



**1859** The Paul Smith's Hotel is established by Apollos (Paul) Smith



1862 Paul and Lydia Smith's son Phelps is born



**1997** The state Board of Regents approves Paul Smith's plan to become a 4-year college



**2011** The college assumes operation of the state's Visitor Interpretive Center (VIC)



1906 The famous hotel even features an electric railway



1946 At the bequest of Phelps Smith, Paul Smith's College is founded



1952-83 Legendary figures such as Gould Hoyt leave a lasting impact on the college and its students



**1961** Paul Smith's College acquires the Hotel Saranac





**2018** The formation of an Olympic Advisory Council jumpstarts an ongoing sports initiative

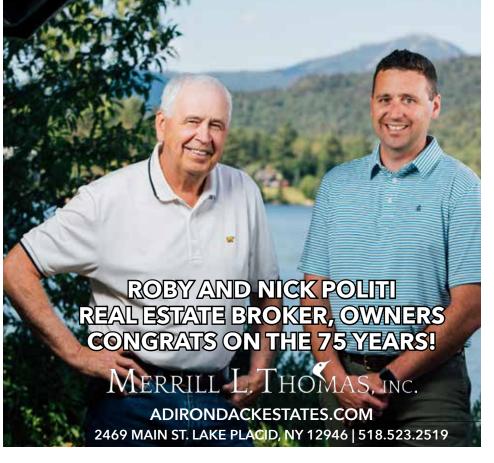


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## 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

#### **Greetings Smitties!**

By Dr. Scott Dalrymple, Paul Smith's College president

I am thrilled to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Paul Smith's College with you.

Like anyone else, the first thing
I noticed about the College is its
gorgeous setting; there are few
institutions so defined by their
surroundings. I can see why Apollos "Paul" Smith
picked this very site for his famous Hotel and
Casino in the late 1800s (It was the sort of casino
where one sat in the shade rather than played
blackjack, though I suspect there were some latenight poker games).

Paul Smith's College was actually founded by Phelps Smith, who willed his fortune for the establishment of "Paul Smith's College of Arts and Sciences" in 1937.

Seventy-five years later, that single philanthropic act has changed the lives of more than 15,000 alumni and countless others. PSC now offers everything from certificate programs to Master's degrees on its beautiful campus on Lower St. Regis Lake. Few other colleges can say they offer everything from Forestry to Neuroscience. None can boast 14,000 acres in the Adirondacks.

I'm particularly proud that many of our students are the first in their families to attend college, just as my wife Tina and I were. These pioneers will change not only their own lives by attending PSC, but the lives of all future generations of their families. That's a powerful legacy.

Tina and I are proud to become Smitties. Here's to the next 75 years!

From the PSC news desk, June 3, 2021:

Paul Smith's College has announced the decision to appoint Dr. Scott Dalrymple its 12th president, marking the end of a months-long effort by the college's board of trustees to fill the role during an interim presidency carried out by Dr. Jon Strauss.



**Dr. Scott Dalrymple**Current President

Dalrymple has most recently served as president of Columbia College, Mo., at which he spearheaded a number of initiatives including a new strategic plan to help guide the college's future, an innovative and affordable tuition program, and key partnerships. He was also involved in securing the college's first- and second-largest gifts in its history.

Columbia's Truition program, or blended combination of "truth" and "tuition," functioned as a transparent pricing notice for students enrolling at the Missouri-based institution.

Dalrymple's educational journey began in undergrad at SUNY Geneseo, followed by three graduate degrees earned at the University of Buffalo, including a Ph.D. in English and an MBA.

"I was a first-generation college student, like so many students at Paul Smith's College," Dalrymple said. "Education changed everything for me."

While Dalrymple's resume includes a host of academic accolades, it also boasts area connections—he spent much of his youth frequenting a family camp in nearby Raquette Lake, N.Y. His wife, Dr. Tina Dalrymple, is also from upstate N.Y. and a first-generation college student. She directs an at-home care agency and together they have five adult children, three grandchildren, and as Dalrymple joked, an "ungrateful cat."

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ABOVE: Drs. Scott and Tina Dalrymple.

#### Presidents of Paul Smith's College



**Earl C. MacArthur** / 1944-45



Frederick G. Leasure | 1945-48



Chester L. Buxton / 1948-76



Gray Twombly / 1976



Thomas Stainback | 1976-82



Harry Miller | 1982-88



H. David Chamberlain / 1988-94



Arthur (Pete) Linkins / 1994-96



Steven Schneeweiss / 1996-97



**George Miller** / 1997-04



John W. Mills / 2004-2014



Cathy Dove | 2014-20



Jon Strauss / 2020-21

July 2021



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#### Hands-on science

By Dr. Curt Stager

Paul Smith's College's growing list of prestigious National Science Foundation-funded research projects began in 2000, when one of our faculty was awarded a grant from NSF's paleoclimate program for field research with students.

Although hands-on learning has always been a major part of PSC's teaching approach, the development of the fouryear degree programs brought with it a niche for handson research in the natural sciences, as well.

The first grant supported a summer expedition to Lake Victoria, East Africa. Four students accompanied Curt Stager to Kenya and Uganda to collect sediment cores that allowed them to study the effects of climate change and various human impacts on that enormous tropical lake during the last 1000 years. The study also led to the publication of several peerreviewed papers with students as co-authors, another first for PSC at the time.

A long series of additional NSF-supported climate research projects followed, with Stager's grants eventually totaling more than \$1M in support of bringing PSC students on similar sediment

coring expeditions to Uganda, Tanzanian, South Africa, Peru, and remote corners of the Adirondacks. Today research, publication, and conference participation with students remains an important aspect of PSC's programs in the natural sciences in addition to our ongoing focus on high-quality teaching and experiential learning.





#### The Unkindest Cuts

By Bob Seidenstein '67 Adirondack Daily Enterprise, April 2, 2021

In mid-November 1971 I was in the Navy, doing what I did most of the time — taking Morse code — when my friend Frank walked over.

"Hey," he said, "you went to Paul Smith's College, right?" "Yeah," I said. "Why?" "Cause there's something about it in today's Stars and Stripes."

"Something in the Stars and Stripes about Paul Smith's?" I asked, incredulous. "What was it?" "A kid cut down a tree," he said.

Since three-fourths of PSC students were stumpies, cutting down trees was nothing newsworthy. But if there was one tree whose felling was newsworthy, it was The Leaning Pine. And sure enough, that was it. Some jackass had chopped it down. Or more exactly, some jackass had finally chopped it down, since over the years other jackasses had tried and failed. In fact, in an effort to keep it propped up, the trunk contained more cement than wood.

The Leaning Pine was a 300-year-old, 125-foot- high pine that leaned over the college's entrance road at a 45 degree angle. It was a freak of nature and an area landmark. It was also PSC's logo, which was perfect since PSC's students and employees were as much freaks of nature as the tree. For all the years I taught there, rumors persisted that the kid who dropped the LP went to prison for it. But I knew that wasn't true for one good reason — Dr. Chester L. Buxton.

Dr. Buxton was PSC's first president, and he held the office for 30 years. The term "powers that be" describes the people who control an organization. But it wouldn't have applied to Paul Smith's because back then there was only one power, The Good Doctor himself. When he ruled the roost, there were no other administrators to speak of, and he controlled everything, from how money was invested, to who got hired in any position, from cafeteria workers and maintenance people, all the way down to faculty.

He was a fine figure of a man. He was tall and dignified looking, with a full head of white hair and sleepy blue eyes that didn't miss a damned thing. His clothes were outer manifestations of his inner formality — he wore only suits, and they as understated as they were expensive. Rumor had it that one of the teachers from before my time called Dr. B. by his first name. It that was true, it was also unique, since I never knew anyone else, on campus or off, who addressed him as anything but Doctor.



#### The Big Three

Dr. B. had three distinct sides to his personality. He was one part Santa Claus, one part Don Corleone and one part Judge Roy Bean. First, he was generous to a fault. He kept the tuition on par with state schools, making up the difference in his investments, because he said no person should be deprived a college education due to lack of money. Beyond that, if kids showed up and couldn't pay their full bill, Dr. B. had them sign an IOU of sorts (which I'm sure wasn't legally binding) and then found jobs for them on campus.

He also put on an X-mas party for all the area school-children, and he did it in perfect form. A teacher took handwritten invitations to each classroom, read off each child's name and then handed them the invite. The soiree was held in the school cafeteria, and every kid got a really fine gift — separate ones for the girls and boys. Santa (always the tallest, fattest forester) arrived at the party in style, in a horse-drawn sleigh driven by Gould Hoyt.

Dr. B. could also be as strict as any capo de tutti capi. To him, loyalty was everything: If you did for him, he'd do for you. We had no tenure, or even written contracts, since business was conducted with a handshake, but everyone was fine with it since his word was bond. He also insisted on a code of silence that made Omerta look like a yenta's delight. The college's dysfunctions and deviations stayed in the college. Period.

Finally, there was his dispensing of Buxtonian Justice, which was always swift, harsh and non negotiable. Any sentence he imposed was as final an act as the crossing of the Rubicon, the only difference being Caesar probably gave more favorable truce terms to his vanquished. There was a longtime field instructor who was a longer-time boozer. He did his job well and the students liked him, so while his tippling was no secret, it also wasn't an issue. At least not till one registration day. He showed up nursing one king hell of a hangover, and in a lousy mood.

He was working with Creighton Fee and was grumbling up a storm. He didn't like this, he didn't like that, the whole registration was a mess (which it wasn't), and he was just fed up with it. Finally, his anger overpowered his common sense.

"I've had it," he said to Creighton. "I'm gonna tell The Old Man just what he can do with his registration."

Creighton tried to reason with him, but it was futile. Finally, he gave up, and the guy stormed off to the admin building to give Dr. B. a piece of his mind, which he did. His meeting had mixed results. On the positive side, he didn't have to suffer through that registration anymore. On the negative side, his job was now as long gone as the Battle of Kadesh.

#### No poetry, but lots of justice

And now let's loop back to the rumor about the guy who cut down the Leaning Pine going to prison. As wonderful a bit of karma and poetic justice that would've been, it never happened. Not that Dr. B. wasn't furious — of course he was. He wasn't only the president of PSC — in his mind, he was PSC. So to him, putting an ax to the LP was the same as going all Lizzy Borden on him, personally!

But remember how I said campus craziness did not get broadcasted to the outside world (the outside world beginning right where Route 86 ended)? The unstated but ironclad rule was, while the college minded its business, everyone else could mind theirs, and never the twain should meet.

Beyond that, there'd be no arrest because Dr. B. hated the state. As Lord of the Manor and Master of All He Surveyed, he welcomed neither advice nor interference, and woe betide any fool who indulged in either. Ultimately, it was a simple matter of rendering unto Caesar that which was Caesar's, and unto Buxton that which was Buxton's.

So meting out the punishment was a simple matter. The miscreant had dropped the tree at 0230 on Nov. 11, and by noon he'd been ratted out by legions of his peers. Then in the early afternoon, he was called into Dr. B's office, told he was expelled and that he had an hour to pack up, head out and never darken Paul Smith's doorstep again.

And as simple as the expulsion was, the appeal was even easier — there was none.

We all know the lovely concept of Forgive and Forget. That said, given Dr. Buxton's private nature, I know very little about the inner workings of his mind. But I do know this much: When it came to the kid who dropped the Leaning Pine, Dr. B did neither.



## **75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

## Paul Smith's College natural science department: a brief history

By Dr. Jorie Favreau Natural Science Department Chair

...to see the land, to understand what they see, and to enjoy what they understand.

—A. Leopold

The spirit and heart of our Natural Science Department in all our program offerings is a tradition of direct physical engagement with the natural world. Our immersive approach provides a sensory experience that has no substitute when it comes to heightening awareness and comprehension of ecology and our relationship to it.

The students sense of loss in reaction to the sudden cessation of these experiences by the COVID pandemic made it abundantly clear that they crave direct experience and a feeling of belonging in a community of learners. These experiences have been a constant at Paul Smith's College since the inception of science programs in the early seventies. Alumni fondly recall the ecology and environmental technology (EET) associates program, which was developed to meet the needs of the 1960s environmental movement and its outgrowth of policy aimed at protecting the quality of air and water. Our location right here on Lower St. Regis Lake, a severely degraded lake, and the early work by students and faculty epitomized what was to become a our benchmark of experiential education.

Our science programs have continued to evolve to meet the growing needs of humanity by preparing students for this work. About 20 years ago, we added out first baccalaureate programs—environmental science and biology.

These were a natural outgrowth

of the EET program, keeping up with the demand for more baccalaureate programs by outside agencies and employers. Similarly, we began our fisheries and wildlife science program in 2004, which has evolved into our largest academic program, training hundreds of students



with a unique blend of science and management. Students in this program have contributed to local conservation efforts including long-term monitoring of fisheries in the tributaries on the north side of St. Regis Mountain.

In this time of rapid environmental change, the Natural Science Department has responded with the addition of several new academic programs. The current decade is designated the Decade of Ecosystem Restoration by the UN, and more and more we are aware that ecological health is intimately linked to human health and wellbeing. The ecological restoration program was added in 2014, and the human health and the environment program in 2019. Most recently, to preserve and honor our department's namesake, our faculty dedication to the spirit of scientific inquiry, and our desire to offer prospective students a broad-based science program, we will be offering a natural science baccalaureate degree in the Fall of 2021.



## A Legacy of Culinary Arts & Hospitality

Over the past two decades, the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management programs have found creative ways to adapt to a number of challenges.

Following the 2006 sale of the Hotel Saranac (a historic property that acted as a training ground for countless students since the early 1960s), programs had to find a new way to ensure students a consistent, controlled and cross-departmental training experience as part of their studies.

The school has recently added an innovative Semester in Residence program, allowing students to study/work with properties across the nation to counteract this loss.

Also, in the last 20 years, competition has swelled as colleges and universities across the United States and overseas began offering degrees in these same disciplines, many adopting the original Paul Smith's College model. Furthermore, the interest in entering these industries began to wain among a new generation of student who opted for other career paths that promised an easier balance between work and home. All these factors have affected the programs' ability to recruit and retain students.

Paul Smith's College has countered this trend with specialized training in baking and pastry arts, as well as event management in order to compete, with varying levels of success. In 2020, the difficult decision to end the two-year culinary arts program was made. A "Two Plus Two" program remains, however, giving students who have earned their AAS degrees to continue at Paul Smith's College to complete their bachelors in culinary arts and service management. Additionally, a revised sustainable restaurant management program has been added to differentiate the offerings while playing to the school's strengths, mission, and sense of place.





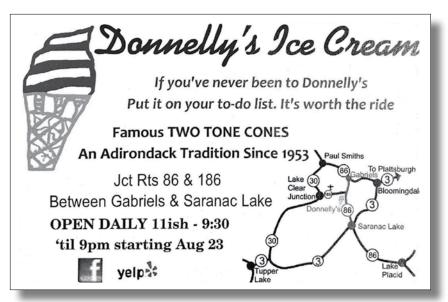
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#### Invalid at Paul Smith's

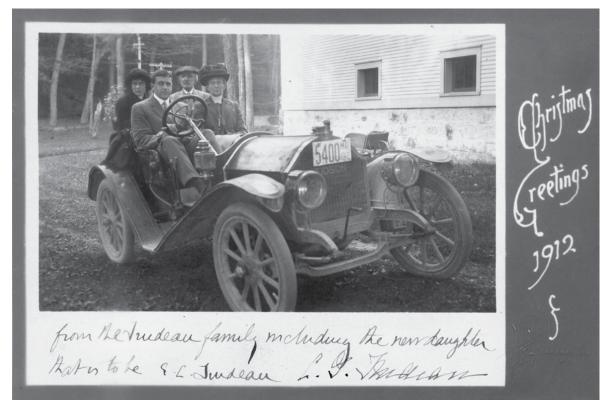
By Edward Livingston Trudeau, M.D.

After being diagnosed with tuberculosis in 1873, Edward Livingston Trudeau came to the Paul Smith's Hotel and soon after found that exposure to clean Adirondack air improved his health. The following story, penned by Trudeau in the late 1800s, describes his experience.

I was influenced in my choice of the Adirondacks only by my love for the great forest and the wild life and not al all because I thought the climate would be beneficial in any way, for the Adirondacks were then (1873) visited only by hunters and fishermen and it was looked upon as a rough, inaccessible region and considered a most inclement and trying climate. I had been to Paul Smith's in the summer on two occasions before on short visits with my friend Lou Livingston and his mother, and had been greatly attracted by the beautiful lakes, the great forest, the hunting and fishing, and the novelty of the free and wild life there. If I had but a short time to live, I yearned for surroundings that appealed to me, and it seemed to me a longing I had for rest and the peace of the great wilderness.

It was a sad home-leaving, as my wife and my friends considered me most seriously if not hopelessly ill, and she was still in bed with the baby at her side and little Chatte in the nurse's arms. Dr. Watson saw me off and comforted me by his promises to look after "the wife and kids" and help my little family to move down to the rectory at Little Neck for the summer. I finally tore myself away and was helped into the cab by my friend Lou, who at once began to dilate on what sport we should have at Paul's; but my heart was heavier than it had been since my brother's death.

The first day we went to Saratoga by train and rested there overnight, and the next day by train to Whitehall and by boat through Lake Champlain, reaching Plattsburgh at supper time.



ABOVE: Dr. Edward Livingston Trudeau's 1912 Christmas card

I had a raging fever all day, went to bed at once on reaching the Fouquet House, and was too ill and weak the next morning to attempt the long trip into the wilderness to Paul Smith's, so we had to wait at Plattsburgh two days. Lou Livingston told me afterwards that the hotel people had tried to dissuade him from taking me on such a long journey and to such a rough and remote place as Paul Smith's and had urged him to induce me to return home. Whenever he hinted at a return home, however, I was evidently so upset at the idea that he decided to go on with me.

On the third day we started on a little branch iron-ore road for Ausable Forks, where the mines were, and from there we had to drive forty-two miles to Paul Smith's, most of which was over a rough corduroy road. While I was resting Lou hired an old-fashioned two-horse stage-wagon, put a board between the seats, and with a mattress and a couple of pillows arranged me so that I could lie down all the way quite comfortably. All day long we crept up the hills

at a snail's pace and trotted down the hills and on the level road until I thought we must have gone fifty miles at least. I stood the jolting pretty well until afternoon, when the fever and the fatigue made the rough shaking of the wagon almost unbearable. Lou Livingston smoked innumerable pipes, conversed with the driver, with whom he made friends over occasional little nips from his flask, and they seemed very happy and comfortable; but for me it certainly was an afternoon of misery.

The sun was just setting as I caught sight of the great pines around Paul Smith's and in a minute we were driving up to the door of the hostelry, a swarm of guides and fishermen were climbing off the steps and the horse-block, and many hands extended in welcome. Fred Martin, Mrs. Paul Smith's brother and one of the most splendid, sturdy specimens of manhood I have ever seen, was about to give my hand a squeeze that would, no doubt, have finished me when I whispered to him that I was sick and wanted to be carried up

to my room. He picked me up as if I had been an infant and went up two flights of stairs two steps at a time, opened the door of a room I had occupied before, and put me down on the bed with a pained expression and the comforting remark –

"Why, Doctor, you don't weigh no more than a dried lambskin!"

We both laughed, and indeed I was so happy at reaching my destination and seeing the beautiful lake again, the mountains and the forest all around me, that I could hardly have been depressed by anything Fred Martin could have said.

During the entire journey I had felt gloomy forebodings as to the hopelessness of my case, but under the magic influence of the surroundings I had longed for, these all disappeared and I felt convinced I was going to recover. How little I knew, as I shook hands with the great, strong men who came up to my room that evening to say a word of cheer to me, that forty-two years later most of them would be dead and that I should still be in the Adirondacks and trying to describe my first arrival at Paul Smith's as an invalid!

Soon Katie Martin, Mrs. Paul Smith's pretty sister, came in with a word of welcome and cheer and a tray on which were eggs, brook trout, pancakes

and coffee, and I ate heartily and with a real relish for the first time in many a long week....

I slept well and woke full of hope and anticipation and interest in my new surroundings. The first thing I did was to secure a guide, and Warren Flanders was engaged by me and George Martin by Lou Livingston....

Warren Flanders came to my room after breakfast and told me he had fixed the boat "comfortable" with balsam boughs and blankets so that I could lie down in it, nad put my rifle in, and if I felt up to it we would row down the river to Keese's Mill "kind of slow" and see what we could see. My hunting blood responded at once and I was soon in the boat. It was a beautiful sunny June day, the sky and water were blue, and the trees resplendent in their spring foliage; and as I lay comfortably on the soft boughs in the stern of the boat, with my rifle in reach across the gunwale, my spirits were high and I forgot all the misery and sickness I had gone through in the past two months.

The guide kept looking ahead from time to time. All at once he stopped, suddenly turning the boat sideways. On a point about two hundred yards away I saw two deer; a buck and a doe were feeding. I never say up, but rested my rifle on the side of the boat and fired at the buck, who, after a few jumps, fell dead at the edge of the woods. Warren went ashore, loaded the deer in the boat,

and we returned to the hotel. If any game laws existed in those days they didn't apply to the Adirondack wilderness, for it was the custom to shoot game and catch fish at any season, provided they were used as food and not sent out of the woods for sale.

I got back quite triumphant to the hotel, and Lou Livingston, Paul Smith and the guides, who were very sympathetic about my illness, seemed delighted that I had had such a good sport on the first day of my arrival.

This was my first personal experience as a patient in the Adirondacks and rather different from the first day spent by most patients who come now to Saranac Lake as ill as I was then! The change, the stimulus of renewed hope, and the constant open-air life had a wonderful effect on my health. I soon began to eat and sleep and lost my fever. At that time we had no idea of the essential value of rest, but as I often spent the entire day in the boat, fishing or being rowed about from place to place or watching the lake for deer, I unconsciously was kept at rest. My anxiety about my family was entirely relieved by frequent letters from my wife and good friend Walton, who sent me regular reports of "the brats" every two weeks, in which he fulminated, and after his usual manner, on the nuisance of having to go out into the country to see them; but the reports were all good, and my improvement day by day became more manifest.



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## Hotel Saranac offers conference room to Paul Smith's College bearing school's name

For decades, Paul Smith's College and the Hotel Saranac in Saranac Lake were synonymous, with the school running the lodging property as a full-service hotel and learning center in the midst of the village. The relationship began in 1961 when the college took ownership of the 88-room hotel. The college's hotel management and culinary curricula were a perfect match for the needs of the inn and its clientele.

Students were schooled 10 miles away on campus, and then employed this knowledge in a real-life environment at the hotel. However, that relationship ended in 2007 when PSC sold the Hotel Saranac to the Arora family, which in turn, sold to New Hampshire-based Roedel Companies in 2013.

The Roedel family has long-time connections to Saranac Lake; their mother was born and raised in the village, and their grandfather was a doctor who treated patients suffering from tuberculosis. The Roedels have embarked on a \$30 million revival of the Hotel Saranac in a quest to return the property to its lost grandeur, albeit with modern resort amenities. The hotel's design roots can be traced to the Davanzati Palace in Florence, Italy. Now, with PSC understanding the importance of the hotel to the community's economy, the two entities are about to partner once again. Initially, it may not be at the level of that by-gone, time-honored era, but thanks to the generosity and consideration of the Roedels, the school will receive a downstairs conference room, to be named the Paul Smith's College Room.

Hotel ownership also has intentions of naming other rooms as well.

"It's important for us to honor this relationship that dated back about five decades," said Fred Roedel, Chief Financial Officer. "In looking at the present and the future, I think this is a good time for both parties to re-engage. It's a small start, but it's a start



**THEN AND NOW:** The Hotel Saranac pictured in the 1960s and today.

nevertheless. We're proud to have one of our conference rooms bear the name of Paul Smith's College."

As the "new" Hotel Saranac seeks connections to the Adirondacks and the Tri-Lakes area, Roedel added that other rooms at the hotel will also bear names that are endemic to the region.

"Naming this conference room after PSC gets this initiative underway for us," added David Roedel, brother of Fred and the company's Business Development Officer. "We want the hotel to be connected to the greatness that the North Country exhibits every day. I'm looking forward to starting this process with the college.

"The room will also include historical images from Paul Smith's College in keeping with the legacy of the school, and will serve to remind everyone how important Paul Smith and Paul Smith's College was, and still is, to the region."

"On behalf of our students, staff and administration, I am very happy that this first step has occurred," stated Scott Dalrymple, the college's new president. "The history we had with the hotel lasted 45 years. Now, there's nothing there to indicate our part in its history, but with many thanks to the Roedel family, PSC will have a presence once again. In addition to the historical timeline in the lobby, PSC will have an additional presence in this beautiful hotel. I know our alumni, many of them having worked at the Hotel Saranac, will be very happy to hear this news."

Formal naming and opening events are being considered for the weekend of October 22-23-24 and will involve past PSC students who worked at the Hotel Saranac.



# Meet the Students of Paul Smith's College 2020-2021















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#### A Tribute to Charlie

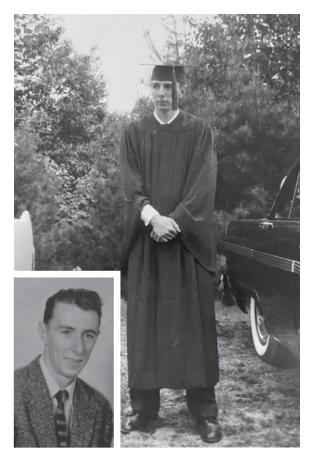
By Christopher English

Owner of the Adirondack Store in Lake Placid & Tupper Lake, paying a tribute to his father, a 1959 Paul Smith's College graduate. His uncle owned Little Joe's Bar in Saranac Lake, which many Smitties frequented.

It's not often you get the opportunity to publicly acknowledge and thank the people and institutions that have played a significant role in your development. Well, I have the pleasure of doing both.

My father came from the rural Vermont town of Woodstock. Commonly known for its wealth and powerful people, Charlie came from a modest family with limited means. He was always taught that hard work, determination, and commitment to family were the true elements that made successful people. He had a normal childhood and grew to love small towns and the great outdoors.

Following his high school graduation, Charlie enlistment in the US Army. After his honorable discharge he decided to embark on his college education. It was no surprise when he enrolled at Paul Smith's College in 1957. He was back in the great outdoors and in a small rural town again. During his two years here, he majored in business which he would put to use in his long career at The Aetna in Hartford. When time allowed, Charlie would be at Black Pond or in the Ausable and Saranac rivers mastering the craft of fly fishing. This became a life long passion which he has passed on to two more generations. He and his colleagues would frequent Lake Placid and the town of Saranac. It was here that he would meet his future wife and my mother, Betty Gladd. The two dated for many years and were married soon after he graduated in 1959. They had two sons, my brother Gary and myself. We would visit the Adirondacks often to see mom's family and stay connected to the area. Eventually we would have



a camp in Bloomingdale right over Normans Ridge. It was then when I learned to love the Adirondacks as much as my parents did.

The High Peaks became a calling that continued to bring us back year after year. My brother Gary became passionate with Fly Fishing as my father did and fished the same areas as dad. He even attended Paul Smith's College following in the footsteps of Charlie. I would find our way back to the Adirondacks year after year and in 2010, I decided with my partner Stephen, to start a business and make this our permanent home.

As I think back on all the things my father has helped me through over the years I realized that it was the influences of many people and experiences that gave him the integrity needed to guide me. My great grandparents Claire and Charles Berry "Mimi & Baba", my grandparents Ruth and Elmer English, my mother Betty and the entire Gladd family as well as Paul Smith's



**LEFT:** Charles on graduation day in 1959, as well as his yearbook photo. He was also a member of The Lamplighters, a popular band on the day.

**ABOVE:** His grandparents in attendance during commencement.

College molded my fathers character. It was all of these influences that gave him the ability to be my source of unconditional love, support and a voice of reason when I was unsteady. He had the ability to channel all of these virtues and provide subtle ways that would inspire people, me being one of them.

Although to many, he is still the modest man who takes pleasure in the simple things like fly fishing and visiting his many grandchildren. But to me he has become a mentor, one I can look to for guidance when I have the need. More importantly, he has taught me the life skills that I could apply and insure my success in business and a life long relationship with Stephen.

So, thank you dad and Paul Smith's College for instilling the life skills that I now possess and will pass on to future generations. I couldn't be where I am without you. Happy anniversary to all alumni.

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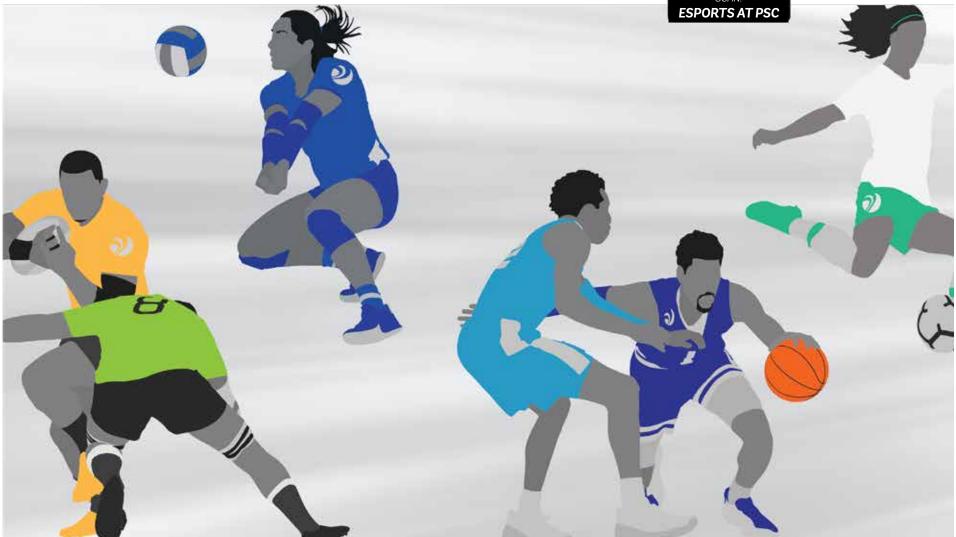
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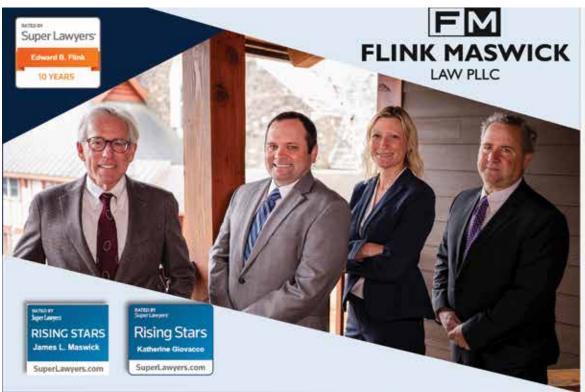


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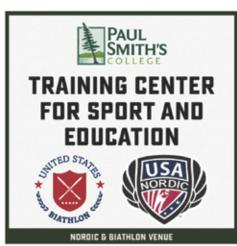


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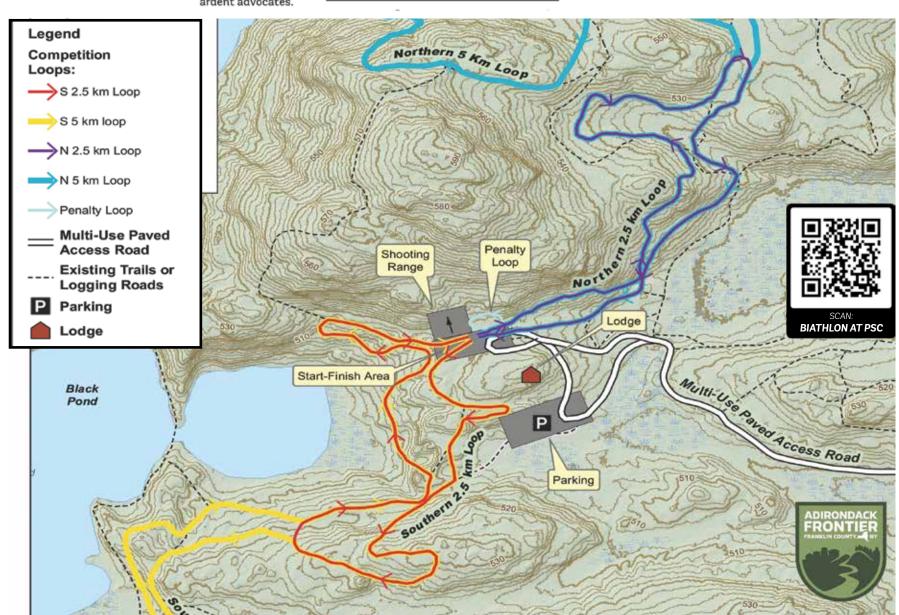
E. Philip Saunders is one of the many successful people that have been attracted to the Adirondack Region. It was commonplace to see Phil's entry into the annual Miler Adirondack Canoe Race and winning his division. he Rochester native's creation and involvement with a litany of businesses is too numerous to list, but at the core of Phil's largesse has been his undying support of Paul Smith's College. Phil's name currently greets thletes and visitors at the Saunders Athletic Complex.

Now his presence will also be found in the Great Adirondack Outdoors as the college's new skiing site will be known as the E. Philip Saunders Nordic and Biathlon Venue. Paul Smith's College remains indebted to Phil, knowing he will always be among PSC's most ardent advocates.



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Her commitment and passion span four generations.
Caroline's father Arthur Draper was instrumental in
the development of Gore and Whiteface mountains.
A former college trustee, her support of the school
mirrors that of her dad who was an ardent proponent
of the Adirondack region. It is in the healthy, outdoor
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skiers enjoy this trail network.



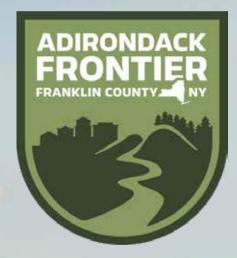


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## 75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

### A Brief History of Sport, As Told By "The Dean of Fun"

By Jim Tucker, Athletic Director

Who could have imagined in 1946 that this fledgling junior college in the Adirondacks would feature an esports team with thirty-plus participants competing against colleges and universities across the nation?

A look back to when Paul Smith's College first opened in the fall of 1946, 46 students tried out for the 15 spots on the men's basketball roster. By 1948, Paul Smith's College was fielding athletic teams in wrestling, baseball, riflery, tennis, hockey skiing, and basketball, all under the leadership of Athletic Director William Hoover. Golf was added to the mix in the spring of 1949. The rifle team was a national powerhouse as early as 1949, placing fourth in a national collegiate match. By the end of the 1940s, eight athletic teams served the student body of just under 200 students at this small, private two-year college on the shore of Lower St. Regis.

When the cheerleading squad was initially formed in November 1949, Ruth Weston was among the three young women who answered the call. Locals will know Ruth as Ruth Woodward who recently enjoyed a family reunion held in her honor, as she is turning 91 years of age this summer.

In 1948, the forestry club, which later housed the woodsmen's team was already featuring a "Spring Outing on Osgood," with events such as a tug-of-war, fire-fighting and spraying contests, axe chopping, log sawing, a baseball game, and plenty of food and drinks.

In November 1950, the college's varsity club selected the Bobcats as the moniker to represent Paul Smith's athletics. From a lengthy review in articles over the next two years, it seems to have taken two years for the Bobcats to catch on in the press.

The basketball team became quite successful early on, and in 1952 the basketball team won the Region XV National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Championships in Lake Placid with an 80-76 overtime win over Nichols Junior College in the Olympic Arena. Glenn Corl was among the five



sophomores on this championship team, and later worked locally in fisheries for NYSDEC.

President Chester Buxton was a staunch supporter of the Paul Smith's College athletic teams. The success of the athletic teams during his lengthy tenure (1948-1975) as president are a testament to his zeal. Merely looking back at the changes and transformation in the athletic facilities during his tenure, one can see the growth and expansion that continues today. He advocated the development of the college ski team soon after he arrived, and the Jenkins Mountain Ski Center was finished in December 1949.

A Quonset hut was built on the campus in the winter of 1947 and was used as gymnasium and recreation center. The basketball and wrestling teams practiced and competed in this Quonset hut, which burned on April 27, 1952.

Buxton Gymnasium was built in 1954-55, and opened in June 1955. What is now called the Saunders Gymnasium was opened in November 1975, and the two gymnasiums are connected via an underground tunnel. Both gymnasiums are in use today for collegiate recreation and athletic competitions, strength and conditioning, as well as high school and age group events.

Outstanding young skiers were actively recruited to attend Paul Smith's College, and within a couple years, Paul Smith's skiers were competitive among the top four year collegiate and open skiers in the nation. In March 1951, Jenkins Mountain was the site of the US Eastern Amateur Ski Association's four-event meet won by Bob Axtell of Paul Smith's College. Axtell won the slalom event's two runs, and placed third in the downhill. Combined with his performance in the ski jumping as well as the cross country event, Axtell won with 371.1 points. Roger Smades, also of PSC placed second with 369.1 points.

The 1952 US Ski Nationals were held at Jenkins Mountain in Paul Smith's, with PSC ski coach Bob "Rainbow" Wright placing third, while Axtell finished fifth in the National Championships. The 1954 US Nordic Combined Team members were selected at Paul Smith's after three weeks of training and competition at the college. The national team was selected to represent the US in the World Championships to be held in Falun, Sweden in February.

The woodsmen's team has been training and competing in the various timber sports events since soon after the college began enrolling students in 1946. The woodsmen's team storage room was in the former Paul Smith's Hotel laundry boiler room built in 1893 located near the current Freer Science Building. The team has been storing their equipment in the basement of the Forestry Club Cabin and training for much of the past 30 plus years in the area surrounding the cabin.

Construction on the Forestry Club Cabin began in 1966, and the building was occupied for the Christmas party on December 16, 1972. The building was officially dedicated on April 14, 1973. The Woodsmen's Team won the annual Spring Meet (the Super Bowl of Collegiate Timbersports) from 1957 – 1965, and nine times since then. It should be noted that until Paul Smith's became a four-year college, the graduates of PSC headed onto four-year schools and competed against Paul Smith's as upperclassmen.

The rifle team won the Championship of Region XV Eastern Junior Colleges Association in 1959, coached by long time mathematics professor Charlie Kirche. The team scored 1,378 out of a possible 1,500 points. Forestry Professor Edmund Woodward became the Rifle Team Coach in 1963.

The golf team was undefeated in 1959...and was coached by William Schwartau. The success of the Bobcats golf team continued with New York State Region III junior college championships in 1960 and 1962. At the 1962 championships, Joe Baker (Tupper Lake, NY) led the team in 1962 with a 78, while freshman Hotel Management student, Gail Purdy of Glens Falls (1961 New York State Women's Amateur Golf Champion) followed with a 79. The crowning golf team title was attained at the 1960 National Junior College Tournament Cup, won by the Bobcats over 15 colleges from 13 states.

Gail Purdy was among several women who were pioneers in Paul Smith's College athletics. Natalie Bombard was the 1950 New York State Champion in both Downhill and Slalom and enrolled at Paul Smith's in the spring 1951, thanks to Dr. Buxton after beginning her collegiate career at St. Lawrence University. Natalie excelled on the slopes and was soon providing instruction in skiing, dancing, swimming, riflery, tumbling etc as a Physical Education instructor. Natalie and Glenn Corl, who was a two-year star on the Bobcats basketball team, were married in 1952.

Darlene Tector was the first women's coach for both volleyball and basketball in 1978. Although the men's soccer team began collegiate play in 1975, the women's program didn't begin until 1986 under the leadership of Coach Emily Richmond who also coached women's basketball. In 1983, Sue Roberts from Colorado played on the men's soccer team. Sue grew up playing on her high school boys team, so playing with the boys wasn't anything new to Roberts.

Hotel and Restaurant Management student Leah MacDonnell, class '70, was the first woman to compete with the Forestry Club Men's Woodsmen's Team. Mary Dooley and Liz Pope, both class of '74, followed in her footsteps when they earned their berths on the men's team for the November 1972 PSC vs. Wanakena (SUNY ESF Ranger School) meet. Dooley captured the coveted Tall Tale contest

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with her tale of Coach Gould Hoyt's fascinating introduction to women entering the Woodsmen's arena.

Early winter 1973, Paul Smith's fielded the first all-women's team, in North America, to compete at McDonald College, near Montreal, Canada. The team competed against the various all male teams and

It has been noted that they did not place last. The all women PSC teams dominated the eastern collegiate circuit early on and continue to post record accomplishments today.

Mary Dooley went on to compete for another 30 years in the sport, championing women and their skills along the way as she captured two overall world championships, five NYS titles and competed six years on the USA Women's Relay vs Australia and New Zealand. Even in retirement she still holds several world records in sawing.

Alvie, class of '63, and Earl, class of '64, Marcellus, timbersport extraordinaires, entered the PSC Woodsmen's arena with hands on timber experience and set the bar for all woodsmen team athletes that followed. They travels with Gould Hoyt to the 1964-65 Flushing Meadows NY World's Fair where they displayed their skills at the Oregon State pavilion. They went on to become Masters in the Sport and inspired three more Marcellus generations to follow suit.

Matt Bush, class of '86, of Croghan, NY, captured numerous accolades on the College circuit while at PSC but came fully into his own when in 2005, he captured the very first world title awarded in timbersports at the STIHL Timbersport World Championships. Bush, during his career, competed against the best international competitors and holds many regional, national and international titles among them STIHL timbersports and ESPN Outdoor Games rankings. His specialties include spring board, hot saw and standing block chop.



Not to be outdone, Jamie Eaton was a standout on the women's basketball team, earning NJCAA All American honors in 1998 under Coach Cheryl Cole's leadership. During Eaton's two seasons, the Bobcats were 43 – 9. The women's basketball team was extremely successful, winning the Northern Independence Conference titles in 1996, 1997, 2000, 2002 and 2003. Coach Bill Johnson followed Coach Cole and he maintained a tradition of excellence. Fab Jones earned first team USCAA All American honors in 2002 and 2003.

Paul Smith's College will be re-introducing collegiate alpine skiing to the athletic offerings. From 1977 to 1991, Paul Smith's College was among the top junior college alpine ski teams in the country, with 24 athletes earning NJCAA All American honors. NJCAA National Ski Team Champions were crowned in 1977, 1981, 1991 and 1992, including the Nordic and Alpine ski teams.

Taylor West is one of the best examples of the 21st century student athlete at Paul Smith's College. Taylor was a standout on the bowling, golf, and then bass fishing team during his four years. Taylor not only bowled a perfect 300 game in 2017, he was on the bowling team that won the Yankee Small College Conference (YSCC) titles 2015 – 2018, and was the individual bowling champion in 2015, team golf titles in 2015, 2016, and 2017. He was the YSCC golf medalist in 2017 to conclude his collegiate golfing career. Taylor also was the New York State Collegiate Bass Fishing Champion in 2017 to cap off his athletic career in three sports.

There are several dozen other stories that should be told, and so many sports have not been included—snowshoeing, marathon canoe team, wrestling, ice hockey, trap shooting, the climbing team, the rugby team, and women's volleyball.

**BELOW:** A small fraction of notable Paul Smith's College performances; bass fishing and Emily DeYoung, both in 2017, and bass fishing in 2015.





## **75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

#### Twenty years of aquatic efforts

By Dr. Dan Kelting Director, Adirondack Watershed Institute

Founded nearly 20 years ago, the Paul Smith's College Adirondack Watershed Institute (AWI) has grown into a nationally recognized program conducting science, stewardship and community outreach activities focused on protecting clean water and promoting healthy watersheds.

AWI science contributed to the recent passage by the New York State legislature of both the Randy Preston Road Salt Reduction Act and improvements to an existing law that protects our waters from invasive species. Through its widely regarded Stewardship Program, AWI provides seasonal employment to over 100 college students every summer to inspect and decontaminate watercraft and educate boaters about invasive species and the steps they can take to ensure their watercraft are clean, drained, and dried.

The Adirondack Lakes Assessment Program (ALAP) managed by AWI is the largest water quality monitoring program in the state. ALAP is supported by a highly trained staff of researchers and technicians who use the latest environmental monitoring technology and instruments to monitor and understand threats to clean water throughout the region.



AWI staff are highly visible externally and actively engaged with stakeholders and participate on external boards, committees, and in meetings to share their science and recommendations to ensure their work is used to inform management and policy decisions around protecting clean water.



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#### The Phelps Smith Society

By Scott van Laer '93 Director, Paul Smith's College VIC

For 75 years, Paul Smith's College has been shaping students into alumni in the Smiths' image. The college was formed with the passions of Smith in mind, focusing on forestry and hotel management, and our alumni bring these attributes to the present by earning their degrees at an institution that bears his name.

With thousands of alumni, it would be remised to not find them running successful restaurants, hotels, and many other businesses across the globe. Among them are Walter "Wally" Ganzi ('63), the co-owner

of the Palm restaurant chain who also Phelps Smith helped to open a training restaurant at the college; Jon Luther ('67), former CEO of the Dunkin' brand and creator of the Lyle Luther Natural Resource Management and Ecology Scholarship; and John Dillon ('58), former chairman and CEO of International Paper as well as namesake of the fully accessible John Dillon Park in Long Lake, NY. These alumni, and others just like them, help to pave the way for the future leaders that are residing here today.

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#### A Look Back

Information and photos provided by Corey Laxson and Neil Surprenant

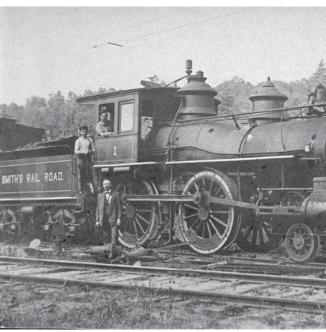
Pictured is the first classroom building at Paul Smith's College, referred colloquially as the "Old Classroom Building." It was located directly across from what is now Freer Science. The building originally served as a steam powered laundry facility for hotel linens.

Prior to its use as an academic building in September of 1946, it was modified with an entryway, a fancy steeple, and renovated to include classrooms and faculty offices. The last classes were held here in the summer of 1968 before moving to the "New Classroom Building", now called Pickett Hall. The old classroom building burned down on January 18th 1969.









**LEFT COLUMN:** The "old" and "new" classroom buildings on the present day Paul Smith's College campus. **RIGHT COLUMN:** Paul Smiths Railroad had both a steam locomotive and later an electric railcar.



## The Paul Smith's College Woodsmen's Team

By Brett McLeod Woodsmen's Coach and Forestry Dept. Chair

The woodsman's team at Paul Smith's College is legendary. For nearly 75 years they've dominated the collegiate circuit, developed professional athletes who've gone all the way from China to Australia setting world records, and have become synonymous with the idea of competitive, professional lumberjack sports for men and women alike.

Pictured at left is Gould Hoyt, founder of the team and whose legacy carries on at the college. In the time since he breathed life into the sport (as well as guided construction of the Forestry Club Cabin), an arena has been establish and already played host to the STIHL Northeast Collegiate Qualifier.





## Paul Smith's Makes History in 2021 by Offering Hybrid Graduate Programs in Natural Resources Conversation

By Eric Holmlund, Ph.D., Director of Graduate Studies

Spread the news: Paul Smith's College has entered the world of graduate education. For 75 years, the college has offered experiential academic programming in Forestry, Hospitality, Culinary Arts and the Environment on its stunning 14,000-acre lakeside campus in New York's Adirondack Park. Generations of students have been drawn to the rugged and remote setting to develop the hands-on skills, problem solving ability, stewardship ethic and broad interdisciplinary perspective that are the well-recognized hallmarks of Smitties everywhere. In 2020, two decades after its historic decision to offer bachelor's programming, the college took another transformational step by initiating its first Master's degree in Natural Resources Conservation. This year, the college has added three Natural Resources Graduate Certificates to its catalog of environmental programs. Current and aspiring professionals in the natural resources are the key audiences for both new programs, which provide convenient and rapid pathways to essential skills and career-enhancing credentials.

The Master's of Natural Resources Conservation program features a carefully designed blend of in-person Adirondack experience with full online accessibility for learners in any location. Paul Smith's graduate students can keep their jobs and learn from home, wherever that might be. The hybrid design features a two-week on-campus Adirondack residency during the first summer, followed by online coursework with two short weekend residencies in later semesters. The 32-credit program is over 90% online and can be completed in as little as one year of full-time coursework or can be extended to a second year for greater flexibility and part time study. The program requires students to select one of three concentrations relevant to their specific career goals: Forest Resource Management, Aquatic Resource Management or Sustainable Communities. This practitioner-oriented model features a



half-year Final Project, designed to incorporate the student's specific career context, opportunities and advancement objectives.

The Graduate Studies faculty and staff team successfully navigated Covid requirements and re-opened the college to the first group of twelve master's students in July 2020, launching a well-rounded two-week summer intensive. The dynamic program included fieldwork, site visits, methods instruction, wildlife observation, canoeing and hiking, guest speakers and extended learning sessions with graduate faculty. This in-person component provided the academic and professional platform for teamwork and learning for the rest of the program, establishing relationships between students and faculty, advisors, community members, and the Adirondack landscape. This summer, as the first group of students refined their final projects, the Graduate Studies program welcomed a second cohort of 21 Master's students hailing from locations across the country. 4-6 more students are set to join the program in August of 2021, as the applications continue to arrive. Interest in graduate education is strong and growing!

New for 2021, the college is offering 12-credit Graduate Certificates in the three Master's program concentration topics: Forest Resource Management, Aquatic Resource Management and Sustainable Communities. Students take 2 courses in both fall and spring semesters and can opt to complete the program in as little as 9 months. Students take all three courses in one topic area and choose a fourth course from either of the other two Certificates, thus



balancing and extending their graduate education. Graduate Certificates are ideal for learners seeking to gain new, targeted content quickly to respond to changing conditions and opportunities in their careers. They also allow students an entry credential into environmental jobs from other disciplines.

Students interested in Paul Smith's College's Master's or Certificate program should know that these credentials are designed to meet the needs of practitioners and so are interdisciplinary and thematic. Lessons, examples, and projects are embedded in the world of practice, allowing students to incorporate course assignments or the master's program final project into a specific context or community relevant to the student. Coursework emphasizes a holistic natural resources management process, including planning, needs assessment, monitoring and evaluation phases.

Does this sound like something you, a family member or a colleague could benefit from? Application deadlines each year for the Master's Program are April 15 for May entrants, July 15 of for August entrants, and December 15 for January entrants. Certificate students start in either August or January. Potential applicants are encouraged to learn more at the Graduate Studies webpage at the following address: http://gradschool.paulsmiths.edu. Please also reach out to Graduate Studies Director Eric Holmlund at gradschool@paulsmiths.edu for a phone or video consultation. Let Paul Smith's new graduate programs introduce you to the Smitty approach to experiential education to advance your career in the environment!

## My Paul Smith's College

By Jim Voorhies '72

Ok, maybe it's not "my" Paul Smith's College; it's Our Paul Smith's College. Please allow me to share a few of my personal stories. It's 1969 and I'm in a study hall hanging out with friends in my senior year at Gates Chili High School in the Rochester NY area. My good friend Jim Rumsey starts talking about PSC. I said "that's the college for me". I applied, was accepted into the Pre-Professional Forestry curriculum and had no need for a campus visit.

I ended up in Dorm 7 now called Hillside. I met lifelong friends, Terry Hausler, Dave "Wolf" Cain, Mike Cole, Craig Miller and Steve Coupal. Steve moved out West but the rest of us still get together several times a year. Having a camp with my brother's family, in the Saranac Lake area, makes it convenient for me to visit campus often. Although I have a history of being involved with the Office of Advancement about 7 years ago while having a beer with the past VP for that group he asked "Jim why aren't you more involved with the College?" He was right and since then I've been with other alumni and friends of the college, fund raising, recruiting new students, and promoting alumni gatherings.

I often wonder when did the college come up with the phrase "It's all about the Experience?" We all know there couldn't be a better motto. It says it all!

#### The Experience

For many of us PSC is a special place. My good friend, Dave Eaton '61, tells his wife, Linda, as they approach the campus "we're home". A previous faculty member who was at PSC for 10 years tells me it was the best years of his life. Steve Frederick, VP for Development & Alumni Relations, tells us "I have never met such dedicated alumni". Every alum I meet, even those who continued their education elsewhere, has rated their PSC experience higher than their other colleges. Is anyone surprised at that? So just what is The PSC Experience? Quoting the college;

Paul Smith's College is a small private four-year college in the breathtaking Adirondacks of upstate New York. We're famous for our extraordinary location and our hands on degree programs in fields such as natural sciences, sustainability, forestry, business, hospitality, recreation and culinary arts-drawing on industries and resources available in our own backyard while preparing students for successful careers anywhere.

More from the college, Carol Murtagh, Assistant to the VP for College Advancement writes; "Today's college-aged students have many options, for some, all



they want is to attend Paul Smith's College. They just seem to know that this is where they are supposed to be. PSC has a way of speaking to some in a way that makes no other alternative acceptable". WOW!

As it was for me as a student in the early 70's The Experience still exists; the extraordinary location, the hands-on teaching, the experienced faculty and other great college employees, the connections,

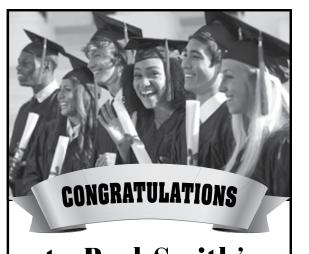
and the memories. Then there's the loyalty. According to the PSC employee directory 46 are PSC alumni. Some Smitties just can't leave the place.

In the introduction to his book "Paul Smith's Adirondack Hotel and College" Neil Surprenant writes;

All throughout the later 1800's the rich and famous of American society made Paul Smiths Hotel their home base for vacations in the Adirondack Mountains. Lydia passed away in 1891 and Paul in 1912. Phelps Smith, their son, assumed control of the operations at the Paul Smiths Hotel after his father's death. With the onset of changes in the American society, including the Great Depression, and a devastating fire the hotel lost its stature. Phelps Smith died in 1937. In his Will he left the bulk of his estate to the founding of the college. Phelps decreed that this institution shall be named "Paul Smith's College of Arts and Sciences" to honor his father. Following World War II, the college opened its doors to students in 1946. And so this year of we celebrate Our Paul Smith's College's 75th Anniversary.

As I mentioned earlier, I've been involved in fund raising with the college. During a fund drive a few years ago I passed along a quote from PSC Trustee Stuart Angert that read "Give a gift you can be proud of". I'm sure Phelps Smith was proud of his decision to create the college and would be extremely proud to see its success. To honor Phelp's bold vision and generous philanthropy, PSC established the Phelps Smith Society. It offers the opportunity and recognition of those who have provided estate gift through bequests, trusts and other planned giving arrangements. I am proud to have joined the giving circle of generous supporters who have made Paul Smith's College a part of their chosen legacy. I encourage you find your Legacy. Learn more about becoming a member of the Phelps Smith Society by contacting:

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## 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

## Paul Smith's College Forestry Department: Training Natural Resource Managers for the Future

By Brett McLeod Forestry Department Chair

Over the last 75 years, the Paul Smith's College Forestry Department has graduated nearly 10,000 foresters and natural resource managers. Now more than ever, these careers are in high demand as climate change, invasive species, habitat fragmentation, and resource consumption collectively call for innovative approaches to natural resource management.



In response to our changing natural world, Paul Smith's College Forestry Department has developed several new programs while retaining the experiential core of a Smitty education. The first new program is a Master of Science in Natural Resource Conservation. This low-residency program offers concentrations in Forest Resource Management, Aquatic Resource Management, and Sustainable

Communities. The program can be completed in as little at 13 months and includes a two-week summer intensive where students learn the field skills to address a variety of natural resource management challenges.

The Forestry Department is also pleased to announce a new Bachelor of Science degree in Disaster Management & Response. Students in this program are able to choose between a "practitioner track" that focuses on response, or an "analysis and planning track" that focuses on disaster prevention and mitigation. The Disaster Management & Response program was an outgrowth of the Wildland Firefighting minor where students earn "Red Card" credentials while learning fire ecology. Many of these students have gone on to fight wildfires in the Western U.S. and Canada.

The student-run Forest Management Crew continues to conduct forest operations (timber/boundary marking, road building, and timber harvesting) across the College's 12,000 acres of forestland. New for 2022 will be a Cabin & Trails Crew that will focus on building and maintaining trails and lean-tos on the College property, including at the newly established Hoyt-Peroni Memorial Forest in Lake Clear, New York.

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## **New Sports** Initiatives at Paul Smith's College

Director of New Sports **Initiatives** 



I was approached by Phil Saunders, chairman emeritus of board of trustees, about a new sports initiatives position at Paul Smith's College. I was immediately intrigued but told him I would only be interested if Lake Placid won the bid to host the 2023 World University Games. Lake Placid won the bid in July 2017, and I accepted the position that Phil and I discussed. I then started my mission of creating sports programs to increase student athlete enrollment. I immediately targeted women and Nordic sports athletes.

Three years ago, PSC did not have a hockey team now we have women's and a men's team comprised of 53 student athletes from 16 states and three countries. It's a nice recruiting tool to say that some of our home games are played in the arena where the USA beat the Russians in the legendary Miracle on Ice game at the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid.

Paul Smith's College has a 14,000-acre campus with a lot of skiable trails. The VIC trails are great but needed improvement to host competitive skiing. Through a generous gift, we created a World Class facility called the E. Philip Saunders Nordic/ Biathlon Venue. This venue will soon include FIS sanctioned trails along with the only biathlon range on a college campus in the USA. Recreational skier to collegiate racers are raving about our new trail system. Our goal is to become one of the top Nordic/biathlon schools in the USA. We are proud to announce that we have agreements in place with both US Nordic and US Biathlon, making PSC an official Sport and Education Training Center, which allows us to use their logos as a valuable recruiting tool. PSC now has over 20 Nordic/biathlon athletes enrolled. An alpine program is set to launch that will hopefully result in bringing 40-50 skiers to campus in September 2022.

In January 2020, we opened the Stewarts Dake Family Esports Lab in Pickett Hall. Along with this state-of the-art gaming lab, PSC has announced



pursuing a gaming curriculum for September 2022 and is now offering a few track courses in September 2021.

In 2020, we launched four new sports when most colleges were eliminating sports on campuses. Trap shooting, alpine skiing, esports, and biathlon join PSC traditional sports programs that include, to name a few, woodsman's, basketball, snowshoeing, and soccer. PSC now offers a variety of 27 different sports.

PSC needs to take advantage of the global exposure that the 2023 World University Games will present. We are working on having a PSC student athlete competing in these games, and we like our chances. The college will be fully engaged with the event from housing workers and volunteers on campus to our Natural Science Department providing a Save Winter Symposium to the 1,800 athletes who are attending from 600 colleges worldwide. We also envision

some great internship and work opportunities for our students.

Our initiatives to increase student athlete enrollment is working. The incoming 2021 fall class (the largest since 2015) has seen a huge increase in Nordic and hockey student athlete enrollment. If you want to go to college in the mountains, we









have the Adirondacks. If you have an interest in recreational sports like canoeing, hiking, or fishing, you have access right out of your dorm room. If you want to compete in a college sport, PSC has 27 options. If you want to pursue a degree in sports marketing at PSC, you'll most likely be doing your internships at the 2023 World University Games in Lake Placid. If sports are your thing, PSC is the place for you!

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## SENATOR DANIEL G. STEC

Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of Paul Smith's College

WHEREAS, The former site of Paul Smith's Hotel, one of the first wilderness resorts in the Adirondacks, built in 1859 by Apollos (Paul) Smith; and

WHEREAS, Phelps Smith, Apollos (Paul) Smith's son, upon his passing in 1937, founded Paul Smith's College through his bequest, also leaving 20,000 acres of land, with the first matriculated class in 1946; and

WHEREAS, Paul Smith's College is noted as a private, experiential institution of higher education offering both two-year and four-year degrees in environmental sciences, forestry, business and hospitality with over 14,000 alumni residing in all 50 states as well as internationally; and

WHEREAS, Paul Smith's College adds \$67 million annually into the regional economy and in addition to offering a graduate guarantee (9 out of 10 graduates are employed within two years of graduation), a unique hands-on experience, affordability through scholarships, traditional and non-traditional athletics and partnering with other local and regional non-profits and businesses; and

WHEREAS, In conjunction with and support of the Northern Forest Center's Attracting New Residents to the Adirondacks: A Strategy for the Adirondack Park and its Communities, Pauls Smith's College seeks to take an active part in introducing young people to the Adirondacks through on-going recruitment and retention efforts;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That I, Daniel G. Stec, New York State Senator for the 45<sup>th</sup> District, join in commemorating the week of July 18 -25, 2021 as:

Paul Smith's College 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in Paul Smith's New York, and encourage citizens to join me in recognizing the history and the many contributions of Paul Smith's College; be it

PROCLAIMED, That a copy of this proclamation be transmitted to Paul Smith's College

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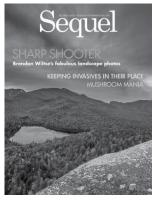
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