of oil and gas to countries worldwide.” ■ Erik Esselstyn is living a great life with his wife in Vermont, having retired a few years ago. ■ Molly Goodyear writes: “Our 15th reunion this year in New Haven was a blast. It was great to be back at Sage Hall, enjoying TGIF and feeling like it was 1993 again. Cynthia Barakatt, Susan Helms Daley, Erik Esselstyn, Lisa Gustavson, Kathy Roy Hooke, Paul Jahnige, Bill Kenny, Sally Loomis, Lois Morrison, Bill Mott, John Norwood, Tom O'Shea, Susanne Schmidt ’92, Erika Svendsen, Wolfe Tone, Margaret Williams and I were all there to celebrate. I have been a development consultant for the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative for 2.5 years. My children, Peter, 10, and Ella, 7, love to ski, play soccer, ice skate and skateboard, and my husband, Mike, is having a great time working in membership development at our newly opened YMCA.” bvidogs@cox.net ■ Josh Foster writes: “I am manager for climate adaptation at the Center for Clean Air Policy in Washington, D.C. I will be working under the Urban Leaders Adaptation Initiative, a Rockefeller Foundation-funded project partnering with nine cities and counties representing major metropolitan areas across the United States, helping them prepare for and become more resilient to the impacts of climate change. For the last decade or so at NOAA, I had been working on the development of climate services, including some work on the Nobel Prize-winning IPCC reports.” ■ Meg (Holliday) Kelly writes: “I live in Weston, Mass., with my husband, Jonathan, our three daughters, 13, 11 and 7, an adolescent chocolate lab and a 17-year-old cat that adopted me when I was at F&ES. I am the president of our town’s land trust and serve on three other local open space or organic farm boards, as well as a new nature preserve in the Adirondacks.” ■ Tom Kalinosky works in PricewaterhouseCoopers’ accounting, valuation and financial reporting advisory practice. He leads the firm’s work in environment-related financial reporting, auditing and advice. He is also involved with sustainability data assurance and reporting, as well as environmental, health and safety performance improvement. ■ Kate Lance is working on a Ph.D. in geographic information management at Wageningen University. ■ Lois Morrison is the executive director of a small foundation in Chicago. She is married to Justin and has two young daughters. ■ John Norwood lives in Iowa, works for a wealthy individual with a vision for public greenspace and has a son who loves baseball. ■ Tom O’Shea is the assistant director of wildlife for the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. ■ Erika Svendsen had a baby in late spring and brought him to reunion weekend 2008 in New Haven for a day. ■ Ann Tartre works for Avoided Deforestation Partners. She organized a roundtable discussion and luncheon for policymakers and key stakeholders with Nobel Laureates Al Gore and Wangari Maathai in New York City in September. Ann enjoys the surfing lifestyle of Southern California and visits from F&ES alumni, most recently Cynthia Barakatt. ann@adpartners.org ■ Wolfe Tone is married with twins and works for the Trust for Public Land in Portland, Maine. ■ Margaret Williams testified before Congress last spring in support of listing the polar bear on the Endangered Species list. She lives in Alaska, but travels a lot to D.C. and Russia. ■ Tim Wohlgemant writes: “I am the Pennsylvania state director for The Trust for Public Land. My wife, Annie, and I follow our two girls, Zoe, 12, and Clio, 9, around on various after-school activities, shake our heads in amazement at how quickly they’ve grown and try to squeeze in a few adventures during the year.”

1994

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Geoff Blake writes: “I moved with my wife, Sujata, and two children, Daniel, 3, and Sabina, almost 2, to Bangkok, Thailand, in mid-September for two to five years. I will be coordinating World Wildlife Funds climate change initiative in the Greater Mekong region (Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam). My two-year AAAS fellowship at EPA just ended. It was a great experience and I highly recommend the fellowship program to anyone interested in gaining a deeper appreciation for how the federal government works and how science is used (or not) in policy making. During my fellowship, I co-authored three chapters in a government report that reviewed adaptation options that resource managers could use to cope with climate change. The report can be downloaded at www.climatescience.gov/Library/sap/sap4-final-report/.” ■ Chris Cosslett writes: “I’ve been working in various capacities (expert, consultant, etc.) with the Global Environment Facility since graduating. Most of my time these days is spent formulating biodiversity conservation projects for UNDP-GEF. I’m working on projects in China, Kazakhstan, Turkey and Congo. This mostly involves support to terrestrial and marine protected-area systems. I’m also starting to work in the area of Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation. I happen to be living in Tirana, Albania, at the moment.” chris.cosslett@gmail.com ■ Todd Gallion writes: “I’ve left my position with the Senate Appropriations Committee and we’ve moved to Brookline, Mass. Short-term I’ll be focusing on assisting with the launching of my wife’s new career and keeping Emma, 11, and Claire, 4, on track.” ■ Alexis Harte writes: “I have been pursuing a music/songwriting career full time. In May I signed a publishing deal with Lionsgate Entertainment to provide songs for films and TV shows. On a recent trip to New York City, I connected with Scott Mathison and James Jiler ’95.” futures-email.org ■ Diana Wheeler writes: “We have
two kids and live in Austin, Texas. My husband, Don Redmond, is an attorney with the State Environmental Agency, and I’m a programmer at Dell.”

1995

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Dwight Barry is living in Port Angeles, Wash., with his wife, Tami, and kids, Kate, 5, and David, 3. Dwight is the coordinator of the Elwha Research Consortium, a group of over 100 scientists studying the world’s largest dam removal and fisheries restoration project.

Dwight Barry writes: “I am teaching environmental and human health science at the school of public and environmental affairs at the university’s School of Public and Environmental Affairs.

1996

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Matthew Auer, Ph.D., was appointed dean of the Hutton Honors College at Indiana University in July 2008. He maintains his appointment as professor of public and environmental affairs at the university’s School of Public and Environmental Affairs.

1997

Class Secretary
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Keegan Eisenstadt writes: “My wife, Kristy, and I live in Missoula, Mont., with our precocious 2-year-old son, Spencer, and an assortment of house mascots. Lots of biking, skiing, kayaking, climbing and fun here in Big Sky country. Occasionally, I bump into Dave Gaillard and Tonya Opperman, who are both in Montana. I’ve founded a new company that designs and implements climate change mitigation projects around the world. Initially it was mostly..."
reforestation in the tropics, but now we are involved in a number of projects of various types. www.clearskyclimatesolutions.com

Alexander Evans, Ph.D. ’06, writes: “I’m looking forward to the release of a report I’ve been working on about the sustainable use of woody biomass from forests. My two boys, 4 and 1, have gotten me outside for some great hikes this summer.”

www.biomass.forestguild.org

Alex Finkral, Ph.D. ’05, and Liz Kalies ’04 welcomed their daughter, Pri Myers Finkral, in May 2008. The new family is living in Flagstaff, Ariz., where Alex is working toward tenure and Liz her Ph.D., both at Northern Arizona University.

Carlos Guindon, D.F.S. ’97, writes: “This summer I worked for Maine Audubon and the Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge, conducting point counts of marsh birds and assisting with saltmarsh sharp-tailed sparrow research. The Rachel Carson Reserve biologist is Kate O’Brien ’95. I am also doing shorebird and waterfowl monitoring within the Rachel Carson Reserve during the fall, along with teaching an introductory biology course at North Shore Community College in Danvers, Mass. I will also be working on the translation into Spanish of a book written by Kay Chornook and my dad, Walking With Wolf: Reflections on a Life Spent Protecting the Costa Rican Wilderness. Our oldest is a senior at Cornell and, this year, our youngest, Sergio, is off to college at Carnegie Mellon.”

Vicki Hornbostel writes: “I got married in December 2004 and we had our first baby, Michael John Scotto, on March 14, 2008. He was 8 pounds and 15 ounces at birth. I left my last job working for a town wetlands agency to care for the baby, but would like to get back into ecological research eventually.”

Kristen (Needham) Jordan writes: “Five years ago, my husband, Bruce Jordan, and I started a business called Sea Cider Farm & Ciderhouse. We bought a farm on Vancouver Island and planted an organic cider apple orchard, and this past year we began selling hard cider. Besides the orchard, we have several acres of forest and have been harvesting some agroforestry crops (mainly stinging nettle, which we make into tea). It has been a labor of love, but very rewarding to see the business grow. Evelyn, 8, and Thomas, 5, are big helpers.”

Jon Kohl writes: “In Costa Rica, my wife and I and several other Costa Ricans are making progress in establishing Querencia, an ecovillage. We’re in the process of creating a cooperative. Aside from these largely volunteer activities, I am working on a number of fronts to promote a new kind of park planning that depends on adaptive management and learning. I also have been studying integral theory and evolutionary spirituality and would be interested in hearing from anyone else who wants to apply these approaches to their work.”

www.jonkohl.com

Gus Le Breton writes: “I run a nonprofit trade initiative promoting the commercialization of nontimber forest products from southern Africa. Last year I sailed to Antarctica and climbed a small mountain there. This year I finally learned to snow ski in South Africa. Next year I’m taking a six-month sabbatical with my family to drive the length of Africa.”

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Linwood Pendleton, D.F.E.S. ’97, writes: “Last year I quit my tenured job at UCLA to create a research center at the Ocean Foundation. I am living with Jessica Morton ’01 and our two girls in Sandwich, N.H., and on our boat in Ventura, Calif., with shorter stays near Coboscook Bay in Lubec and an undisclosed surf spot in the Caribbean. I recently held a congressional briefing regarding a report I published with Restore America’s Estuaries, which led to several features on Greenwire.com and an hourlong radio show on the Outdoor Talk Network, America’s largest hunting and fishing radio program with 17 million listeners. This summer I spent some quality southern California surf time with Marc Luesebrink ’95.”

www.coastalvalues.org

Shalini Ramanathan writes: “I am a project developer with RES Americas, a leading developer of wind-power plants with a portfolio of generating assets using solar, biomass and other renewable-power technologies.”

Scott Rehmus writes: “My wife, Wingfield, my three boys, ages 8, 5 and 3, and I finished spending two years in the island nation of the Republic of Palau on the western edge of Micronesia. While there, I was a senior EBM (ecosystem-based management) advisor to the Palau Conservation Society, and Wingfield worked as a dermatologist, as well as coordinated the strategic planning process for the Bureau of Public Health. In mid-August, we moved to Vancouver, B.C., where I co-lead a new grant-making entity that manages $120 million to support conservation and sustainable economic development activities in 27 First Nations on the coast of British Columbia. The Coast Opportunity Funds grew out of a decades-long effort to resolve conflicts over forest management in an area often called the Great Bear Rainforest.”

Mary Tyrell writes: “I’m the executive director of Yale’s Global Institute of Sustainable Forestry. Besides running the institute, I’ve been working on land use change affecting our Northeastern forests and changing forestland ownership in the United States. It’s wonderful to continue to interact with F&ES students and I enjoy life in New Haven, in between travels for work and pleasure and hikes in the mountains.”

www.yale.edu/gisf

Deb Weiner, Dan Shepherd ’99 and their two daughters, Haley and Lucy, moved to Quito, Ecuador, about 18 months ago after more than eight years in Washington, D.C.

1998

Class Secretaries

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Jeff Adams is vice president of ICF International. He recently relocated to Baltimore with Kristen Adams ’99 and their three children, a 2-year-old and 8-month-old twins.

Luisa Cámara Cabrales writes: “I am now at Tabasco State in southern Mexico. I work in the UAT, the local Tabasco State University, as a teacher and researcher. I am in charge of three projects, one about secondary succession of tropical dry forest and two regional projects about forestry assessment and planning for the
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National Commission of Forestry. I also am in charge of four nurseries for the local state forestry commission, where we produced three million seedlings of native trees and introduce species for forestry plantations and reforestation programs. On the weekends I am a beekeeper and I check my 100 hectares of forest—fire line breaks are important to check very often, because this forest is surrounded by cattle ranching. I have been taking care of this land for about 18 years. It is in different stages of successions, some parts becoming a tropical forest, so the bees and I are happy. ■ Seth Cook, Ph.D. '04, writes: "I am attending an intensive Chinese language program at Tsinghua University in Beijing until June 2009. The Inter-University Program has waived most of my tuition." ■ Tormod Dale writes: "I live in my hometown, Kristiansand, in Norway. I work in the forestry sector, for the last six to seven years on projects in former Yugoslavian, and most often through a network company called Norwegian Forestry Group." ■ Kevin Drury writes: "I finished a postdoc at the National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis at the University of California, Santa Barbara. During that time I traveled to the Kruger National Park in South Africa to develop software for ecological modeling of park wildlife populations. I am an assistant professor of biology and ecology at Bethel College in South Bend, Ind. My oldest daughter, Danielle, is a senior in high school." kevin.drury@bethelcollege.edu ■ Michelle Ernst writes: "My organization, Tri-State Transportation Campaign, has become interested in New Haven's proposal to tear down Route 34. The project could serve as a great regional model for highway removals. We've pulled together an upcoming symposium on the plan." www.tstc.org ■ Brad Kahn and his wife, Erin, welcomed their son, Ezra, on June 16, which also happens to be Brad's birthday. ■ Natalie Keller writes: "I got a second master's degree at the Harvard School of Public Health in environmental health. I have been a literacy volunteer with K-2 students in Cambridge elementary schools with their English immersion program." ■ Kris Morico is the global leader of the General Electric water program headquartered in Fairfield, Conn. She joined G.E. in 2006. She and her husband, Shaun, reside in Cheshire, Conn.

1999 10th Reunion Year

Class Secretaries Jennifer Garrison Ross jennifer_garrison@aya.yale.edu Christiana Jones christiana@jonesfamilyfarms.com Kirsten Prettyman Adams writes: "Jeff Adams '98 and I have moved to Baltimore to be closer to family and friends and the ocean. We have three little ones, Lily, 3, and Meg and Colin, 1. I am the head of the Upper School at the McDonogh School." ■ Timothy Allred writes: "My wife, 9-month-old son Beckett, and I live in Rosendale, N.Y. For the past several years, I have been redeveloping an old 800-acre family resort into a LEED-certified resort and residential community focused on healthy living and the outdoors. The project is in the permit phase—we are drafting our environmental impact statement—and the experience reminds me of almost every class I took at F&ES, including a few of my business classes. The name of the project is Hudson River Valley Resorts." tallred@canopydevelopment.com ■ Lena Brook writes: "Jonah and I are living in San Francisco in a duplex Victorian that we own with Bhavna Shamasunder and her husband, Patrick. Our younger daughter, Talia, turned a year old on May 31, and 5-year-old Ava started kindergarten in late August. I am on the staff of the San Francisco Bay chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility. My work is focused on sustainable food in the health care sector, and we've seen great progress in California in recent years. This is part of a national campaign coordinated by Health Care Without Harm, and one of my colleagues in Boston is Michelle Gottlieb '95." ■ Don Chen is a program officer at the Ford Foundation in New York. ■ Nancy Fresco is working as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, doing climate change research. She is also busy with her 2-year-old twins. ■ Andre Heinz writes: "After three years of work, I am happy to announce the closing of the Sustainable Technology Fund, which I co-founded to invest primarily in expansion of Nordic clean technology. This means that my time is spent heavily in Sweden, where we have an office, as well as in other Nordic countries." ■ Rachel (Schwartz) Louis writes: "I am assistant director of the Center for Development Economics at Williams College." ■ Eli Sager is in his ninth year with the University of Minnesota, St Paul. He is working on private forest stewardship, with a primary focus on peer-to-peer learning through woodland-owner networks. Eli and his wife, Amy Kay Kerber, are expecting their second child in January 2009. ■ Terry Terhaar, Ph.D. '05, writes: "I'm a lecturer at the University of California, Santa Cruz, where I teach in the environmental studies college and the writing program. I also serve as executive director of the International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture." ■ Laura Williams writes: "After two productive years in Kamchatka setting up a regional office for the World Wildlife Fund, I have returned to my home in the village of Chukhrai in western Russia this fall. My book, The Storks' Nest, published in March 2008, is about my life with my husband, Igor Shpilenok, in this village. (See Bookshelf, page 28) Igor and I are beginning to homeschool our 7-year-old son, Andrei, and our 4-year-old son, Makar. I will also start work on a new book about my experiences in Kamchatka and continue consulting for WWF in Russia. I also hope to spend more time promoting my husband's nature photography business. You can see his work at www.shpilenok.com. Copies of The Storks' Nest are available at Labyrinth Books in New Haven." www.wild-russia.org ■ Shiju Zhou received a Ph.D. from Xiamen University. He is the deputy
director of the Provincial Science and Technology Bureau of Fujian Province, where he is responsible for agricultural and forestry-related scientific development. He met Yajie Song ’89, D.F.E.S. ’95, in Fuzhou, China.

2000

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Hue-An Chu (Ann) and Chi-Hung Liao (Charles) write: “Our son, Samuel Mu-En Liao, was born in Enloe Medical Center in Chico, Calif., on August 4, 2008.”

Susan (Weuste) Ellis has been with Cameron-Cole for over four years now. She writes: “I am based in Pleasantville, N.Y., and am the manager of our sustainability practice on the East Coast. We’ve been very busy working on GHG inventories, annual sustainability reports and greening the supply-chain projects. I adopted a puppy that we named Nani, which means beautiful in Hawaiian. She is a golden retriever/lab/mystery mix, and is the cutie of the neighborhood.”

Chris Kemos writes: “My wife, Tanya Stadnick, and I moved from San Francisco to Kentfield in Marin County. We just had our second child, Alexander Leo, this May. I am a civil litigator at a firm in San Rafael, Calif., and putting my F & ES skills to use dealing also with local land use and planning issues.”

Yuki Matsuoka writes: “Since 2005, I have lived on a southern island in Japan near Okinawa. Here, I grow mango, potato, peas, papaya and cassava organically for sale. Also, I am working for a local authority to set up a farmers’ market on the island. It requires setting up a farmers’ organization, skills sessions and market development. Integrating daily life and work gives me full satisfaction. Besides my current work, we are going to purchase a piece of land on the island.”

Carlos Pineda lives in San Francisco with his wife, Azita Ghafourpour. cpineda@aya.yale.edu

Christie Pollet-Young married Frenchman Grégory Pollet-Young in California in the summer of 2007. The couple met in Lima, where Christie was a conservation planner for The Nature Conservancy in Peru. Their outdoor wedding was celebrated with friends Anne Eschtruth, Elsa Hatanaka, Caroline Kuebler, Laura (Dunleavy) Nels and April Reese. Christie is a biologist for EDAW, an environmental design and planning consulting firm based in San Francisco. Her projects range from focused surveys for special-status species to land management plans and the occasional environmental-compliance document.

Ashley (McAvey) Prout writes: “Our first child, Elle Uppercu McAvey, was born on February 27, 2008. My husband, Ken, Elle, dog Jackson and I are living in Shelburne, Vt. Before the birth of Elle, I was the senior development officer at The Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources at the University of Vermont, Montpelier.”

Kristin (Sipes) Riha writes: “My husband, Mike, and I are living in Concord, Calif., with our daughter, Lily. I work with trucking and rail companies through a voluntary program at the EPAs Region 9 Office, called the West Coast Collaborative.”

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Cordalie Benoit is the president of the Connecticut Community Gardening Association. She writes: “There are about 80 programs in Connecticut’s 169 towns, and six programs in New Haven alone, being the Greenspace Program at our own URI. In our spare time, my husband, David Eliscu, and I are restoring my family’s antique house and grounds in Westerly, R.I.”

Dave Ellum, Ph.D., ’07, writes: “I’m beginning my second year of teaching at Warren Wilson College in Asheville, N.C. The college’s emphasis on academics, work and service, combined with a 650-acre school forest, makes for a great setting to teach silviculture and forest management at the undergraduate level. Townes has begun first grade and is hitting pitched balls. Seija is full of life and keeping us busy. Mona continues to keep us all organized along with her own engineering work.”

Lisbet Kugler writes: “I am in D.C. enjoying what the city has to offer—especially running into F & ES friends at Jazz in the Sculpture Garden. I am working at Environmental Resources Management and about to start working at the International Finance Corporation part time.”

Pradeep Kurukulasuriya, Ph.D. ’06, is based in New York City and works with the United Nations Development Programme. He works with a team within UNDP’s Bureau of Development Policy that assists developing countries with accessing global funds for, and designing programs and projects on, adaptation to climate change. Pradeep and his wife, Sharmila, are expecting their second baby in December 2008!

Jeff Luoma is a garden and forest manager at North Country School near Lake Placid, N.Y. He and his partner, Betsy, have a nice guest room in the farmhouse, and it’s in the heart of the Adirondacks.

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Tracy (Scheffier) Mabihess writes: “I am a contractor from our home in Boise, Idaho, with the Fish and Wildlife Service on wolf conservation issues in the Southwest. My husband, Eric, and I are expecting our second child at the end of September.”

Michael Montag writes: “My new firm, Beyond Compliance, does environmental regulatory and sustainability consulting. The firm focuses on environmental-compliance support (permitting, environmental management, etc.). We also do auditing and environmental-management systems implementation and ‘sustainability implementation.’”

Chris Nyce has moved to Nicaragua. He is working in the U.S. Embassy in Managua for two years—a year of consular work and a year on a portfolio of environment-, science- and technology-related issues in the economic section. His wife, Rukmini, two daughters, Rasa and Priya, and dog Kayso would love to host any

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Jen Osha writes: “I am facilitating a participatory mapping project regarding the impacts of mountain-top-removal coal mining in southern West Virginia. I am also producing a CD to raise money and awareness about the social and environmental injustice in the coalfields through the nonprofit I founded, Aurora Lights. A first CD was called Moving Mountains, and we raised $6,000 for local grass-roots groups. My son, Elijah Storm, is 5 now and spends most of his time in the woods.” jenosha@auroralights.org

Lisa Schulman is a senior engineer in the area of environmental risk assessment at Merck & Co. Lisa and her husband, Dotan, reside in New Jersey with their two sons, Asher, 2, and baby brother Jonah, born in July 2008.

Mark Urban, Ph.D. ’06, was awarded the 2008 Young Investigator Prize from the American Society of Naturalists. He teaches in the Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Department at the University of Connecticut.

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Cesar Alcacer writes: “Life’s treating Paola Amador and me well here in old Europe. I have accepted an offer from the company I used to work for six years ago in the United Kingdom to develop a business line in horticulture, my lifelong field of expertise. It’s good to know that the consultancy world seeks business opportunities in sustainable water management projects. This also meant leaving Spain once again, although after 12 years wandering around I am getting used to that. Regarding Paola, she is enjoying her role as mother of Hector, 2.”

Barb Bamberger writes: “I work for the State of California Office of Climate Change for the Air Resources Board, in the group designing its cap-and-trade program. My particular focus is on environmental justice and how it will be integrated into California’s Climate Plan.”

Catherine Bottrill writes: “The highlight of my summer was tramping around music festivals doing an audience travel survey for some of the major U.K. festivals—Roberto Fau saw me just before heading to Glastonbury.”

Becca Brown married Jason Dzubow on September 7, 2008, at a family friend’s horse farm on the shore of the Chester River on the eastern shore of Maryland. Since graduating, Becca has been working for EPA in Washington, D.C., and Jason is an immigration lawyer there. Attending the wedding were Suzanne Sessine, Sarah Garman ’03, Meg Roessing ’03, Vic Edgerton ’03, Rachel Fertik, Becca Jensen Bruhl ’03 and Stephanie Perles.

Gwen Busby finished her Ph.D. at Oregon State University and is an assistant professor in the Department of Forestry at Virginia Tech.

Matt Clark released an album, Funny Little Fella, about his son, Rowan’s first year of life. Rowan’s mother, Abby, sings and plays cello. Matt is an executive director of Johnson Creek Watershed Council in Portland, Oregon.

www.mattclarkmusic.com

Roberto Fau writes: “I am in Mexico City and working for Environmental Resources Management on sustainable development projects that run the gamut from carbon footprint calculations to social-impact assessments. This year I’ve had mandatory happy hours with many classmates, including Catherine Bottrill, Maria DeRijk ’03, Erika Diamond, Rachel Fertik, Curtis Robinson ’03, Liz Rows and David Vexler.”

Michael Funaro and Zhanna Beismeoba-Funaro write: “Michael took a job with ERSI, so we moved to San Antonio in June. Our daughter, Danna, started sixth grade in August. She plays French horn in her school band and plays in tennis tournaments every weekend. Kair turned 2 in May. He speaks English, understands Russian and is learning Spanish now.” zhanna.beismeoba@aya.yale.edu

Shalini Gupta received an Archibald Bush Foundation Leadership Fellowship and is based in Minneapolis. For the next year and a half, she will do an independent study of energy and climate change policies from a social-equity perspective. She’ll travel to India and South Korea, as well as network with other policy institutions and social justice grass-roots groups in North America. Her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer in early 2008. Shalini and her husband, Jim, went on a work/vacation trip to Vienna and Paris this year. shagupta77@yahoo.com

John Homan writes: “After two years in private banking, I have moved to the Wealth Advisory Division of U.S. Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management. This new role continues to include managing relationships for high-net-worth clients while, at the same time, providing hands-on experience in portfolio management. I hope to complete my certification in financial planning in 2009, while continuing to expand my knowledge of socially responsible investments.”

Elizabeth Levy writes: “My husband, Ryan, and I just purchased a condo in Somerville, outside of Boston. He is working on his Ph.D. in green chemistry.”

Cheryl Margoluis writes: “I am living on the Pacific coast in Costa Rica. Richard and I have two kids now, Sylvana and Kian. I am doing a ton of consulting still and started a little school down here. We just finished building a house, so we are hoping to have F&S friends come visit!” cmargoluis@earthlink.net

Chris Nelson and Nina Arnold welcomed Finn Thomas in late March. Finn loves gazing up at the trees during his daily walks around town, and his first big visit to the woods appropriately took place at Great Mountain, with Star Childs serving as guide. Chris has been busy implementing the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) in Connecticut, and he collaborated with colleagues from the other RGGI states to prepare for the nation’s first auction of CO2 allowances in late September.

Rachel Novick, Ph.D. ’08, writes: “In May I finally graduated and, in June, we moved to South Bend. I’m the education and outreach coordinator for Notre Dame’s new Office of Sustainability. Tzvi is an assistant professor in Notre Dame’s theology department, and Aiden is attending the Notre Dame daycare center.”

Nalini Rao finished her Ph.D.

Rebecca Rundquist is living in
Yarmouth, Maine, and working for the Private Operating Family Foundation and Family Foundation, both created by Burt’s Bees Founder, Roxanne Quimby. Rebecca is raising her 3-year-old daughter, and she won’t work full time until the little one is in school. Becky Tavani writes: “I am a forestry officer at FAO in Rome, traveling often to Zambia for a land use assessment inventory.” beckytavani@gmail.com  Dylan Taylor is the roads and wildlife program coordinator for the Southern Rockies Ecosystem Project. Corey Wisneski writes: “My husband, Brian, and I had a daughter, Amelia Lynne, on June 30, 2008.”

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Rebecca Ashley Asare writes: “In November I gave birth to a baby girl, Claire Adjoa Asabea Asare. Richard and I are living in Accra, Ghana. He is working for the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture on their Sustainable Tree Crops Program, and I am slugging away at finishing my dissertation.” Ryan Bennett writes: “I am living in San Francisco and involved in private equity for renewable-energy developments. I am engaged to my sweetheart, Jessica.” Becca Jensen Bruhl writes: “I live in Houston with Aaron and our 2-year-old son, Elliot. I work part time as a staff scientist at the Mickey Leland National Urban Air Toxics Research Center, and I am working on my doctorate at the University of Texas, Houston, School of Public Health in the environmental and occupational health division.”

Chuck Brunton and Laura Pyle were married in New Jersey on September 22, 2007. They celebrated the evening with Andrew Clack; Ellen Denny ’97; Anne Eschtruth ’00; Mary Ford ’01; Heather (Peckham) Griscom ’00, Ph.D. ’04; Bronson Griscom, Ph.D. ’03; Pete Hill ’01; Ilissa Kelman ’99; Caroline Kuebler ’00; Roy Schiff, Ph.D. ’05; Trey Schillie; Carla Short; Kirsten Spainhower; and Sarah Vogel.

Daniela Cusack writes: “I did my last field season in Puerto Rico for my dissertation, and then I moved to Santa Cruz to live with my boyfriend. I have a writing grant for this academic year.” dcusack@nature.berkeley.edu

Asgia Dimizas and her husband welcomed their baby girl, Myro Maurides, on April 4. She has already gone hiking with them in Switzerland, where she greatly enjoyed “talking” to big trees during their walks in the mountains.

Cherie LeBlanc Fisher writes: “I got married at Malabar Farm State Park in Ohio in May. The park let me and my husband, Charles, plant a tree in honor of our wedding. I do urban social science research in Chicago for the research division of the U.S. Forest Service.” Sarah Garman writes: “I work at the EPA in the Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation. The bulk of my work is dedicated to addressing climate change and energy security. In addition, I have worked on developing regulations related to water and solid-waste permitting. I relocated to New York City this August.”

Brian Goldberg writes: “I’m building a public park along the Coney Island boardwalk, as well as leading an environmental planning study of Libya’s desert coast.”

Karen Hardigg and her husband, Nick, welcomed a healthy baby boy, Ashe, on July 30. She works at The Wilderness Society on national forest policy in Anchorage.

Orawan Intarakomalyasut writes: “I am the mother of two sons, Obi-One and Anda.” Krithi Karanth and her family moved to D.C. She will defend her Ph.D. from Duke in November and will start a postdoc fellowship at Columbia University. Cherie Lim is an environmental manager with JMK Environmental Solutions and was designated a California Registered Environmental Assessor as of July 2008. Brendan McEneaney writes: “I am the green-building program advisor for the City of Santa Monica. I oversee green-construction requirements in the city, as well as incentive programs, education and outreach. I have been here for a little over a year and I enjoy it very much. I’m also on the board of the U.S. Green Building Council, Los Angeles chapter. We have over 1,800 members.” brenden.mceneaney@aya.yale.edu

Florence Miller writes: “I am running an innovation grants program for the National Audubon Society that is intended to inspire the Audubon network to reach new audiences while developing innovative techniques for tackling environmental problems. I work from home in Vermont, but travel to Washington, D.C.”


Peay and Alison Forrestel were married in Yosemite in October 2007. Kabir’s next big challenge is writing his dissertation and hopefully graduating by the end of this year. After that he expects to be showered in money and offered lots of jobs.

Bryan Petit writes: “I am in the early stages of forming a walking tour of interesting trees in the downtown area of D.C., a project of our local Society of American Foresters chapter.”

Soni Pradhanang writes: “I am writing a couple of manuscripts on my Ph.D. research. I am hoping to finish writing my dissertation by the end of this year.” Holly Sage writes: “We have a baby girl. Olivia Sarah Green was born in March 2008. We live in Maryland and I am working for the EPA’s water quality standards program.”

Abdalla Shah writes: “I am a national technical advisor for the Kilombero Valley Ramsar Project in Tanzania. The main objective of the project is to develop an integrated management plan for the Kilombero Wetlands. I traveled to Cuiaba, Brazil, to attend the International Wetlands Conference.”

Jay Shepherd is an acquisition and development manager for contaminated properties nationwide and in Guam for Weston Solutions in D.C. Jay has almost completed a second master’s from Johns Hopkins in real estate development and seeks to continue his effort to

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revive urban communities blighted by decades of environmental harm. www.westonsolutions.com

- Laura Tam and Darryl welcomed their son, Liam Aisher Knudsen, in February 2008. Laura has been trying to persuade the City of San Francisco not to build a new natural gas power plant that was permitted in their community.

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Jessie Barnes writes: “David Kneas ’05 and I got engaged, and I am back in New Haven to write my Ph.D. research on irrigation in Egypt.”

- Marco Buttazzoni and Valerie Craig welcomed their son, Giulio, in April 2008.
- Suzette Carty writes: “I live in Louisville and work for Brown-Forman Corporation, leading our environmental stewardship initiatives.”
- Jonathan Cook writes: “I spent the past year living in Laos and working with World Wildlife Fund’s Greater Mekong Program on agriculture. I also found time to climb Mount Kinabalu in Malaysia, run the Angkor Wat 10K and attend Hahn-Ning Chou’s epic wedding in Manila. I’m now at my old job with WWF in Washington.”
- Alvaro del Campo writes: “I am the international field programs manager of ecology, culture and conservation, coordinating all rapid inventories (social and biological) and some of our tropical ecology courses in Chicago and in the field. We conduct rapid biological and social inventories to promote effective conservation action in threatened regions of high-biological diversity and uniqueness. We are working in the tropical rainforests of Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador. I lead the advance teams in the country, and since I am also a nature photographer, I take most of the pictures during the inventories for the reports and other articles. I also help edit the post-inventory reports and write articles about our experiences and outcomes in the field for local media.”
- Tasha Eichenseher is the science editor for the National Geographic website.
- Margarita Fernandez is living in Oaxaca, Mexico, working with an organic certifying agency. On June 7, 2008, she and Benjamin Hodgdon ’03 welcomed their first baby, Carmen Delia.
- Alphonse (Buddy) Fletcher Jr. married Ellen Pao last year and they had a daughter, Matilda Pao Fletcher, whom they call Mei.
- Betony Jones is director of program development at the Sierra Business Council in Truckee, Calif., trying to pioneer the new green economy in the Sierra Nevada. Betony is working with land trusts to finalize forest conservation projects for carbon sequestration in order to secure funding for long-term management and restoration of private forests in the region. She writes: “I’m also getting ready to launch an ambitious energy efficiency program that will tie rural economic development opportunities to energy conservation. Other than that, I tried to get out backpacking a lot this summer. I went on a five-day excursion to the astoundingly beautiful Evolution Basin with my boyfriend and Alison Forrestel ’03, Kabir Peay ’03, Ilmi Granoff, Garret Miller and Alice Bond ’05.”
- Amanda (Farris) Mahaffey writes: “I got hitched on August 2 in Brunswick, Maine, to Kevin Mahaffey. I am active at Stantec, formerly Woodlot Alternatives, and am also pursuing a degree in music.”
- Rose Mannik writes: “I have been working in Melbourne, Australia, for the last two years. I worked first in the spatial, and now the water resources, section of the engineering consulting firm Sinclair Knight Merz.”
- Susan Tambi Matambo writes: “We have returned to the United States after a three-year stint in Southeast Asia and have settled in Bethesda.”
- Megan Mattox writes: “I am based in the Bay of Islands with my husband, Rowan, and I am working for New Forests Asset Management, overseeing operations in New Zealand and Hawaii.”
- Shona Quinn is the sustainability leader for the clothing company Eileen Fisher.
- Christopher Riely writes: “I have alighted in Providence, R.I., and am a watershed forest manager for Providence Water, the public utility providing drinking water to Rhode Islanders.”
- Nalin Sahni writes: “I’m in law school at the University of Toronto but on exchange in Amsterdam until the end of 2008.”
- Dani Simons is living and working in New York City. This summer she helped the city’s Department of Transportation create Summer Streets, a seven-mile car-free route through the heart of Manhattan on three consecutive Saturday mornings to encourage more people to re-imagine the way we use streets as public spaces and to promote biking, walking and other sustainable and healthy modes of transportation.
- Abigail Weinberg writes: “I’ve been developing a research program focused on understanding the impacts of new investment vehicles on forestland conservation for the Open Space Institute. Our next project is examining the current ownership of the 67 million acres of old industry lands in the United States—who owns them and what’s to come as Timberland Investment Management Organization investors move overseas. I married my love of 12 years last September, and we’re living in Brooklyn. We have just taken up sailing, and getting out on the Hudson is a great escape from the city.”
- Kevin Woods writes: “I will be starting my Ph.D. at the University of California, Berkeley, in environmental science, policy and management.”

2005

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■ Lauren Baker enjoyed some time off in Peru and California and returned to F&ES in August to do her Ph.D. with Michael Dove and Robert Ballis. ■ Cherelele Blazer-Higgins writes: “I am a community activist, green builder and business owner. I have a little boy and girl.”

■ Alvaro Redondo Brenes is a fourth-year Ph.D. candidate at F&E. He is working on his dissertation in Costa Rica, studying the effects of land use, political and socio-economic factors on the conservation of wildlife in the Path of Tapir Biological Corridor, Costa Rica’s Central and South Pacific Coast.

■ Patrick Burtis writes: “I’ve been in the United Kingdom since July 2006, investing in clean energy and environmental technologies startups on behalf of Amadeus Capital Partners, a leading European venture capital firm. I get to travel quite a lot in Europe for work and pleasure. I married Jennifer Thomas in London last July after four years of dating. We live in Notting Hill with our dog, Mimi. We hung out with Kyle Jones ’06 a lot when she was living in London, but sadly (for us) she has gone back to New York. We have seen Andre Heinz ’99, who’s living in Stockholm, and Caley Johnson ’06 when I was in Colorado on vacation. Jennifer and I also had dinner with Arnulf Gruber in Vienna in February—on his birthday, no less. It was a good time as always.”
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■ Sharifa (Gulamhussein) Crandall is living in Boston and studying urban landscape design and restoration ecology through the Arnold Arboretum at Harvard. She’s finding time to botanize, swim and play kickball on the weekends. ■ Dora Cudjoe had a baby, Jonathan Joel (Jojo) Fifi Forson, in May 2008. ■ Trisha Eyler is living in Ashburn, Va., just west of Washington, D.C. She recently left her position as an enforcement specialist with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and began working for URS as a consultant in its air quality group. ■ James Ferguson writes: “I am financing a range of renewables in a variety of countries—geothermal in Indonesia, wind in Chile and Pakistan and hydro in India for International Finance. Sarah and I are living in D.C. and expecting our first child in August.”

■ Carishma Gokhale-Welch and Aaron Welch have gone to India. Aaron has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to research conservation in association with the Indian Institute of Technology in Mumbai. Carishma will integrate sustainable practices into the booming economy. This comes at the close of Aaron’s Colorado Conservation Trust Fellowship with two land trusts and Carishma’s continuing direction of a successful watershed management effort in the historic mining town of Creede. carishma.gokhale@gmail.com

■ Emily Levin writes: “I moved to Burlington, VT, last September and am the planning manager for residential services at the Vermont Energy Investment Corporation. I do strategic planning and management for energy efficiency services in new and existing homes at Efficiency Vermont, the state’s energy efficiency utility.”

■ Michelle Lichtenfeld writes: “I’m a program manager at Portland Energy Conservation, where I’m implementing large-scale commercial energy efficiency programs in California. Matt and I have had a busy year racing our bikes around Oregon and Washington—both cyclocross and road racing. I’m getting ready to upgrade to Category 3. At the end of the summer, we went to Vermont to see Kelly Coleman and her fiancé, Amir,” then were off to Amsterdam and Egypt for a couple of weeks.”

■ Sarah Matheson traveled to Peru, where she saw Cesar Moran. She is starting a sustainability practice for an Australian consulting firm in Washington, D.C. ■ Azalea Mitch writes: “I am a project engineer with the Great New Haven Water Pollution Control Authority. I bike to work on most days and have been happy to reduce my carbon footprint. We installed a solar hot water heater system last year. Bill and I canoed in Canada, and we work with Engineers Without Borders on a water project in Cameroon.”

■ Daniel Stonington writes: “I’m a program manager for the Cascade Land Conservancy in Seattle, lobbying local and state government for sustainable land use policy changes. I’m in my third year on the board of directors for High Country News, a magazine about social, cultural and environmental issues in the western United States. I had the pleasure of attending Sam Krasnow’s wedding in Vermont this summer, where I also got to see Ali Macalady ‘06 and her husband, Derek, and Kelly Coleman and her fiancé, Jim Cronan ‘06 and I are housemates living in north Seattle.”

■ Megan Sutton writes: “This summer Andy Tait and I got hitched in a lovely high meadow out in the countryside of the southern Appalachian Mountains. Mary Alice and Rob Lamb played beautiful music throughout our ceremony.”

■ Carlisle Tuggey writes: “I am an environmental attorney at Pret Flaherty law firm in Portland, Maine. I sail, ski, hike, enjoy Portland and have been getting involved with The Nature Conservancy, Sail Maine, United Way, the American Bar Association and some other nonprofits in my free time.”

■ Ben Urquhart is a research associate at the Harvard University Center for the Environment, where he is working on international climate and energy policy. There might be some forestry and biomass energy project development on the side. ■ Ethan Winter reports that Savannah Hollins Winter was born in August 2008. Ethan is the New York conservation manager for the Land Trust Alliance and is responsible for a $1.5 million annual capacity-building grants program and the state policy program.

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for the nonprofit Feather River Coordinated Resource Management Group. ■ Imelda Bacudo is a conservation finance advisor at the Uganda Wildlife Authority, the government agency in charge of managing all protected areas in Uganda. She is establishing self-financing tools such as carbon credits, water payments, ecotourism and biodiversity offsets within Ugandan national parks and wildlife reserves. ■ Jeni (Krencicki) Barcelos writes: “I am a Gates Public Interest Law Scholar at the University of Washington, where I am researching how human rights law can be used to address the humanitarian crises caused by climate change.” ■ Mohamad Chakaki is an environmental consultant with The Baraka Group. His area of expertise—social ecology problem-solving—is at the intersection of environmental management and community development. He consults on social ecology projects involving place-based education, sustainable design, urban planning and community-based natural resource management in the United States and Middle East. ■ Flora Chi writes: “Angela Quiros ’05 and her family visited me in Hong Kong this summer. We caught up at a lofty bar downtown overseeing the beautiful night scene of Victoria Harbor. I also met O.M. Cordes, a close friend of Nell Larson, in a Harvard alumni gathering at Happy Valley Horse Racing Track. Did I bet on horses? Yes, I did, and my beginner’s luck won me $500 from a $50 bet.” ■ Joel Creswell writes: “I’m in the research phase of a Ph.D. in environmental chemistry at the University of Wisconsin, studying the production of methyl mercury in wetlands. I received an EPA STAR fellowship last summer to support my research.” ■ Radhika Dave writes: “I have been working on climate change adaptation within the Center for Applied Biodiversity Science at Conservation International for the last year and a half. In the process, I have been lucky enough to travel back to Madagascar (where I conducted research for my master’s project) on several occasions and reconnect with friends I made during my field work there. I helped conduct a climate change impacts assessment workshop for biodiversity and natural resources-based livelihoods in Madagascar. The results of this vulnerability assessment are contributing to the formulation of a comprehensive adaptation strategy for incorporating climate impacts into conservation.” ■ Elizabeth Deliso writes: “For the last two years I’ve been living in the cloud forest of Monteverde, Costa Rica. In 2007 I wrote a grant with Alan Pounds and conducted a project investigating the potential effects of climate change on the hummingbirds of Monteverde. The idea is to help La Reserva Biologica Bosque Nuboso de Monteverde develop and implement a research and biological monitoring program. I also spend time with my 8-month-old son and partner, Julio, and I welcomed Julian Santiago Medina Deliso into the world in December 2007.” ■ Reilly Dibner writes: “I’ve just moved back to Galway to begin a Ph.D. at the National University of Ireland, working on an ecology, environmental-engineering and forestry project. I’ve been racing triathlons, playing music (more mandolin, less bass) and learning how to make fancy hats out of discarded fabric. I visited with F&S Esers at Kim Wilkinson’s wedding in June and look forward to crashing on Jill Savery’s couch near London sometime this year. This past summer I monitored gull nests in San Francisco under dive-bombing pressure by the (large) adults and conducted endangered butterfly counts on San Bruno Mountain.” ■ Konstantine Drakonakis writes: “I opened a new office in New Haven for LaunchCapital, a new venture capital fund. We look to invest in a broad and diverse range of startups.” ■ Heather Eves, D.F.E.S. ’06, has been director of the Bushmeat Crisis Task Force based in Washington, D.C., since 2000. She has continued to focus on the bushmeat issue across Africa, most recently in Eastern Africa, and is working with the MENTOR fellowship program to provide training and support for mid-career wildlife professionals in Eastern Africa to address the trade. A Fulbright Senior Specialist grant will enable her to continue work with the fellows in building an Eastern Africa network to complement a decade of effort on bushmeat in Central Africa. Heather has two children, Casey Savanna, 7, and Ryan Forest, 5, who recently accompanied their parents to Tanzania for a month, where mom and dad were working on African wildlife conservation efforts. www.bushmeat.org ■ Debora Fillis writes: “I am an environmental planner for communities in the New York City metro area and have moved back to my hometown in Eastchester, N.Y. In addition to environmental planning, I am going to marry Steve Ryba next spring.” ■ Erin Flanagan writes: “I work for a big law firm, Thompson Hine, where I practice as a trial lawyer in the firm’s business litigation group. I am involved in raising northeast Ohio’s awareness to the region’s clean-water and clean-air issues and am looking forward to becoming involved in the civic task force that is trying to bring the largest wind farm to the United States, to be located in the waters of Lake Erie.” ■ Jenny Frankel-Reed writes: “I am a technical advisor for a project titled ‘Adaptation to Climate Change in Rural Areas’ in India with GTZ (German Technical Cooperation). I was in Eschborn, Germany, until September, and now am going to live in New Delhi through mid-2011. It has been a privilege to work with and learn from Pradeep Kurukulasuriya ’01, Ph.D. ’06, and Luis Gomez-Echeverri ’91 while at the UNDP.” ■ Ross Gerden writes: “Julia and I are doing very well after a belated honeymoon to Costa Rica, where we saw 189 species of birds. I manage the state’s rare-, threatened- and endangered-species information at the Maryland Natural Heritage Program.” www.goodmigrationsphoto.com ■ Gonzalo Griebenow is working at the World Bank Environment Department with the policy and economics team. He writes: “My work is about improving the integra-
tion of climate-change policies in developing countries. I am also carrying out research work in the Amazon, studying the potential impacts of climate change in the tropical Andes. 

Maria Ivanova, Ph.D., is an assistant professor of government and environmental policy at the College of William and Mary in Virginia. She is spending her sabbatical year in Washington, D.C., as a visiting scholar at the Environmental Law Institute. Kyle Jones has moved back to New York City after two years in London.

Taek Joo writes: “I live in Korea and got a new job at Korea Green Foundation, an environmental NGO. I work on the international cooperation team.”

Jen Karanian writes: “I’m living in Sudan and am a contractor for USAID, writing environmental evaluations for all its upcoming projects. I’m hoping to get a gig with the Wildlife Conservation Society in the fall, doing some work related to that enormous wildlife migration route they discovered in Southern Sudan.”

Alder Keleman writes: “I’ve moved to Rome to be based at the FAO for a year. Here I’m working on the same old topics—crop diversity, markets and agricultural policy—but with a broader geographical scope.”

Alder.keleman@gmail.com Chris Meaney writes: “I was hired by the NMFS office of the Habitat Conservation Habitat Protection Division. I’m now a full-time federal employee.”

Shuichi Ozawa writes: “I am an environmental consultant in Tokyo. I met Gala Davaa ‘07 in Tokyo when he visited here for vacation.”

Tiffany McCormick Potter writes: “I am head of origination for Equator Environmental, a private asset management firm with headquarters in New York City and the second-largest natural gas brokerage in North America. This position allows me the opportunity to follow my heart and potentially help change the way we value, invest and protect green spaces and to tap back into my expertise in forestry and conservation.” Tiffany.Potter@equator.net

Sarah Price writes: “I’m working with Tropical Forest Trust and am based in Geneva. TFT works throughout the tropics to improve sustainable forest practices, so I’m lucky to work on projects all over the place.”

Jill Savery writes: “I moved to London and am the 2012 project manager for BioRegional. BioRegional and WWF co-authored the London 2012 One Planet Olympics sustainability strategy, and I am providing assistance to the organizers in meeting their targets.”

Dhyana Quintanar Solares writes: “I am collaborating with the Ministry of Environment of Mexico City (Secretaría de Medio Ambiente del Distrito Federal), where I coordinate the Bikeway Master Plan of Mexico City.” dquintanar.sma@gmail.com

Dahi Wilson writes: “I am the director of sustainability at a new green neighborhood development called Mountainside Village, the executive director of a small non-profit called Mountainside Institute, the board chair of Teton Valley Community Recycling and a co-founder of a new collaboration of local green organizations and businesses that we’re calling the Teton Valley Green Forum. Jeni (Krencicki) Barcelos and I continue our work advising and consulting as fellows of the Progressive Ideas Network, a strategic collaboration of several national progressive political think tanks, and we hope to call another meeting of these groups after the elections in November.”

Christina Zarrella is assistant to the director of, as well as multistate conservation grant program coordinator for, the Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies in D.C.

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Heather Arrowood writes: “I’m a consultant for Vintage Africa, based in the Kigio Wildlife Conservancy in Kenya, but I may move to Tanzania office in a few months.”

Joanna Carey writes: “I’m monitoring stream flow at over 60 sites statewide for the Massachusetts Riverways Program, a division of the Department of Fish and Game. I examine how the streams are responding hydrologically to stressors (water withdrawals, upstream barriers, stormwater).”

Amanda Cowan writes: “I am in my second year in a doctoral program at Oxford University. I’m in the marketing department at Oxford’s business school, and my current research is on U.S. environmental activism around the issue of climate change.”

Beth Jamie Feingold writes: “I completed the first year of my Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health in the Department of Environmental Health Sciences. I’m about to start research on the environmental health effects of large-scale factory farms. I get to catch up with Bridgid Curry, Caroline Simmonds, Fuphan Chou and Steve Rhee ‘06, among others. I just built a road bike and I am excited to ride it.”

Dawn Lippert writes: “I have been developing a strategy for Hawaii to reach 70 percent clean energy by 2030—including electricity efficiency and transportation—for Booz Allen’s renewable-energy team. It’s related to my experience at F6ES working with Marian Chertow, Ph.D. ‘00, and four other students on a sustainable energy plan for the Big Island.”

Charlie Liu writes: “I’m a Ph.D. student in the Biology Department at University of California, Berkeley, working in Jay Keasling’s lab on biofuels (not related to corn or ethanol).”

Susan Marriott is an associate of Phillips Lytle in Buffalo. Her practice concentrates on environment and energy, telecommunications and land use, and zoning law, along with climate-change policy.

Colleen Morgan is starting a program called Bayou Rebirth Wetlands Restoration and Education in New Orleans. She has spent the past year networking, promoting and testing her idea while working at the Audubon Nature Institute as the volunteer coordinator of its nature center in New Orleans East, an 86-acre property that was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. She manages a volunteer restoration project there to remove the invasive species, Chinese tallow, and replant native bottomland hardwood species. www.bayourebirth.org

Hannah Murray writes: “I’m working at Forest Trends and the Katoomba Group in

Visit the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies website at environment.yale.edu
Washington, D.C., on market incentives for forest conservation in Latin America.” ■ Jim Nordgren writes: “I’m the executive director of the Northeast Wilderness Trust in Boston, protecting wilderness land across northern New York and New England.” ■ Stephanie Ogburn writes: “I’m the outreach and development coordinator for a rural recycling program, the Four Corners Recycling Initiative. It’s an effort to boost recycling in my part of the country—Montezuma County, Colo. I’m also working part time on an organic farm and blogging about those experiences at Grist.org’s blog, Gristmill. In my spare time, I’m working on starting a new nonprofit to support community food and farms in southwestern Colorado.” www.4cornersrecycles.org ■ Mike Perlmutter is the Bay Area conservation coordinator for Audubon California, which is partnering with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to initiate tidal restoration on Tubbs Island, part of the wetlands that make up the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge. I’m working on setting up a monitoring protocol to measure the success of our restoration actions in improving habitat for wetland birds and plants.” www.ca.audubon.org ■ Pedro Pirić-Cabezas writes: “I am working for the Environmental Defense Fund in Madrid and on my dissertation as a student at Rey Juan Carlos University.” ■ Krishna Roka writes: “I am a Ph.D. student in rural sociology and the human dimensions of natural resource management at Penn State. I will be working on governance and forest management in Nepal. In May 2008 we had a baby girl, Avani, who joins our 2-year-old son, Diptanshu.” ■ Tenley Elizabeth Wurglitz writes: “I am a program assistant with the Sonoma Land Trust in Santa Rosa, Calif. I am assisting two senior staff members with all aspects of land and conservation easement acquisitions.”

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Mariya Absar is at F&ES completing her master’s thesis on farmer behavior and adaptation to water shortages in Pakistan, and she is doing an independent study analyzing the precipitation patterns of the Rio Bravo watershed. She is also interning with the Pakistani mission at the United Nations in New York. ■ Ali Akram writes: “I went back to Pakistan, married Zahrat, traveled to the Far East with her and now plan to come back to New Haven to start Ph.D. study at F&ES in environmental economics. Zahrat is joining me in New Haven, and I hope to introduce her to some of the best pizza in the world.” ■ Avery Anderson has moved to Santa Fe, N.M., to be the program coordinator for a new conservation leadership development program called CARLY (Conservation and Ranching Leadership and Youth) for The Quivira Coalition, a conservation nonprofit that builds resilient communities and ecosystems in northern New Mexico. The CARLY Program will match eager young leaders with mentors in conservation and ranching for 24-month programs. ■ Anamaria Aristizabal is a consultant at McKinsey & Co. in Bogota, where she developed the carbon abatement plan for the office to reduce emissions by 10 percent by next year, coordinating with Latin American colleagues. She also developed a growth strategy for waste management for a sanitation company in Brazil, did organizational design and portfolio revamping for a Dominican bank and was involved in the running of a McKinsey-sponsored business plan competition. www.aldeafeliz.org ■ Georgia Basso writes: “I am working on a sustainable coffee project with The Nature Conservancy and the Center for Sustainable Markets at INCAE Business School in Costa Rica.” ■ Genny Biggs writes: “My family and I are getting settled in Winnetka, and I’m working remotely for the Moore Foundation.” ■ Sara Bushey and Ron Ohrel were married on July 11 in Pismo Beach, Calif. Joining them for the special event were Audrey Davenport ’09, Benson Gabler ’09, Claire Gagne ’07, John Paul Jewell ’09 and Lucas Knowles ’08. Ron is director of the Marine Public Education Office, College of Marine and Earth Studies and Sea Grant College Program at the University of Delaware. Sara is taking some time to relax and do some pickling and outdoor exploring before starting to look for her next job. ■ Kelsey Kidd writes: “I’m an environmental scientist for Weston Solutions in Tempe, Ariz., and loving the desert.” ■ Jennifer Lewis writes: “I work at the New York University Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies.” jen.lewis08@gmail.com ■ Innocent Liengola writes: “I am a project director in Salonga National Park with the Wildlife Conservation Society trying to preserve bonobos (Pan paniscus) and their habitat. Bonobos are pygmy chimps, the last of the great apes to be discovered. They are the closest relative to humans.” ■ Kyle Meister writes: “I finished a forestry internship with the Mercy Corps in Bogotá, Colombia, and I am now a certification forester with Scientific Certification Systems in the Bay Area of California. I will be working on certifying forests of North and South America under the Forest Stewardship Council standard. There is also a good chance that I will be working on forest carbon standards and certifications.” ■ Xinwei Zhang writes: “I moved to Melbourne, Fla., and started my first job at AgCert Services. I am a regulatory analyst—mainly keeping the company up-to-date on carbon markets and Clean Development Mechanism regulations. I also help develop carbon emissions-reduction projects in developing countries.”
Ralph Arnold '41 (1915-2008) died at the age of 93 on July 10 in Crossett, Ark. Ralph was born on February 9, 1915. A retired lieutenant commander, U.S. Navy Reserve, he served in World War II as a PT boat skipper in the Pacific-Solomon Islands. He earned a bachelor's of science degree in entomology from the University of Massachusetts before he studied at Yale. As a retired forester for Georgia-Pacific, he was a golden member of the Society of American Foresters and a member of the Arkansas Forestry Association, Louisiana Forestry Association and the Chamber of Commerce. He belonged to the First United Methodist Church, and he is remembered for his love of reading, golf and traveling. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois Arnold of Tamarac and Theodore of Franklin, Kerrville, Texas; two brothers, Waldo of Arlington, Texas, and Cheryl Jule of Wrentham, Mass.; and six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Bruce Atkinson '64 (1934-2008) died in Green Valley, Ariz., on March 3 after a lengthy illness. Born on September 10, 1934, Bruce worked as a forester, logging manager and mill manager with MacMillan-Bloedel before and after his degree work at Yale. He was a founding analyst and traveling. He was an Eagle Scout. Into his 80s, he played tennis and was an avid reader and outdoorsman. He is survived by his wife, Joan; a son, Charles; two daughters, Elizabeth Thoni and Julia Denegre; and eight grandchildren.

Charles O'Connor Baird Jr. '51 (1922-2008), a longtime resident of Sewanee, Tenn., died on April 4 in Chattanooga, Tenn., at the age of 85. During his 32-year tenure with the University of the South, Charles served as a professor of forestry, department chair, university forester and dean of men. He also helped develop the natural resources major, which has proven to be one of the strongest majors in the college. He graduated from Knoxville High School and earned his undergraduate degree in engineering from the University of Tennessee before continuing at Yale for a master of forestry degree. In 1962, he received a doctor of forestry degree from the Duke School of Forestry. During World War II, he served as an officer in the Army Corps of Engineers in the Philippine Islands. He received the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with bronze battle star, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with bronze star and the World War II Victory Medal. He was an Eagle Scout. Into his 80s, he played tennis and was an avid reader and outdoorsman. He is survived by his wife, Joan; a son, Charles; two daughters, Elizabeth Thoni and Julia Denegre; and eight grandchildren.

David Challinor '59, Ph.D. '66, (1920-2008) was a conservationist who combined his career as a top scientific administrator at the Smithsonian Institution with an equally intense pursuit of excellence as a champion oarsman, rowing competitively into his 80s. David died on March 5 at the age of 87 of congestive heart failure at his home in Washington, D.C. He was born in New York City on July 11, 1920, graduated from Harvard College a year early and, in 1942, enlisted in the Navy. He served in the Mediterranean and Pacific theaters during World War II, primarily on the escort carrier Kasaan Bay. After the war, he moved to Texas and worked as a cotton broker, farmer and mortgage broker. In the late 1950s, he returned to the East to study forestry at Yale. In 1966, he left a job with the Peabody Museum of Natural History at Yale to be a special assistant in tropical biology at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. Through the 1970s and 1980s, he oversaw the budgets, staff and general direction of the National Zoo, the National Museum of Natural History, the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics and other scientific units of the Smithsonian as assistant secretary for science and research. He was a member of the Charles Darwin Foundation, the African Wildlife Foundation and the Environmental Defense Fund. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Joan of Washington, D.C.; three daughters, Julia of Amsterdam, Mary of Washington and Sarah of San Francisco; a son, David of Seattle; a sister; and six grandchildren.

Herbert Damon '49 (1917-2008) died peacefully at home in New London, N.H., on March 13 at the age of 90. Herbert was born on December 24, 1917, in Malden, Mass., and graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy and Amherst College. Soon after, he enlisted in the Navy, serving as an officer aboard the destroyer USS Smith in the South Pacific from 1941 to 1945. Having earned seven battle stars, he was second in command of the ship when he was finally transferred stateside to teach naval science at the University of Texas. He served with distinction as a citizen-soldier but is remembered as decrying war as a solution. In 1946 he married Margaret “Peggy” Damon, and he obtained his master's degree at the Forestry School as they were starting a family. After moving to North Conway, N.H., in 1949, he owned and operated several ventures, including the Carroll County Service Company, a propane gas and appliance business, and a sawmill. He also worked as a forester, real estate agent and car-
Richard ("Dick") Dingle ’47, Ph.D. ’53, (1918-2008) died on June 1 in Bismarck, N.D., at the age of 90. Dick was born on January 5, 1918, and spent most of his childhood in St. Paul, Minn. He graduated with a forestry degree from the University of Minnesota in 1941 and served as a Navy lieutenant on a landing craft during World War II in the South Pacific from 1944 to 1946. After earning his master’s degree at the Forestry School, he taught in the Forestry Department at the University of Missouri, Columbia, from 1948 to 1953 while conducting his Ph.D. research. He taught in the Forestry Department at Washington State University from 1953 until he retired in 1983. He was dedicated to his students, the preservation and sustainable use of forests and the development of the naturally perfect Christmas tree. This quest took him on sabbatical to Europe in 1969, where he pursued a pure source of seeds of the rare Spanish fir. He later planted them at the Forest Experiment Station in Vancouver, Wash. In 1981 he joined a WSU-AID project in Indonesia, working with forestry faculty members at Universitas Hasanuddin in Ujung Pandang on the island of Sulawesi. He was an active member of the Pullman Presbyterian Church for many years and of the Society of American Foresters. He married the love of his life, Barbara, in St. Paul on June 6, 1947, sharing many adventures and world travels with her. They celebrated their 50th and 60th wedding anniversaries with friends and family and were just five days shy of celebrating their 61st when he died. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; two daughters, Mary of Portland, Ore., and Judy Soule of Alexandria, Va.; two brothers, A. Nelson and Gene; a sister, Dorothy Olson; a daughter-in-law, Tillay Christensen; a son-in-law, Robert Soule; four grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter. He was preceded in death by his brother Roy and sister Eunice.

Arthur Galston (1920-2008), professor emeritus of molecular, cellular and developmental biology at Yale, died on June 15 at the age of 88 at the Whitney Center in Hamden, where he lived with his wife, Dale. Born in Brooklyn, Art received his undergraduate degree from Cornell and a Ph.D. in botany from the University of Illinois in 1943. He spent a year at Yale before becoming an assistant and then associate professor at the California Institute of Technology. He was a leading plant physiologist from the 1940s to 1970s. He contributed not only to botany, but also to international relations, especially in the Far East, and to the field of bioethics. He was also the Eaton Professor Emeritus of MCB, professor emeritus at the Institution for Social and Policy Studies, where he served on the executive committee for interdisciplinary bioethics projects. He was chair of the Botany Department in 1960 and was instrumental in arranging the merger of the botany and zoology departments, chairing the newly merged department from 1985 to 1988. He was president of the Botanical Society of America (BSA) and the American Society of Plant Physiologists. He organized and presided over a bioethics and science seminar series held at the Joseph Slifka Center for Jewish Life at Yale. His pioneering research in plant physiology and hormones later led to corporate development of defoliants that were used for the production of Agent Orange during the Vietnam War. The consequences of this led to his passionate interest in bioethics as a discipline. At the time of his death, he was preparing a presentation for the 40th anniversary of his BSA Presidential Address, titled “Plants, People and Politics,” which was to review how people “have not sought to ameliorate the damage caused by this largest chemical warfare operation in history.”

George Hopkins ’37 (1912-2008), a former resident of Ballston Lake, N.Y., died on May 18 at Kingsway Arms Nursing Home. Born in Brooklyn on December 7, 1912, George graduated from Burnt Hills Ballston Lake High School and received his biochemistry degree from
Morten Lauridsen Jr. ’40 (1910-2008) died at the age of 98 on August 8. Born on November 22, 1917, John lived in Seattle all his life. He graduated from Franklin High School and the University of Washington. After earning his forestry degree at Yale, he became a forester and then served in the U.S. armed forces during World War II. During this time, he spent two years working for Boeing and earned a reputation for excellence in quality assurance for programs ranging from the B-17 bomber to space electronics in the 1980s. He enjoyed painting, music, poetry and carpentry, as well as camping, hiking, fishing, boating and berry picking, and is remembered for his sense of humor. He is survived by his wife of more than 50 years, Helen Sprague of Seattle; two daughters, Mary and Monica; two sons, Craig and John; and four grandchildren. He was predeceased by two brothers, William and John; and two sisters, Alice Eyreman and Virginia Mayakis.

Peter Lewis ’80 (1950-2008) died on August 26 at the age of 58. Born on May 8, 1950, Peter was raised in Rochester, N.Y. In 1970 he went to Yosemite National Park to work on a trail crew and fell in love with the mountains. He attended Columbia University and finished his graduate studies in forestry at Yale. His classmates at F&ES recall his trademark black cowboy hat and how he often carried his front bicycle wheel into class with him. He inspired thousands of young people to follow him into the backcountry for nearly 30 years through his work with the California Conservation Corps, where he helped to create and sustain a back-
Howard "Hap" Mason Jr. '48 (1920-2008) of Russell, N.J., died on August 10 at Country Estates in Agawam, Mass., at the age of 87. Hap was born in Somerville, N.J., on September 24, 1920. From 1951 to 1982, he served as chief forester for Peck Lumber Company of Westfield, Mass. His consulting service, Forest Resource Specialists, served landowners and timber harvesters in western Massachusetts for many years. He was instrumental in pioneering the environmental movements and modern sustainable forestry practices in New England. He was a member of many public interest and trade associations, including the Connecticut River Watershed Council, Westfield River Watershed Association, Massachusetts Association of Professional Foresters, Western Massachusetts Wood Producers Association, New England Society of American Foresters, Massachusetts Tree Farm Committee, Northeastern Loggers Association, Environmental Lobby of Massachusetts, Appalachian Mountain Club, Massachusetts Forest Stewardship Committee and Berkshire Pioneer Resource Conservation and Development Council. His faithful involvement with and support of the F&ES Alumni Association was deeply valued and will be greatly missed. He received awards for outstanding service from a number of these organizations for his dedication to the principles of natural resource conservation and sustainable development, and he served numerous local and regional groups. He is survived by three sons, David of Culver City, Calif., Bruce of Norwich, Vt., and Derrick of Russell; two foster daughters, Doreene Pangiarella of Ludlow, Mass., and Edna Hough of Pinebush, N.Y.; and 13 grandchildren. He was predeceased by a brother, David; a sister, Joanne Tryon; and his former wife, Louise Hadden Mason.

John Mattoon '50 (1921-2008), an outdoorsman who spent his career protecting wildlife and the environment, died of congestive heart failure on June 18 at his home in Falls Church, Va. John was 86. Born in Hartford on July 25, 1921, to Merwin and Margarette McLean Mattoon, he graduated from Penn State and received a bachelor of science degree in 1942. During World War II, he served on the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown as a Navy SBD (Scout Bomber Douglas) dive bomber pilot in the 88th Squadron. As a lieutenant, he took part in the sinking of a Japanese battleship under heavy fire. On another occasion, he dislodged a live bomb from the undercarriage of his squadron leader's aircraft—while in flight—using the wing tip of his own aircraft. His maneuver enabled the plane to land safely on the Yorktown. For his actions, he was twice awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and received two Air Medals. In the early 1950s, he worked as a forest ranger in Washington, Oregon and Utah; he later served as an executive in the U.S. Forest Service. To help in preservation efforts for national forests and land, he mobilized national figures such as actor Lorne Greene and singers Burl Ives and Pete Seeger. He helped develop the Smokey Bear and Johnny Horizon advertising campaigns for forest fire prevention. He also played a role in President John F. Kennedy's 1963 dedication of the Pinchot Institute for Conservation in Wilford, Pa. From the mid-1960s to the late 1980s, he worked at the Department of the Interior on projects that included the Alaska Pipeline and the Endangered Species Act. He was an accomplished snow skier with the National Ski Patrol, a fisherman and a tennis player, and he belonged to the Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross in Dunn Loring, Va. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Shirley of Falls Church, and a sister.

Roger Melrose '49 (1923-2008) died peacefully at home in Onouli, Hawai'i, on June 26. Born in Seattle on November 23, 1923, Roger was a World War II Navy veteran who served in the Pacific theater. He held degrees in forestry from the University of Washington and Yale and a master's of divinity and honorary doctor of divinity degrees from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific. He was an Episcopal parish minister in Kahaluu, Oahu and Wailuku, Maui, before becoming the founding headmaster of Seabury Hall, a private secondary boarding and day school in Makawao, Maui, in 1964. He built and managed the school for 23 years before his retirement in 1987. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte; two sons, Kenneth of Kealakekua and Jeffrey of Hilo; two daughters, Anne Lombardo of Oakhurst, Calif., and Nutie of Kula, Maui; a sister, Patty of Lake Oswego, Ore.; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Richard "Dick" M. Pierce '48 (1920-2008) died at Franklin Memorial Hospital in Farmington, Maine, on June 3 at the age of 88. Dick was born on February 21, 1920, in Gardiner, Maine, and graduated from...
high school in 1937. He graduated from the University of Maine at Orono in 1943 and was valedictorian of his class. He was a replacement soldier for the 28th Infantry during the D-Day invasion of World War II. He was captured by the Germans in the Battle of the Bulge and was a prisoner of war for eight months before being liberated by U.S. troops at the end of the war. For his service, he received the United Nations Service Medal, the Oak Leaf Cluster, and two Bronze Star Medals, the Korean Service Medal with two Bronze Medals and a Purple Heart and a second Oak Leaf Cluster. After the war, he became a fire warden for the Maine Forest Service, stationed in Daaquam. He earned a master's degree in wood technology. He left Maine to construct wooden rotor blades for Piasecki Helicopters in Swarthmore, Pa., and served as a researcher for new wood processing technologies at Timber Engineering in Washington, D.C. In 1950 he joined Fosters Manufacturing, where he worked for 14 years, taking time to serve in the Korean War as a combat engineer. He was discharged as a captain. He left Fosters as vice president of production and engineering in 1968 with a patent on part of the design of the wooden clothespin. He then was employed in Old Town as mill manager for Lily Tulip Cup, the largest paper cup manufacturing company in the United States at the time. He was a vice president at Highland Lumber before retiring in 1987. He liked working in his garden and wood shop and was involved in numerous organizations, committees and councils. He was an Eagle Scout. He is survived by a daughter, Marjorie of Waterbury, Vt.; two sons, Richard of Industry, N.Y., and David of Portage, N.Y.; two grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and his German shepherd, Lady. He was predeceased by his first wife, Rita; and his brother, Phillip Pierce.

Hurlon Ray ’49 (1921-2008) of Lonsdale, Ark., died on July 25 at the age of 87. Hurlon was born on April 25, 1921, in Owensburg, Ark., and attended Saline and Garland County public schools, Arkansas Tech University, the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Utah State University, Yale, USDA Graduate School in Washington, D.C., and the Federal Executive Institute in Charlottesville, Va. He served in the Marine Corps during World War II in the South Pacific. In 1995, then Gov. Jim Guy Tucker appointed him a delegate to the White House Conference on Aging. He served as a member of Metropolitan Central Arkansas Regional Transportation Study, legislative chair for the Arkansas State Federation of National Association of Retired Federal Employees and chair of the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission. He sat on the board of directors of the Arkansas Wildlife Federation and the Arkansas Public Policy Panel. He was a member of the Saline County Planning Commission, was on the board of directors of the Saline County Public Facilities Board and worked for improving Arkansas Highway 5 and constructing a scenic turnout. He was also instrumental in helping to secure funds for the Owensville and Paron Water Association. Author of over 100 technical papers dealing with environmental pollution control, he received the EPA/ES Distinguished Service Award and was one of the principal architects of the Federal Clean Water Act. At 82, he was deeply involved in what he called the most important fight of his life: clearing up the Middle Fork of the Saline River, the Central Arkansas waterway on which he and four generations of his family grew up. He was a member of the White Oak Springs Hunting Club of Princeton, Ark., and the Owensville Baptist Church. He is survived by three sons, Harold, Daryl and Gaylon; two brothers, D.L. Ziegler and J.R. Ziegler; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Tyluana.

Robert Teeters ’52 (1928-2008) of Stamford, Conn., died on February 29 at the age of 79 in Stamford Hospital after a short illness. Robert was born in Philadelphia on September 10, 1928, to Negley and Ruth Teeters. He attended Oak Lane Country Day School and graduated from Cheltenham High School in 1946. Summers were spent in Maine and on family farms in Minnesota, where his love of the outdoors and the belief in the necessity of government protection of natural resources were fostered. He received his bachelor's degree from Oberlin College, where he met and married Nancy Hays. After earning his master's degree in forestry two years later at Yale, he served as a medic in the U.S. Army in Stuttgart, Germany, and then relocated to Washington D.C., where he served in the Office of Management and Budget. In 1965, he joined the Army Corps of Engineers in the Policy, Programs and Legislative Directorate of Civil Works. In 1972, he received the Decoration for Meritorious Civilian Service for his work on the nation's environmental policy. He retired in 1985 as chief of research and policy for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In retirement, he was a member and president of the Long Island Sound Task Force and was a world traveler. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; two sons, James and John; a daughter, Ann; six grandchildren; and his brother, Ralph.