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The first hack site for introduction of peregrine falcon into Shenandoah NP was operated, on the summit of Hawksbill mountain. (A move is afoot now to rename the peak Falconsbill.) It's not a misprint when you read that "8 of the 7 birds were successfully introduced to the wilds." It seems that a young falcon from a hack site 50 km away in the George Washington NF came to visit and decided to stay. (Showing good taste, we think.)

Plans are underway to expand the program to three hack sites, in a three year effort with the Peregrine Fund to establish breeding populations within the birds' previous range in the Appalachians.

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An interagency workshop was held February 6 at Shenandoah NP to discuss protection of the Shenandoah salamander – an endangered species facing threats from alien gypsy moth infestations. An article on this will be forthcoming.

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On May 10 and 11, Shenandoah NP will hold its 13th biannual research and resource management symposium. Theme of this year's event is Partners in Preservation, reflecting the park's emphasis on cooperative land use planning and resource protection efforts with the private sector. Elizabeth Haskell, Virginia's secretary for natural resources, will be banquet speaker; 12 papers will describe research and monitoring projects completed in the last two years



Stephen W. Hiner, (left) lab specialist, and **J. Reese Voshell Jr.**, associate professor with Virginia Tech's entomology department, hold the awards presented them recently by David A. Haskell, chief of Shenandoah NP's division of natural resources and science. The two, honored for "outstanding service in protecting the resources of the park," developed a monitoring system for park streams.