Alum News

Keith Hawkins (M.S. Forestry ‘86), area forest agent for the LSU AgCenter, celebrated five years of service July 2012.

Alums “Tie the Knot”

A rare event for two alums, Kevin Borne (B.S. Forestry ‘09) and Charmaine Burg Borne (B.S. NREM ‘10) were married June 29, 2012. The couple had a beautiful ceremony held at Our Lady of the Rosary Church in New Orleans. Kevin just started working for LDEQ in Baton Rouge and Charmaine is currently attending the LSU Law Center after working as a biologist for LDWF. Congratulations!

News from Mike Campbell

Mike Campbell (B.S. Wetland Science ‘08) currently serves as a senior environmental specialist with the Florida Department of Natural Resources. He recently headed up the sinking of the U.S.S. Mohawk CGC to create an artificial reef. July 2, the World War II warship was deployed to its final resting place 90 feet under water, 28 nautical miles off of Sanibel Island, Fla. creating the first Veterans Memorial Reef dedicated to all U.S. veterans using a military ship. The official name of the reef will be the U.S.S. Mohawk CGC Veterans Memorial Reef. The 165-foot World War II Coast Guard Cutter Mohawk served in the Battle of the Atlantic. She launched 14 attacks against submarine contacts between 1942-45 and was the last ship to radio Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower that the weather was clearing for the D-Day invasion. To see Mike’s interview about the project go to http://www.nbc-2.com/story/18432930/2012/05/16/uss-mohawk-arrives-today

RNR Graduate is College of Agriculture Outstanding Alum

Ian Stone (B.S. Forestry ‘09) is highlighted in an “Outstanding Alumni” feature on the home page of the LSU College of Agriculture. Check it out!

Alumna Featured in New York Times Article

Tina Nelson (B.S. Wildlife and Fisheries ‘98), was recently featured in a New York Times article about her work as the coordinator of soil, water and ecology in New York’s Central Park. It is always good to hear from successful alums!

Alum Obituaries

Larry E. Miller (B.S.F. Wildlife ‘77) of Deville, La. passed away January 8, 2011 at 57 years of age. He was an active member in the forestry and wildlife clubs at the school, as well as Xi Sigma Pi, the forestry honorary fraternity. After graduation Larry worked as a forester for International Paper, in Jena, La. Larry was then employed by Cleco Power LLC as administrator of land management for thirty years. He administered the management of the company’s holdings; in particular, a 3,600 acre bottomland restoration site in Catahoula Parish. Larry promoted the company’s goals and objectives to improve air and water quality, and wildlife habitat improvement. He fulfilled his ambition of providing improved forests for generations to come.

George Wright (B.S. Forestry ‘39) died October 5, 2011 at 96 years of age. Over the years, he was employed with Kirby Lumber Co., International Paper Co., East Texas Pulp and Paper Co. and retired from Temple Inland Inc. in 1980. He was active until the end and followed the Tigers all the way.

Larry Hartzog (M.S. Fisheries ‘75) of Mandeville, La. passed away on January 24, 2012 at the age of 65. His major professor was Dr. Fred Bryan. Larry had a long and distinguished career with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and recently retired with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management. Throughout his career he had professional relationships with many RNR faculty members. He was a strong supporter of the school and a friend to all he met. He was also an ardent jazz enthusiast and a member of Mystic Krewe of Brew. He will be missed.

Donald Louis Harper (B.S. Forestry ‘48) died on May 28, 2011 at the age of 79. He was a native of Monticello, Ark. and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was employed by Regions Bank for 30 years in Mobile, Ala., serving as vice-president and woodlands manager in the trust department. He was secretary of the southeast section of the Society of American Foresters. He is survived by his wife, two sons and five grandchildren.

Harold Logan “Pat” Molloy (B.S. Forestry ‘39) died in 2011 in Crosby, Miss. He was the owner of Molloy Timber Co. and he was married and had three children.

Michael E. “Mickey” Richardson (B.S. Forestry ‘67) died July 13, 2011 at age 65 at his home in Holden, La. Born in Baton Rouge, he was a state-registered forester and worked for Cajun Contractors. He is distinguishly recognized as an Army and Air National Guard veteran.

Milton E. Robbinowitz (B.S. Forestry ‘42) died in 2011 in Richmond, Texas. He was a self-employed rancher and implement dealer there. He had three children. During his senior year he was president of the forestry club and an officer in honorary fraternities Alpha Zeta and Xi Sigma Pi.
Barry Wilson, Gulf Coast Joint Venture Coordinator, is the 2012 RNR Alumnus of the Year. Each year this award is voted on by the RNR faculty. Barry earned a B.S. in Wildlife from Midwestern State University in 1991 and a M.S. from LSU in Wildlife Science in 1993. After graduation he worked as a wildlife biologist for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. He was stationed at Rockefeller Refuge in Cameron Parish and his work there greatly advanced the state of waterfowl science in Louisiana. While there, he initiated a large-scale project to band Mottled Ducks, which has been extremely valuable for management of this resident species.

Barry moved from LDWF to a job with the Gulf Coast Joint Venture about 10 years ago. In this position he serves as the lead staff person, which is one of the six original national priority areas. His responsibilities include protecting, managing and enhancing wetland and waterfowl habitat in the Gulf Coast region. In that role Barry has done a masterful job of getting management done while keeping an eye out for doing good science to evaluate these management actions. He has been a strong proponent of assuring that we have a sound scientific basis for management activities.

Barry is one of the few serious land managers that remain remarkably conversant in current science. He is one of three non-Ph.D. level biologists that were recognized for their knowledge, experience and intelligence and asked to serve on a huge continental effort to reconcile the differing goals of waterfowl harvest and waterfowl habitat management. This “Joint Task Group” issued an important report in the last year outlining how to merge two very different aspects of waterfowl management.

We want to hear from you!

The alumni news is compiled and written by Dr. Todd Shupe. We are continuously working to update and manage our alumni files and database. If you have any news items or address changes that you would like to share, please e-mail Todd at: tshupe@agcenter.lsu.edu or update your own information on our new “Alumni Profile” page found at www.rnr.lsu.edu/alumni.