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To better acquaint you with the new board members and those who have accepted new positions on the board, here are some brief biographical sketches.

Patte Zumbrun - Chair

Patte is a 1976 graduate of Averett College in Virginia and has been Equestrian Director at Goucher College since 1987. In 1996 she earned an ANRC Level 5 Rider Rating—the highest rating. She has served previously on the ANRC board as Chair and, most recently, as Director-at-Large. Patte also holds a Level III Instructor's Certification from American Riding Instructors Association (ARIA), and is currently the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Zone IV Region I President. Under Patte's direction, Goucher's varsity riding team captured its first IHSA Zone IV Region I title in 2002-03 and secured a third-place finish at the ANRC National Intercollegiate Riding Championship in 2004.

Jon Conyers - Intercollegiate Chair

Jon is an ANRC Level 4 Rated Rider and Recorded Judge and a USEF AR® rated judge in hunters, hunter seat equitation, and jumpers. He is a graduate of St. Andrews Presbyterian College and earned a masters in coaching from the US Sports Academy. Currently, at Sweet Briar College, Jon is coach of the Fall Field Team and Head of the Field Riding Program. For the past 20 years, Jon has coached winning riders from St. Andrews Presbyterian College, the University of Virginia (UVA), Wesleyan College, the Savannah College of Art and Design, and The University of Findlay. In

1992, his UVA team won both the IHSA and ANRC National Championships. Jon currently serves on the IHSA Board of Directors as a Director-at-Large.

Susan Deal - Director-at-Large

Susan Yeaman Deal is an ANRC Level 5 Rated Rider and National Judge. She currently starts young horses and riders using the Forward System of Riding at Grovespring Farm in Culpeper, Virginia, and she takes students hunting and showing in the area. In the past Susan taught at the North Carolina Equestrian Center and directed the riding program at Eagle's Nest Foundation in NC; also, she directed the community riding program and taught at St. Andrews Presbyterian College. Later, she taught and coached IHSA and ANRC teams at Sweet Briar College. Recently, Susan hosted a foxhunting clinic for Rappahannock Hunt Club with Oliver Brown. She won the North American Field Hunter Championships at Glenwood Park in Middleburg on October 2, 2005.

Laura Underhill Norment - Director-at-Large

Laura is the Event Management Director and a faculty member of the Equine Studies Department at St Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, NC. She has been involved in the college riding world since 1995 through positions at St Andrews, Goucher College, and the University of Virginia. She is a graduate of both UNC Chapel Hill and East Carolina University. She is an ANRC Level 4 Rated Rider, working towards a Level 5. She is an ANRC Recorded Judge and a local horse show judge and is currently working to complete USEF Learner Judge requirements.

Susan Sjolund - Director-at-Large

Susan grew up riding and training in the northeastern United States. After a successful junior career, she moved to Virginia where she began her involvement with the ANRC as an instructor at Sweet Briar College. She is an ANRC Level 4 Rated Rider and Recorded Judge and has served previously on the ANRC board. Currently, as a clinician and trainer, she uses the forward riding system to educate horses and riders. Susan also served as president and board member of the Southwestern Virginia Hunter Jumper Association (SWVHJA), and holds a USEF "r" judge's card. She lives with her husband, Karl, and their twin daughters, Hannah and Berkley, in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Andrea Wells - Director-at-Large

Andrea is new to ANRC. She has been Director of Equestrian Center for Centenary College for the past 8 years and Instructor of Equine there since 1995. She is Head Coach for the IHSA team and winner of the Regional Coach of the Year award for 10 consecutive years. Andrea formerly ran her own business as a trainer and rider. She is a USEF "R" Judge in hunters, jumpers, and hunt seat equitation and has judged such horse shows as Los Angeles National, West Coast Medal Finals, Colorado Summer Circuit-World Hunter Rider Week, HITS at Saugerties, and Toronto Fall Tournament of Champions.

Merrilee Mimi Wroten - Advisory Member

Mimi is a riding instructor at Sweet Briar College. She graduated from Sweet Briar in 1993, then taught and rode professionally in New Jersey before returning to her alma mater. She is an ANRC Level 5 Rated Rider and Recorded Judge and is also licensed as a USEF AR judge in hunters, jumpers, and hunt seat equitation. Mimi enjoys teaching and training riders of all levels and coaches Sweet Briar teams successfully at both home and away competitions. She also competes in recognized horse shows, including Keswick (VA), Upperville (VA), Deep Run (VA), Lexington (VA), Raleigh (NC), and Sedgfield (NC).

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Calendar of Events

Articles of Interest

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2005 Nationals Results

Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD) of Georgia won the hunter seat equitation phase to clinch the team title at the 28th ANRC National Intercollegiate Equitation Championship on April 16 and 17 at Sweet Briar College. SCAD junior Jordan Siegel was the individual champion for the second time in her college career. Siegel was joined this year by teammates Ashley Kelly and Hattie Saltonstall.

SCAD riders edged out the second place Sweet Briar team by less than three points in close competition. The University of Virginia was third by only 0.06 points. UVA rider Whitney Roper finished second to Siegel by only one-fifth of a point, and Sweet Briar's Erin Gibbs was third.

The ANRC National Championship is a USEF-sanctioned event, judged on equitation. It showcases the American forward riding system and the sport horse, rewarding diversified skills in a three-phase competition. Competitors complete a dressage sportif ride, an outdoor hunter trials course and a USEF Medal-type hunter seat equitation course. Riders ride the same horse throughout the competition. They also sit for a written test on riding theory and equine science. This year the competition allowed teams of three riders rather than four, with one score being dropped.

This year, for the first time, the ANRC Nationals presented a Sportsmanship Award, won by Krista Steinmetz from Purdue University. Krista came to the championships alone—no team, no coach—and scored 97 percent on the written test, setting a new record.

Twelve schools sent teams of riders. California Poly Pomona, Delaware Valley, and Purdue came to the national competition for the first time.. Kip Rosenthal of Brewster, NY, and Rita Timpanaro of Smithtown, NY, judged the riding phases.

For complete competition results, visit the website www.anrc.org.

New Rider Ratings

Congratulations to Alisa Berry and Jennifer Fessler, who earned Level 4 Ratings (the second highest rating) at the Sweet Briar Rating Center in May. Lisa Hammerschmidt and Angela MacFawn earned Qualifying Rider titles.

The following riders received Level 3 Ratings from their scores at the 2005 Nationals: Erin Gibbs, Morgan Graber, Maisy Grassie, Erika Jewell, Sam Miller, Katherine Parnell, and Lauren Richardson.

At St. Andrews Rating Center in April, Nikki Heath and Almiya Ammons received Level One Ratings.

Nationals in 2006 and 2007

The ANRC National Intercollegiate Championship in 2006 will be held on April 22 and 23 at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, NC. Patty Hueckeroth and Carol Hoffman will officiate. For more information, contact Peggy McElveen at 910-277-5467 or mcelveen@sapc.edu.

In 2007, Nationals will be held at a new location, Centenary College in Hackettstown, NJ. For more information, contact Andrea Wells, awells53@sprynet.com. Centenary has competed in Nationals for the past several years.

Other upcoming ANRC events:

October 23 - Equitrial at St. Andrews Presbyterian College. For information, contact Peggy McElveen at mcelveen@sapc.edu.

October 30 - Equitrial at Sweet Briar College. For information, contact: Shelby French at (434)381-6347 or sfrench@sbc.edu.

April 14, 2006 - Equitrial at Sweet Briar College. Contact Shelby French at (434)381-6347 or sfrench@sbc.edu.

May 26, 2005 - Rating Center at Sweet Briar College. Contact Shelby French at (434)381-6347 or sfrench@sbc.edu.

See the December issue of Practical Horseman for Pam Whitfield's article on ANRC.

The ANRC DVDs *The American System of Forward Riding* produced by Shelby French and Scot Evans and Paul Cronin's new book *Schooling and Riding the Sport Horse* can be ordered via the ANRC website: www.anrc.org. The DVDs provide a systematic approach to riding, training, and

teaching. Each volume contains two 50-minute DVDs and an accompanying workbook.