

NEWS NOTES

Forest Landowners Honor MSU Extension Forester



Timothy Traugott

A Mississippi State University forestry specialist has been named Extension Forester of the Year by the Forest Landowners Association.

The organization, which is comprised of forest landowners in 17 southern states, selected MSU Extension professor Timothy Traugott for the 2007 honor.

During 22 years as an MSU Extension forestry specialist, Traugott has conducted almost 300 workshops and short courses for more than 8,000 Mississippi landowners.

"Tim is extremely attentive to the needs of landowners throughout the state," said Andy Londo, associate professor and extension forestry coordinator in the Department of Forestry. "He has developed short courses, workshops and publications that address managing pine plantations for multiple purposes, including increasing wildlife in the plantations."

Traugott received his bachelor's degree in forestry and master's in agriculture and extension education from MSU.

In 2004, he was named a fellow of the Society of American Foresters. Additional honors include a service award from the Mississippi Society of American Foresters, a career leadership award from the Association of Natural Resources Extension Professionals and a meritorious service to forestry award from the Mississippi Forestry Association.

Taylor Honored by Professional Organization



Walter N. Taylor

Walter N. Taylor, assistant dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (AAAE), has been designated a fellow of the American Association for Agricultural Education. The designation is the highest honor given by the organization and recognizes contributions to teaching, research and service.

Taylor is a former president of AAAE and served as head of the Department of Agricultural

Information Science and Education at MSU before assuming his current duties.

Wood Scientist Named Fellow of World Body



H. Michael Barnes

A Mississippi State professor is a new fellow of the Society of Wood Science and Technology.

H. Michael Barnes of the university's Forest and Wildlife Research Center recently received the honor by the professional organization for his work in wood treatment, treatment effects on wood properties and wood preservation and durability.

The Society of Wood Science and Technology is a non-profit international organization founded in 1958 with the mission of advancing the profession of wood science.

An MSU faculty member for more than 36 years, Barnes was named last year as a fellow of the International Academy of Wood Science. Additionally, he has been honored with the university's Ralph E. Powe Research Excellence Award, American Wood-Preservers' Association Award of Merit, Forest Products Society's Gottschalk Award and Railway Tie Association Award of Merit.

"Dr. Barnes' work on the effect of various treatments on the properties and durability of wood and wood-based composites has been ground-breaking," said Ruben Shmulsky, interim head of the forest products department. "He is very deserving of this honor."

Barnes is a Baytown, Texas, native who holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Louisiana State University and a doctorate from the State University of New York. In 2004, he was named alumnus of the year by LSU's School of Renewable Natural Resources.

"Dr. Barnes is an effective researcher, producing over 200 articles and \$9 million in extramural funding over his career at MSU," Shmulsky said. "Mike also is an exceptional teacher, serving as adviser, major professor and graduate committee member for countless students."

Barnes currently serves as president of the Forest Products Society and is past president of the Society of Wood Science and Technology. Additionally, his memberships include the American Wood-Preservers' Association, Railway Tie Association, International Research Group on Wood Protection, Society of American Foresters and Renewable Natural Resources Foundation. He also is a fellow in the Institute of Wood Science.

MSU Recognizes Employees for Service to University, State

Employees of the Division of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University were recently recognized for their service to the university and the state.

The recipient of the 2007 Rosalind and Rodney Foil Teamwork Award was Rick Snyder, Extension and research professor at the Truck Crops Branch Experiment Station in Crystal Springs. Snyder was honored for his work with the annual Fall Flower and Garden Fest at the station.

The Foil awards are presented each year in honor of the former MSU vice president and his wife.

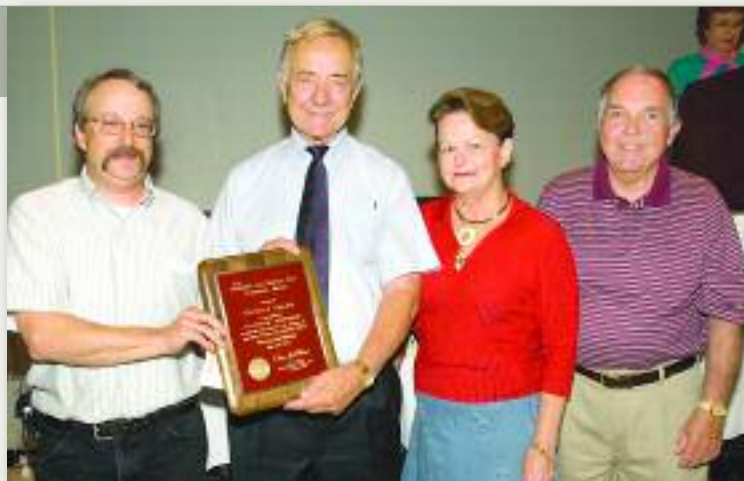
Also presented on behalf of a former vice president and his wife were the Louis and Doris Wise Support Staff awards. The 2007 recipients are Donna Bland, office associate in the Department of Food Science, Nutrition and Health Promotion; Beth Hathcock, business manager in the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences; Bridget Carr, support specialist at the Forest and Wildlife Research Center; and D. Ray Manning, engineering technician at the Delta Research and Extension Center.

White Special Project awards are presented each year in honor of the late William M. White, an Oktibbeha County dairy farmer, agricultural leader and MSU supporter. The awards provide financial support for research projects that further the development of agriculture and agribusiness in Mississippi.

A White award was presented to MSU animal scientists Preston Buff, Carolyn Buff, Mark Crenshaw, Dean Jousan, Ann Leed and Jane Parish for development of digital video educational modules.

A White award also went to a team working to determine if naturally occurring phytoestrogens in soybeans have any effect on reproductive tract development in young pigs. Team members include animal scientists Peter Ryan, Mark Crenshaw and Brian Rude, as well as College of Veterinary Medicine clinical instructor Fred Cunningham.

Also receiving a 2007 White award were Extension professor Tim Traugott and Extension and research professor John Kushla for development of a pine-thinning demonstration area to educate private forest landowners about forest and wildlife benefits of pine plantation management.



Rick Snyder, left, is the recipient of the 2007 Rosalind and Rodney Foil Teamwork Award for his work with the annual Fall Flower and Garden Fest at the Truck Crops Branch Experiment Station in Crystal Springs. Presenting the award were the Foils, center, and Vance Watson, MSU vice president for agriculture, forestry and veterinary medicine.



A team of MSU animal scientists receives a 2007 White Special Project Award for development of digital video educational modules. Team members include, from left, Mark Crenshaw, Ann Leed and Carolyn Buff. Presenting the award was Jack Rhodes on behalf of the White family and Vance Watson, MSU vice president for agriculture, forestry and veterinary medicine. (Team members not available for photo were Preston Buff, Dean Jousan and Jane Parish.)



Winners of 2007 Louis and Doris Wise Support Staff awards are, from left, Beth Hathcock, Donna Bland, Bridget Carr and D. Ray Manning.