

Measuring Performance

My message this issue has both good news and bad news. First, the bad news. As we were going to press with the newsletter, we received news that Lee Kuhn had died at his home on 30 May of congestive heart failure (see the obituary elsewhere in the newsletter). Lee's contributions to the department are too numerous to cover in the space of this article, or indeed in the space that remains in this issue. Lee touched many people in his career as a professor in the department and maintained contact over the years with a remarkable number of you. We will dedicate the Winter 2002-2003 issue to Lee, and we need your help. Please send us your memories of the times you shared with Lee so we can include them in the next issue.

Good news? Over the past few months the College of Agricultural Sciences has begun a strategic planning effort to align the goals, programs, and objectives of its various units with those of the College and University. At the same time OSU has begun a strategic planning effort called OSU 2007—the date it will be fully implemented. One of the purposes of these planning efforts is to realign the College and University by directing resources to programs that meet the needs of students and the citizens of Oregon, and that provide a good return on the College's and



University's investment. One component of this realignment is a regular assessment of each unit's productivity relative to its mission and goals. Many of my department head colleagues in the College recognize that a regular assessment that is shared among departments is likely to result in greater collaboration and synergism among units. I currently serve on a College issue group that is charged with developing and recommending metrics that can be used to benchmark and monitor a unit's productivity over time.

So, how might productivity be measured and how is your department doing? Many of the metrics we have identified are the typical ones that you might expect from an academic and research unit, and we compare very favorably with other departments. In

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fact, we look so good with respect to some of the metrics that it is hard to imagine that we could show much in the way of substantial increases over time without additional investments from the College (which, of course, is the point). Some of the metrics that will be used have been the subject of my ramblings in previous New and Views.

We offer a high-quality, compelling, learning experience, resulting in academic programs that are in high demand. Our undergraduate enrollment and student-credit-hour values are high, especially when expressed as a proportion of university general FTE (full-time equivalent instructors). We are the largest graduate program in the College and the fourth or fifth largest in the University. Our graduates, especially those with graduate degrees, are in high demand, and many of our undergraduates go on for advanced degrees.

Our record of accomplishments in research and scholarship is outstanding! Much of our research and scholarship focuses on questions related to the sustainable use of natural resources—a key issue now and into the future. From the standpoint of

grants and contracts, we are consistently in the top three departments at OSU, accounting for nearly a quarter of the research dollars in the entire College. This metric is particularly impressive when expressed as a proportion of our research FTE. Our faculty have a high publication rate in top-tier scientific journals and many serve on state, regional, and national boards and panels.

These are just some of the ways that the College might measure performance in the future. I have been making a concerted effort to collect this information into a biennial report that can be used to tell our story and develop additional support. Our first report should be ready by late June or early July. If you would like to be placed on the mailing list for this report, let me know. I would be pleased to send you one.

— Dan Edge

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Department of Fisheries and Wildlife

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Mission— Faculty and students in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife study fish and wildlife at all levels of biological organization. Our goals are to acquire, integrate, and disseminate knowledge about these resources and the ecosystems that support them to provide people with the knowledge they need to make wise decisions on issues of conservation, sustainable use, and restoration of our biological resources and ecosystems. We accomplish these goals through a combination of undergraduate and graduate teaching, scholarly research, extension education, and public outreach.

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Registry of Distinguished Graduates

A committee chaired by Rebecca Goggans considered nominations from faculty and alumni and added the following four names to the Registry of Distinguished Graduates in June 2002:

Dr. Howard Horton

M.S. 1955 Oregon State College, Fish and Game Management

Ph.D. 1963 Oregon State University, Fisheries Science

Dr. Horton has had a career of sustained accomplishment for more than 40 years, beginning with his appointment as Instructor in Fisheries at Oregon State College in 1958 and continuing to the present. Howard became full Professor in 1969. Over his career, he taught a large fraction of all the fisheries courses offered in the Department, toward the end concentrating on those relating to commercial fisheries. Students were enthusiastic in praise of his teaching and he received recognition for outstanding teaching from the School of Agriculture. He supervised the research work of many graduate students, a large number of whom now hold responsible positions in academic institutions and management agencies in the U.S. and foreign countries.

Throughout his career Howard skillfully carried out a number of other roles, including 2 years as an Assistant Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station and 7 years as a pioneering Leader of the Marine Extension Agents in the Sea Grant Program. Howard retired from the University in 1989, but has continued to be active as an Emeritus Professor.

Howard has also made numerous contributions to state and federal agencies. Perhaps one of his most significant, and most demanding roles has been as Technical Advisor to the U.S. District Court, dealing with fishery management issues related to the implementation of decisions under U.S. vs. Washington and U.S. vs. Oregon on the Columbia

River and in Puget Sound. Howard has logged countless miles on I-5 on this assignment, which he has held since 1982. At age 75, he shows no sign of slowing down.

Howard was a major force in the founding of the Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society and served as its first president in 1963. The Chapter recognized him with its highest award, Fishery Worker of the Year, in 1998. Howard also served as president of Pacific Fishery Biologists and as District and Regional Director for the American Institute of Fishery Research Biologists.

Dr. Evelyn Bull

M.S. 1975 OSU Wildlife Science

Ph.D. 1980 University of Idaho

Dr. Bull came to OSU in 1973 highly recommended by colleagues at the University of Wisconsin. Evie chose to work on a non-game species, the Pileated Woodpecker. She gained the support of the USDA Forest Service, and the encouragement of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and conducted her work on Starkey Experimental Forest near LaGrande. Evie continued to focus on cavity excavators in the LaGrande area for her Ph.D. research at the University of Idaho.

Evie has been employed by the USDA Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Research Station, at the Forest and Range Sciences Laboratory in LaGrande since completion of her degree program. Her research in eastern Oregon has spanned a wide spectrum of species including Great Grey Owl, Vaux's Swift, American marten, black bear, and tailed frog to name a few. In each case she has been able to unravel the natural history of little-understood wildlife and draw attention to the impacts of land management practices on these species.

Evie has been active in The Wildlife Society and has served as President of the Oregon Chapter. As

a highly respected research scientist, she serves as a strong role model for aspiring wildlife biologists.

Dr. John Hayes

B.S. 1978 Oregon State University, Wildlife Science
M.S. 1983 Southern Oregon State College, Biology
Ph.D. 1990 Cornell University, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

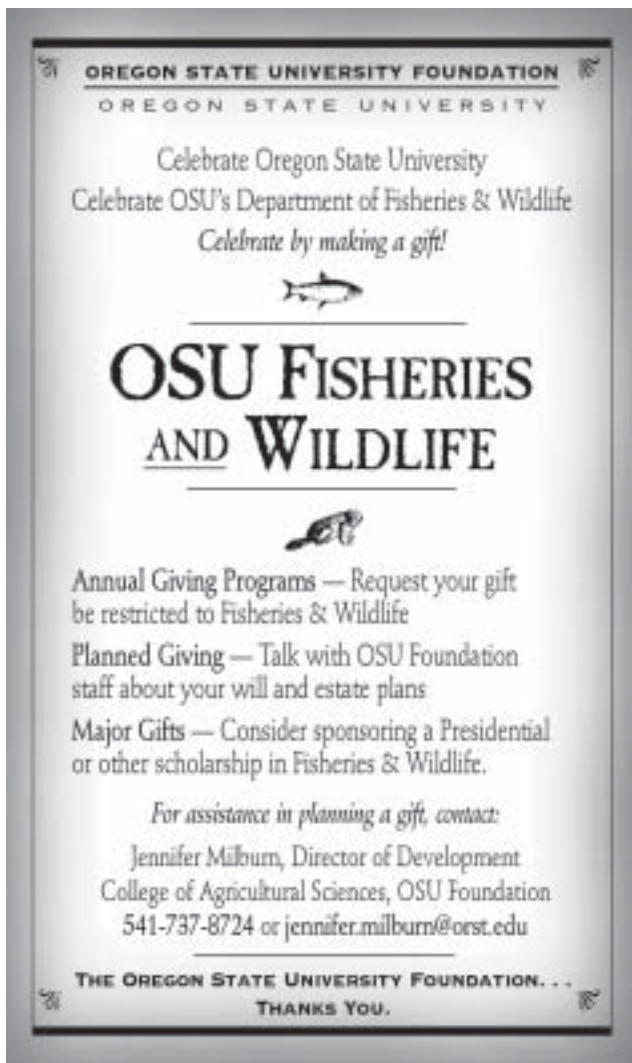
Dr. John Hayes graduated from the Department in 1978 with a B.S. in Wildlife Science. He continued his academic path with an M.S. from Southern Oregon State College and a Ph.D. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from Cornell University in 1990. John has held several academic and non-academic appointments over the past 24 years and currently serves as an Associate Professor in the

Department of Forest Science at OSU and Adjunct Faculty to our Department. John is also the Program Coordinator for the Cooperative Forest Ecosystem Research program, has an active and productive research program, and regularly teaches a diverse array of courses for graduate and undergraduate students. John serves as regular reviewer for seven journals and serves on the editorial staff for the journals *Forest Science*, *Wildlife Society Bulletin*, and *Wildlife Monographs*. John received the OSU Department of Forest Science Graduate Students Award to Outstanding Faculty in 2001, the OSU College of Forestry Dean's Award for Outstanding Achievement in 2000, and the Xi Sigma Pi Julie E. Kleiwer Excellence in Mentoring Award in 1997.

Dr. Marcia Hammerquist-Wilson

M.S. OSU Wildlife Science 1978
Ph.D. OSU Wildlife Science 1984

Dr. Wilson was the first woman in our Department to earn a Ph.D. in Wildlife. Marcia came to OSU in 1976 and received a Welder Wildlife Foundation Scholarship to address the impacts of certain land management practices on Northern Bobwhite populations in Texas. Subsequently, the Foundation solicited a proposal to work on the ecological separation of Northern Bobwhites and Scaled Quail across South Texas. After leaving OSU, Marcia worked for a number of years as the Wildlife Biologist for the Charles Darwin Research Institute on the Galapagos Islands. She then joined the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, where she was the Project Leader for the recovery program for the Puerto Rican Parrot. After eight years, she moved to become Assistant Director for Migratory Bird Research for the Fish and Wildlife Service at Patuxent, Maryland. Several years ago, she decided to slightly change her direction and share the vast knowledge that she has accumulated by becoming a teacher.



Katie Dugger

With her quantitative skills, Katie hopes to make a strong contribution to the Department.



I am very excited to be joining the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at Oregon State University. Settling here in the beautiful Willamette Valley brings me almost full circle since leaving my hometown of Milpitas, California in the eastern San Francisco Bay Area nearly 20 years ago. I received a B.S. in Fisheries and Wildlife from the University of California, Davis, where I met and subsequently married my husband Bruce. After marrying, Bruce and I moved to Missouri, where we both received our M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Wildlife from the University of Missouri, Columbia. I started off working on the population ecology of waterfowl (wood ducks and hooded mergansers), but expanded my avian experience when I chose to do my Ph.D. research on a Federally Listed Endangered Species that is closely tied to big river ecosystems. I studied the foraging and reproductive ecology of the Interior Least Tern nesting on the Mississippi River. I was also fortunate enough during graduate school to become involved in a long-term banding study that sought to estimate survival rates of forest birds in Puerto Rico using rainfall correlates. Since finishing my degree, I have continued my association with this Puerto Rico project, and I have also worked on a variety of other small projects involving a wide range of ecology and management issues with a variety of bird species throughout Florida and southern Illinois. However, I always seem to come back around to my true love, avian population

ecology, so I am very excited to be here at OSU working as a post-doc for Bob Anthony on the population demographics of the Northern Spotted Owl in southern Oregon. I have also recently become involved in a long-term project investigating the changing demographics of Adélie Penguin populations in the Ross Island area of Antarctica, and I hope to spend a couple weeks banding penguins next winter.

Although I have worked on a variety of bird species and ecosystems, my primary research interests focus on avian population dynamics as a key element in the conservation and management of avian species and their ecosystems. I am particularly interested in the effect of abiotic factors (climate, flooding, etc.) on avian survival and reproductive rates, and the changes in demographic parameters that may result from long-term climate changes or anthropogenic landscape influences. To that end, I hope to continue my population demographics research in Puerto Rico and the Antarctic, as well as beginning new and interesting projects here in Oregon. I would like to make a strong contribution to the Fisheries and Wildlife Department and I hope my quantitative skills, my broad experience with avian species, both game and endangered, and my willingness to take on new challenges will help me be an asset to this strong department. I feel fortunate to have so many new and exciting opportunities and look

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forward to working with my new colleagues here at Oregon State University.

When I'm not working, I enjoy a variety of outdoor activities, most of which include my four dogs. In particular, I enjoy fishing, gardening, bird hunting with my retrievers, dog training and showing, and I'm an avid knitter and spinner. Since the Pacific Northwest seems to be home to a wide range of fiber-producing animals, I'm in total heaven and we're about to add a new Angora bunny to the household this spring (much to Bruce's chagrin). We're so thrilled to be living in such a beautiful place with the mountains and the ocean just out the back door. For the first time in many years we're looking forward to summer!



A Puerto Rican Tody, just caught in a mist net, is about to receive a size 0 leg band from Katie.

Crawford Receives The Wildlife Society Award

John Crawford, who retired effective December 31, was awarded The Wildlife Society Award by the Oregon Chapter of The Wildlife Society at the annual meeting February 2002. The award recognizes an individual for outstanding contributions and accomplishments in wildlife research, management, education, law enforcement, or public service. Individuals are acknowledged for promoting the advancement of science, the principles of ecology, and the goals of The Wildlife Society by advocating sound wildlife stewardship. Nominee's actions must have resulted in significant contributions in the conservation and increased long-term security of wildlife populations, wildlife habitats, and natural resource values within the State of Oregon.

During John's 27-year career he has made significant contributions to our knowledge base of population and habitat ecology of Galliformes in Oregon, resulting in improved management and stewardship of these resources. The Game Bird Research Program that John founded has an international reputation of excellence. John trained many outstanding graduates students and

provided employment and experiential learning opportunities for a host of undergraduates. The Game Bird Research Program had an important outreach component as well, conducting annual training sessions for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and field days for state and federal employees and private citizens. John served as the President of the Oregon Chapter of TWS and as Associate Editor for *The Journal of Wildlife Management* and *Journal of Range Management*.



The Robinsons

Doug

Doug got an early start on his career as an ornithologist



Tara

It was written in the stars—Tara was destined to arrive at OSU

I have the mutation: the gene that fires in some small fraction of 8- to 10-year-old males and causes them to become obsessed with feathered creatures. My first memories of this disease were of finding a Red-bellied Woodpecker excavating a nest in a tree outside my parents' home in southern Illinois and declaring that I would write a book on the event. Shortly thereafter I decided I needed to become an ornithologist [sic]. After reading field guides and other bird books every waking moment through junior high school, and realizing that people who study birds for a living are really properly called ornithologists, I was so hooked on birds that there was no point in even tempting me with the standard adolescent male distractions of sports and girls. I learned all the birds of southern Illinois by every sound they made, including burps and farts. Once I got some wheels in high school, my world expanded to include other geographic areas and my passion for birds exploded.

Dr. George Waring, the father of my childhood best friend, was a professor at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. He encouraged me so much that I decided to stay at SIU-C for both my Bachelor's and Master's degrees. Dr. Waring served as my advisor during my Master's days there, where I studied the reproductive behavior of Louisiana Waterthrushes. During that work, I

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When I was a graduate student at the University of Illinois, my little red Honda bore a license plate that began with the letters "OSU." My boyfriend at the time told me it must be an omen, "You'll end up at Oregon State University someday," he said. That boyfriend is now my husband of nearly nine years, the Honda is eleven years old and still going strong, and I, along with my husband, am joining the faculty of OSU.

My journey to Oregon has taken a long and circuitous route. I was born in Louisiana and graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi with a degree in Nursing in 1985. I practiced critical care nursing for five years; the majority of my experience was in surgery, where I worked as a circulating nurse in neurosurgery. I watched one patient after another arrive in the surgery suite after sudden trauma or illness had changed all their future plans. I kept thinking, "Life is short." Deep in my heart I knew there was something else I really wanted to do: study birds.

A trip to Costa Rica in the spring of 1990 changed everything about my life. I left my job as a nurse and worked for six months as a naturalist educating tourists about rainforest ecology. After I returned to the U.S. I took the GRE and started applying to grad schools. I arrived in Illinois in

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noticed that many of the nests I found contained eggs of Brown-headed Cowbirds, which are brood parasites and extremely abundant in southern Illinois. About the time I was doing my Master's thesis work, Dr. Scott Robinson had arrived at the Illinois Natural History Survey in Champaign, Illinois. He began studying effects of cowbirds on the reproductive success of Neotropical migrant birds. We met in southern Illinois once by chance and really hit it off, talking for hours about cowbirds and songbirds. That meeting led me to do my Ph.D. research with him at the University of Illinois. After a couple of interesting, but failed attempts at Ph.D. projects in Illinois, Scott got funding with a colleague, Jeff Brawn, to do some work on tropical bird community structure. Being a wise young student, I did not turn down the chance to study birds in Panama.

After living in Panama for several years and studying a bird community that contained more than 250 species in only 100 ha, I returned to the states to fledge and seek my own academic position. Before defending my thesis, I was invited for an interview at Auburn University in Alabama and accepted that job. There I learned how to develop projects that meet natural resource management needs and build partnerships across governmental and non-governmental interest groups. I still maintain an active interest in the work in Panama because so little is known about tropical bird communities. My current interests there are to understand how forest fragmentation changes the species richness of communities by affecting the behaviors of birds, including their dispersal tendencies and their choices of particular habitat microclimates that may disappear in fragments. I am excited about potentially extending these same kinds of studies to habitats in eastern Oregon.

Now, I would not want to leave one with the impression that I have been a complete bird geek my whole life. I have now grown to appreciate both sports and girls. I enjoy basketball and

football, so I am looking forward to seeing some great Pac-10 games. And, along the way a very wonderful woman, Dr. Tara Robinson, who likes birds almost as much as I do, decided that she wanted to keep me around for a while. I am very thankful for that. She will also join the faculty in our Department here at OSU.

Doug arrived July 1 and fills the vacancy created when John Crawford retired. He is an on a tenure-track appointment as our arid lands ecologist. Doug's expertise is in avian community dynamics and he will teach three classes for the department.

New Department Website Unveiled

Earlier this spring the Department's website underwent a major redesign that we are quite pleased about. In addition to an attractive new look, our site now features an improved layout and advanced search capabilities. We have also added a section for our alumni. The alumni page currently offers three services. We offer a form you can use to send us a contribution to the From the Mailbag section of News and Views. It is quick and easy and does not require a stamp. The second service we offer on the alumni page is a way you can subscribe automatically to our alumni list-serve. The most common use of this service is for us to send you announcements and other news items. However, this service can also be used to post questions or comments to everyone else on the list. We also offer an easy link to the OSU Foundation if you are in the mood to make a contribution to the Department. This page identifies several scholarships we are currently seeking support for. Be sure to check the "Other" box in Section B and specify the name of the program you wish to donate to. Finally, our alumni page also provides information on the Registry of Distinguished Graduates.

Check us out at <http://fw.oregonstate.edu/>.

Have another idea?

If you have an idea of another service or section you would like to see on the alumni page, please try out the From the Mailbag contribution form and send us your thoughts. Or, you can send them directly to daniel.edge@orst.edu. As always, we look forward to hearing from you.

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1991 to begin Ph.D. studies in the lab of Scott Robinson. As fate would have it, I met another grad student there, Douglas Robinson, and wooed him with white-chocolate-chip cookies until he agreed to follow me back to the tropics, this time to Panama, to collect data for our respective dissertations (Scott's funding was a happy coincidence).

I spent three and half years in Panama studying the evolution of group-living in a tropical wren, the Song Wren. My interest in Song Wrens stemmed from the observation that male offspring remain on their natal territories for many months after gaining foraging independence. Females disperse frequently as breeders, allowing a male and his father to share the territory with a female that is unrelated to either of them. My current work is focused on examining the genetic consequences of this living arrangement.

I began post-doctoral training at the University of Miami with Colin Hughes shortly before I graduated from the University of Illinois in 2000. I learned to develop and use microsatellite markers for the assignment of paternity, markers I am now applying to genetic questions in both Song Wrens and Northern Mockingbirds. I landed a postdoctoral teaching fellowship at Auburn University where I taught Genetics and most recently, a molecular lab techniques course (Recombinant DNA and Gene Expression). I look forward to developing research projects in Oregon that combine my interests in behavior and genetics with an emphasis on conservation-oriented questions.

When I'm not working, I enjoy spending time with my husband, hiking, birding, and playing with our dog, Natchez.

Tara will have a 2-year term appointment to teach at least one course and to develop her research interests related to genetics and behavioral ecology. She will also develop a proposal for a new innovative teaching curriculum.

Department's Willamette River Program Recognized

The Pacific Northwest Ecosystem Research Consortium received the 2001 James and Mildred Oldfield/E. R. Jackman Team Award from the College of Agricultural Sciences. The Research Consortium is an EPA-funded program consisting of 34 scientists from Oregon State University, University of Oregon, University of Washington, and EPA. Team members from the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife include Consortium co-leader Stan Gregory, along with Peter Bayley, Judy Li, Linda Ashkenas, Randy Wildman, Kelly Wildman, Alan Herlihy, and Dixon Landers.

The primary goal of the Consortium's research was to characterize and evaluate trajectories of landscape change, including plausible alternative futures, by addressing four basic questions:

- 1) How have people altered the land, water, and biotic resources of the Willamette Basin over the past 150 years since EuroAmerican settlement?
- 2) How might human activities alter Willamette Basin landscapes over the next 50 years, considering a range of plausible management and policy options?
- 3) What are the expected ecological and socio-economic consequences of these long-term landscape changes?
- 4) What types of management actions are likely to have the greatest effect?

The culmination of their 5-year effort, *Willamette River Basin Planning Atlas: Trajectories of Environmental and Ecological Change*, has just been published by the OSU Press. The Atlas offers a valuable resource for anyone interested in the region's past, present, and future. Using a variety of color maps, charts, and photographs, the Atlas presents a vast amount of information intended to provide a long-term, large-scale view of past and potential future changes in human and natural systems within the basin.

The Consortium's research represents an approach to bring credible scientific information to decision makers and the public and anticipate possible future conditions for our communities and their resources. It links reconstruction of historical conditions with assessment of current conditions to build a framework for evaluating our future and for prioritizing and designing river restoration strategies.

Scholarship Recipients 2001-2002

Alan M. Catterson, Kaylea M. Foster, Samantha J. Horner, Colleen E. Pallari, and Nancy Raskauskas—OSU Foundation Henry E. Mastin Memorial Scholarships, five \$1,200 awards; restricted to Freshmen entering the Department of Fisheries & Wildlife and based on scholastic ability; awarded since 1989.

D. Jess Jordan and Toby J. Carlson—Southern Oregon Fly Fishers Scholarship, \$1,000 each; restricted to Juniors and Seniors majoring in Fisheries and Wildlife; preference to those with field experience; selection based on scholarship and need; awarded since 1995.

Joseph P. Sands—OSU Foundation Roland E. Dimick Memorial Scholarship, \$2,000; restricted to Sophomores in the Department of Fisheries & Wildlife who have been in the Department for at least 3 terms; based on Freshman performance; awarded since 1980.

Kaylea M. Foster and Christopher J. Rombough—OSU Foundation William Q. Wick Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000 each; to benefit students working toward an undergraduate degree in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife; preference to Oregon high school graduates; awarded since 1993.

Charles S. Borrego—Austin Hamer Scholarship, \$1,000; to benefit wildlife students with GPAs of 2.5-3.0 showing strong leadership potential and financial need; awarded since 1995.

Laura K. Osinga—Multnomah Anglers & Hunters Club Chan Schenck Conservation Scholarship, \$800; restricted to Juniors or Seniors in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife; awarded since 1942.

Jonathan D. Baldwin—Multnomah Anglers & Hunters Club Bill Schaffer Memorial Scholarship, \$800; restricted to Sophomores in the Department of Fisheries & Wildlife and based on Freshman year performance; awarded since 1942.

Russell B. Langshaw—Oregon Council Federation of Fly Fishers Scholarship, \$1,500; to a graduate student researching native fishes; awarded since 1992.

Bryce A. Macnab—E.R. Jackman Foundation Vivian Schriver Thompson Scholarship, \$2,500; to benefit qualified and needy wildlife students in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife; restricted to Oregon residents; awarded since 1995.

Chantel V. Jimenez and Jason A. Robinson—OSU Foundation Bob and Phyllis Mace Watchable Wildlife Scholarship, \$1,500 each; to benefit qualified and needy students working toward an undergraduate degree in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife; preference to Oregon high school graduates; awarded since 1994.

David E. Rudio—OSU Foundation Thomas G. Scott Achievement Award: Graduate Fellowship, \$750; to recognize research potential in M.S. students; awarded since 1993.

David L. Waldien—OSU Foundation Thomas G. Scott Achievement Award: Graduate Fellowship, \$750; to recognize research potential in Ph.D. students; awarded since 1993.

Adam R. Schwindt—Hugo Krueger Graduate Research Award in Fish Physiology, \$1,500; awarded to a graduate student performing research on fish physiology; awarded since 1986.

Roberta Swift—Coombs-Simpson Memorial Scholarship, \$500; awarded to a female graduate student with personal and professional qualities that exemplify the role-model characteristics of Candia Coombs and Gay Simpson, alumnae of the Department. The recipient is nominated by her peers; awarded since 1995.

Ted D. Hart—H. Richard Carlson Memorial Scholarship, \$900; awarded to a graduate student working in the area of marine fisheries; awarded since 2000.

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Course Title		Terms Offered*
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FW 303	Survey of GIS in Natural Resources	F, W, Sp, Su
FW 311	Biology of Birds	F, Sp
FW 323	Management Principles of Pacific Salmon in the NW	F, Sp, Su
FW 340	Multicultural Perspectives in Natural Resources	F, W
FW 446	Wildland Fire Ecology New!	F
FW 435/535	Wildlife in Agricultural Ecosystems	W, Su
FW 470/570	Ecology & History: Landscapes of the Columbia Basin	Sp

*Term availability is noted as follows: F=Fall 02, W=Winter 03, Sp=Spring 03, Su=Summer 03.

“I would definitely recommend this method of learning for other busy career professionals as a way to stay current with issues and to gain a broader depth of understanding.”

Gayle Norman
Natural Resources Conservation Service



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Fish and Wildlife Club garners "Club of the Year" Recognition

The Fish and Wildlife Club has been especially active and effective during the 2001-2002 academic year. As a result, it was named by the College of Agricultural Sciences as the Club of the Year in the College. By the end of this academic school year, the FW Club will have hosted 24 events and 11 club meetings, 8 of which had speakers. Through these events, the FW Club has fostered relationships between students, faculty, and resource professionals, and the 60 Club members have gained a new perspective on the fish and wildlife field. Not only did members have fun participating in Club events, but they also learned a number of hands-on skills, networked with working professionals, and served the community and resource at the same time. Among the many accomplishments and activities during the year were the following:

- The Club and the FW Department co-sponsored 26 and 34 students, respectively, to attend the Annual Meetings of Oregon Chapters of The Wildlife Society and American Fisheries Society.
- The Club sponsored, organized, and **won** a faculty vs. student softball game. [Editor's note: after many years of being whomped by the faculty, the students finally succeeded, only because the faculty was short-handed]
- Three members of its Leadership Team were funded to attend the 8th Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society in Reno Nevada.
- Four students assisted Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) with collecting incisors and other data on harvested deer.
- Fifteen Club members assisted ODFW with collecting chinook salmon brood stock in the Yaquina River.
- Two students were co-sponsored by the Club and Oregon Chapter TWS to attend a professional workshop on tracking carnivores in snow.
- The Club's annual Agricultural Days display provided information to the community about how fish and wildlife science can relate to everyday life. The display focused on ways to control

wildlife in an agricultural setting and won \$300 for the Best Display.

- The Club co-sponsored with the City of Albany a fall and spring cleanup of the Willamette River. Club members worked alongside 250 citizens from the City of Albany to benefit both the community and the ecosystem.
- The Club hosted an interactive and educational room during the OSU Museum Days. Twice a year for two days each time, school children from local communities come to OSU to learn about fish and wildlife, insects, and native plants. During the Fall Museum Days event, 1,518 students from 24 schools and 6 local communities attended. During the Spring Museum Days event, 1,717 children from 77 classrooms and 10 local communities attended.
- The Club sponsored an educational meeting and charter boat trip that taught 16 members about groundfish identification, management, and the associated fishing industry.
- Eight Club members spent a weekend in central Oregon touring commercial cervid ranches and visiting one-on-one with ranch owners to learn about the pros and cons of this controversial commercial venture. ODFW's Deer and Elk Program Coordinator led this trip.
- The Club hosted Flip Nicklin, renowned underwater marine photographer with National Geographic, for an informal session with undergraduate and graduate students.
- During its Spring Break Trip to Grand Canyon and Zion National Parks, the Club met with biologists throughout the western U.S., including biologists from the National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service working on California condor reintroduction, peregrine falcon reintroduction, hatchery-rearing of the endangered razorback sucker and bonytail chub, and mule deer management.

The Club is looking forward to even more activity and accomplishment in the next academic year.

View from the Past



Remember where you were 60 years ago? These handsome guys, all class of '42, were on the annual big game field trip and stopped for lunch near Raddue Ranger Station, Malheur National Forest near John Day, Oregon

The Day: April 5, 1942

The Party: A sedan and a 7-passenger carryall with trailer led by instructor Jay B. Long. Professor R. G. Johnson, instructor for the big game management course, was ill and didn't make the trip.

The People: Back Row: Paul Bonn; Austin Hamer, Redmond, WA; Jay Long; Don Dickey; Don Barber, Coupeville, WA; Cecil Whitmore; Virgil Lyon; Bob Mace, Central Point, OR; Don Vogtman; sitting: Lester Davenport, Tule Lake, CA; Lee Kuhn; John Lewis. Photo by Don Vogtman.

From the Mailbag

Editor's note: I feel totally inadequate stepping into Lee's shoes, after his many years with the Mailbag, but I'll do the best I can. Keep those cards and letters coming!

Just a short while before his death, Lee brought in a number of letters from well wishers that he hoped could be noted in the Mailbag section. I'm sure these letters meant a lot to him.

Orrel Ballantyne, '47, sent greetings from Klamath Falls, where he has moved after many years in Arcata, California.

Vern Maw, '51, wrote from his winter home in Mesa, Arizona to recall how much Lee had meant to him as an instructor, along with Jay Long and Prof. Dimick. Also reports that he and his son were on hand at the Fiesta Bowl to watch the Beavs trounce Notre Dame.

Chris Nelson, M.S. '55, sent some nice photos for possible use in "Views from the Past." I'm sure some of them will appear. Thanks, Chris.

Carroll Rieck, M.S. '52, sent best wishes and wondered if we were still using the cards of deer foods that Lee had him make for Big Game lab.

Don Barber, '42, sent greetings and recalled an incident. "Jay Long was throwing a crawfish feed on a spring evening on the Marys River. To rev things up, a rumor was started that there would be a dog and badger fight at the doings. The administration got wind of the pseudo badger fight, and Jay had quite a time convincing the upper echelon that the rumor was only a prank by a Fish and Gamer." Oh, for the good old days!

When Professor Dave Sampson visited the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research this past winter, he encountered **Shaker Alhazeem**, '90, now a Research Associate there. Shaker has done further study in Australia, receiving his M.S. in 1998 on coral reef ecology. He sent Charlotte Vickers a copy of an outstanding book, *The Corals and Coral Reef Fishes of Kuwait*, which he had coauthored. Very nice job, Shaker!

Glenn Carter, M.S. '52, writes from Hillsboro to report to Dr. Jarvis on observations of band-tailed pigeons nesting in town. Says that Jay Long and Art Einarsen made him curious about the pigeon's life history. Keep up the good work, Glen.

Luz Yoshiura, '89, wrote to Charlotte Vickers from Puerto Rico, where she is Project Leader for the Puerto Rico Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Program. She also sent a photo of her two children. The family will be moving to Japan soon. Nice to hear from you, Luz.

Phil Harris, Ph.D. '01, reports that he will take up a position as Assistant Professor and Curator of Fishes at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa. Congratulations Phil, and which football team are you going to root for?

Andy Landforce, '42, dropped by the Department in January for a visit and gave Dan Edge a short history of the development of the Extension Wildlife Specialist, a position that Andy established in 1953. His many anecdotes and experiences recorded in the pages of this history will be valuable to current Extension efforts. Thanks, Andy

Andy also mentioned that Mary Dimick is 97 and still living by herself (in January). Andy has been sharing steelhead with her and reports that she is a real fan. [editor's note: Recently Mary suffered a slight loss of equilibrium and now has someone staying with her full time, but she is still in her own home. Her daughter is sure that she would welcome cards (435 NW 35th Street, Corvallis, 97330)

Lisa Sheffield, '99, sent this message regarding her significant other's encounter with the GRE and a question taken from her senior thesis, which she published in the *Canadian Journal of Zoology*. "Troy was taking the GRE a few days back and he got this reading comprehension question all about a study where some folks put up kestrel perches in enclosures with short and tall grass to see what happened to tiny little rodents called voles, and what do you think the author's main points were?? Ha! I think he got this one right! Can you believe the foul little question writers stole our paper for a question topic? I plan on suing them for extra points on my own score." Good luck on your test, Lisa.

Dawn Davis, '02 began a position as a Wildlife Biologist for the New Mexico Department of Game working on Lesser Prairie Chicken management and research.

Mike Byrne, '02, is now Wildlife Biologist working in wetlands ecology for the Nature Conservancy in south Florida. How's the humidity Mike?

Austin Magill, '58, writes from the Potomac shores and sent his regards to Carl, Lenora, and Lee, and "any other 'old folks' who were teaching us in the fifties." He also sent a bag of shark's teeth for the Department collection. Says they brought him in mind of some of Carl Bond's 'slaughterhouse matching' quizzes. And thanks for the postage money, especially now that the rates have gone up again!

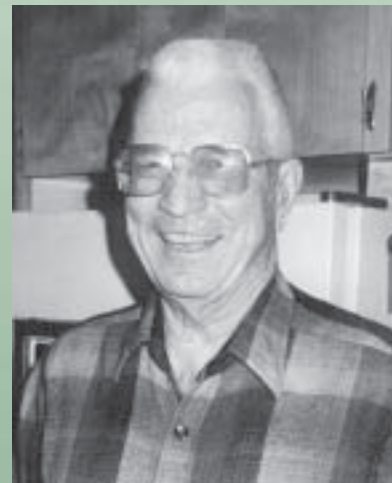
Orthello Wallis, M.S. '48, now long retired from the National Park Service as Chief Scientist for the Western Region, recalled with pleasure "the great training and good times at OSU", and sent thanks for the updates in *News & Views*.

Debra Rawson Bunch, '98, writes from Prineville, "I have been working for the last year and a half as the coordinator for the Upper Crooked River Weed Management Area in Crook County. This is a long-term project to facilitate coordination and cooperation between private landowners and public land managers to reduce noxious weeds in the area. Not exactly wildlife related, but then again it is. I really enjoy working with and getting to know the landowners in the area, and I think we are really making a difference." We need all the cooperation we can get, Debra, keep up the good work.

Lee W. Kuhn 1915-2002

Lee died on May 30 at his home in Corvallis. He was one of the pioneers in the Department and will be greatly missed. After receiving a B.S. in Wildlife Management from Iowa State College in 1940, he enrolled at Oregon State College as a Graduate Assistant in the Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit. He received an M.S. in Wildlife Management in 1942 and entered the U.S. Army as a Private. Discharged a First Lieutenant in 1946, he was hired by Prof. Dimick as an Instructor in Wildlife. Lee was the second person (after Jay Long) to be hired as a permanent faculty member in the Department. In a 35-year career he taught many of the wildlife courses, worked on vertebrate pest control, and served as Head Undergraduate Advisor for many years. Lee retired in 1981, but maintained a great interest in the Department and particularly in his former students. He maintained contact with a great many in his capacity as editor of "From the Mailbag" for the Newsletter. He was a major force in organizing the 50th and 60th Reunions in 1985 and 1995. In 1980 Lee received the first Earl Price Award for Excellence in Student Advising and Counseling, from the College of Agriculture. He was one of the founding members of the Oregon Chapter of The Wildlife Society and received its highest award in 1982.

Lee is survived by his wife, VaDare, son, Bob, and two grandchildren. Memorial donations can be made to the Lee Wallace Kuhn Memorial Scholarship Fund, in care of the OSU Foundation, 850 SW 35th Street, Corvallis, OR 97333. As noted in the message from the Department Head, the next issue of *News & Views* will include tributes to Lee from former students. We encourage your submissions.



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