The SFRC has been very fortunate in the past few years to have added new faculty and programs. By the end of 2006, we anticipate having 15 new SFRC faculty members (either in Gainesville or at IFAS Research and Education Centers around the State) who were not here in 2003. They, with existing SFRC faculty members, are building and conducting programs in teaching, research and extension to help meet the needs of our stakeholders and realize our vision of becoming one of the top five university programs in Forest Resources and Conservation and Geomatics.

We thank all of our supporters for helping make this expansion possible, and are seeking your assistance to help us grow undergraduate student enrollment in all three SFRC majors (Forest Resources and Conservation, Natural Resource Conservation and Geomatics). The number of SFRC graduates with BS degrees is not meeting the statewide demand in any of these areas. Yet, the placement of graduates is above 90%; they have rewarding careers and the future is bright for their continued. The problem seems to be that all of our majors are “found” majors meaning that most young people do not grow up wanting to be a forester, conservationist or surveyor. Rather, they do not even know these majors exist or what the career possibilities are, and they “find” four majors along the way. We seek your assistance to help more young people find the SFRC majors and to expose them to the many exciting career opportunities available.

The SFRC Alumni Association is proposing to form small regional committees in various locations around the State to coordinate recruiting in their local areas. Each regional committee would be composed of 3 to 5 people representing a range of SFRC careers. These committees would then identify local alumni and friends who are willing to commit a small amount of time and become an SFRC ambassador to: (1) Visit career days at high schools and community colleges; (2) Go to middle school to talk about career options; (3) Reach guidance counselors; (4) Permit an interested student to shadow them for a day; and (5) Spread the word.

So, we need to double SFRC undergraduate enrollment to meet the demands of the State of Florida and we seek your help to make it happen. If you’re interested in serving on one of the regional alumni committees or as an SFRC ambassador, please contact: Ms. Mac Funk, SFRC Academic Coordinator at 352-846-0847, mcfunk@ifas.ufl.edu, or write to her at the SFRC.

Thank you all for your continued support of the School of Forest Resources and Conservation.

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**Support from SFRC alumni and friends is vital to our mission of serving the people and resources of Florida and the world.**

There are many ways to contribute:

- **Time, Cash or a Charitable Gift.** Annuity that may increase your retirement income and earn an income tax deduction (must be 55 or older).
- **Books,** directly to School of Forest Resources & Conservation PO Box 110410 Gainesville, FL 32611
- **Permit No. 94**
- **National Forests and Conservation PO Box 110410 Gainesville, FL 32611-0410**

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**Alumni News**

Harold Mickel received the SFRC Distinguished Service Award at the SFRC Student Council Annual Award Banquet.

Charlie Houder received the SFRC Outstanding Alumnus of the Year Award at the SFRC Student Council Annual Awards Banquet on March 25, 2006. He also received the SAF C. Haydel Coulter Award for his contributions to the profession of forestry.

Shaun Stewart received the SAF Young Forester of the Year Award at the 2006 SAF/SFRC Student Council Annual Awards Banquet.

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**Faculty & Staff News**

Three new faculty members have joined the SFRC: Marc Cohen in hydrology and water resources, Francisco Escobedo in urban forestry, and Kimberly Bohn in silviculture in the Research and Education Center in Milton. Michael Bannister (PhD ’05) received the Outstanding Professional Skill Award in Distance Education and Instructional Design and Gold award for his paper “Appropriateness in the Southwest web course from the Association for Communication Excellence in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Life and Human Sciences. PK. Naik received the 2005-2006 Doctoral Dissertation Advisor/Mentoring Award from the UF Graduate School.

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**Student News**

The following awards and scholarships were presented at the Annual SFRC Student Council Awards Banquet: Rebecca Gruby - Outstanding Student and An Adams Scholarship; Jeremy Tankersley - Outstanding SRC Student; Tyler D pretending; Anthony Brown - Florida Division of SAF Outstanding Senior Award, and Tyler Drennon - Florida Division of SAF Outstanding Graduate Award.

The following students received the Orlando Surveying and Mapping Scholarship: Philip Ghiolett, Carlos batta, Chris Kinslow, Steven Sonberg, Jose Monal, Chris Wild, and April Dao. Jeff Weinberger received the Surveying and Mapping Scholarship.

Congratulations to the following students who will be graduating in May: Joseph Bruner, Bryan Croft, Laura Paterson, James Sweeney.

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Seniors Rebecca Gruby and Jeremy Tankersley receiving the Outstanding Natural Resource Conservation and Forest Resources and Conservation Student of the Year Awards.

Seniors Jenny Goodrich and Jeremy Tankersley participating in water quality sampling for Forest Water Resources Lab.

Above: Students who placed in their events at Conclave.

Above: Tim Martin measuring leaf water potential at a field experiment on International Paper’s Southlands Experimental Forest near Bainbridge, GA.

Shaun Stewart (‘97) receiving the SAF Young Forester of the Year award at the Spring Symposium.

Above: Nick Muir (Temple Inland), Andy Benowicz (CellFor) and Dudley Huber (SFRC, PhD ’93) with loblolly pine clones.

Above: Winners of the Geomatics Senior/Alumni Weekend golf tournament held in Gainesville.

Right: Faculty and students participating in field day held at the Austin Cary Memorial Forest.

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