Message from the Chairman

Editor’s Note—Since our last newsletter we completed a national search for a new department head. We were extremely impressed with the quality of the candidates we were able to attract and pleased that our top choice accepted the position. Dr. Erik Fritzell began as the new Head of the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife on 1 November. His career will be detailed in a “Meet Your Faculty” article in the spring issue.

Thirty years ago this past September I walked into my first college biology class at the University of North Dakota to be greeted by then Assistant Professor Richard A. Tubb. A few years later I joined The Wildlife Society, the President of which was Tom Scott, Head of OSU’s Fisheries and Wildlife Department. Had someone suggested that in 1994 I would assume the Presidency of TWS, and replace Tubb as OSU’s Department Head, they surely would have been banished from the kingdom.

It is indeed an honor and privilege to join the OSU family. Its lineage is one I greatly respect. As I further study the program, I regularly learn of other distinguished OSU alumni with whom I can now proudly claim kinship. During my watch, I pledge to keep the commitment to excellence that characterizes so much of what this program, and the people associated with it, have accomplished.

One of the questions most asked of me in the past few months has been, “Why would you want to leave Missouri for Oregon, where higher education is notorious for financial difficulties?” The answer, I suspect, is similar to the “How-are-things-in-Nash Hall?” question that this column addresses. Quite simply, OSU’s Fisheries and Wildlife Department is very well poised to contribute significantly to the education needs of the nation in the decades to come. Particularly I have been impressed by the following:

1. The cadre of excellent faculty, staff, and students.

All of the faculty regularly advance knowledge in their specialty. Their reputations as scholars attract the best and brightest graduate students from across the nation and throughout the world. They are also dedicated, caring teachers of undergraduates. Along with a supportive, highly motivated staff, the Nash Hall team has created a positive environment for those who have come to learn. Quite honestly, the passage of Measure 8 (which essentially reduced all salaries by 6%) was...  

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Kudos to Curtis

Larry Curtis deserves a great vote of appreciation for guiding the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife as Acting Department Head over the past year. During his brief tenure in this position, Larry was able to push through the approval of two faculty positions (Department Head and Fisheries Ecologist) in the Department, quite the feat considering that Measure 5 impacts have resulted in frozen positions throughout the University. Larry’s administrative skills have been further recognized—he was recently appointed as Chair of the Toxicology Program, an interdisciplinary graduate program between the Colleges of Agriculture, Science, Pharmacy, Veterinary Medicine, and Engineering.

THANKS LARRY!!

60th Anniversary Reunion—Mark Your Calendars

The 60th Anniversary Reunion of the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife will be held 14–16 July 1995 at the Benton County Fairgrounds. We intend to make this the best reunion ever—don’t miss it, make your plans now! This reunion will feature an Oregon wine and cheese social, barbecue, auction, and dance, updates on where your Department has been and where it is going, field trips, and of course, lots of time to meet old friends.

When: 14–16 July 1995

Where: Benton County Fairgrounds

Costs: $45 Registration Fee ($25 for spouse) if received by 15 June 1995, or $65/25 if received after 15 June. Fees cover snacks, two continental breakfasts, box lunch, barbecue, and dance. Please use registration form on page 7 and register early, you won’t want to miss this!

Lodging: You are on your own here, but camping and trailer parking is available at the Benton County Fairgrounds. We recommend the following Motels:
- Grand Manor Inn 800-626-1900
- Motel Orleans 800-626-1900
- Ramada Inn 800-2 RAMADA
- Shanico Inn 800-432-1233

Field Trips:
- Finley National Wildlife Refuge. The refuge was established in 1964 as a winter refuge for the Dusky Canada Goose and has been a site for course field trips since. The refuge also protects some of the largest tracts of native vegetation left in the Willamette Valley. This field trip will tour the various habitats of the refuge and examine some of the challenges associated with protecting native fauna and flora while providing viewing opportunities for visitor from nearby urban centers. The tour will be led by Maura Naughton (’93), a Wildlife Biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

- McDonald-Dunn Forests: Integrating Forestry, Fisheries, and Wildlife. The McDonald-Dunn Forests are research forests bordering Corvallis that are administered by the College of Forestry. These forests are not only sites for modern research, but they provide an important source of revenue for the College of Forestry, as well as recreational opportunities for Corvallis residents. The College of Forestry recently released an ambitious resource management plan designed to make these forests a model for forest resource management in the future. The field trip will be led by Bill McComb, Professor of Wildlife Ecology, Departments of Fisheries and Wildlife and Forest Science, and Stan Gregory, Professor of Fisheries, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife.

- Fish Disease and Performance and Genetics Laboratories. These world-class facilities are centers of excellence designed to assess the impacts of intrinsic and extrinsic factors regulating fish populations. This field trip will be led by Carl Schreck, Leader of the Oregon Cooperative Fisheries Research Unit.

Class Posters: We are composing class photo-posters and need your contributions. Please dig out your favorite photos depicting your experience while in the Department or a photo of yourself. Clearly identify people in the photo (if you remember) and send photos (we will send them back after copying them) to: Lee Kuhn, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University, 104 Nash Hall, Corvallis, OR 97331-3803.

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60th Anniversary Reunion Program

Friday, 14 July Evening

7:00–9:00    A Taste of Oregon—Wine and Cheese Social (No-Host Bar)
             Liars Contest

Saturday, 15 July

7:00–8:30    Continental Breakfast
8:30–9:00    Welcome Address—Positioning Your Department for the 21st Century—Erik
             Fritzell, Head, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife
9:00–10:00   Outstanding Alumni Presentations
             Fisheries Presentation
             Wildlife Presentation
10:00–10:30  Break
10:30–11:00  Historical Review of Department—Howard Horton, Professor Emeritus,
             Department of Fisheries and Wildlife
11:00–12:00  Faculty Research Review
             *Stream Ecology: Moving from Reaches to Watersheds*—Stan Gregory, Professor of
             Fisheries, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife
             *Aquatic Organisms: Indicators of Environmental Quality*—Larry Curtis, Professor of
             Fisheries, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife; Chair, Toxicology Program
             *Ecological Model Systems: What can Small Mammals tell us?*—Dan Edge, Assistant
             Professor of Wildlife Ecology, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife
             *Game Bird Research Program*—John Crawford, Professor of Wildlife Ecology,
             Department of Fisheries and Wildlife
12:00–12:15  Appreciation Awards—Doug Markle, Professor of Fisheries, Department of Fisheries
             and Wildlife
12:15–1:30   Box Lunch
1:30–4:30    Field Trips
6:00         Barbecue
7:30–8:30    Auction
8:30–11:00   Dance and Social

Sunday, 16 July

7:30–9:00    Continental Breakfast
9:00–9:30    Group Photo
9:30–10:00   Goodbyes
From the Mailbag

'30s—40s It's always a pleasure to hear from some of the 'old guard' like Frederick K. Cramer ('38) of The Dalles. 'Fritz', a loyal supporter of OSU and the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, writes, "it's hard to believe that it was 56 years ago that our class of 13 fish and game majors graduated from Oregon State. Those were great days and I enjoy hearing about classmates and the Department in News and Views." We still have nine members of the great class of '38 on our mailing list, Fritz.

Wendell Stout ('40) is enjoying retirement in the Puget Sound and engaging in considerable world travel. "I have participated in Earthwatch scientific projects in Tonga, Mexico, and Kenya."

Austin Hamer ('42), now living in Redmond, Washington, writes, "... the summer issue of News and Views was fun to read but I had a difficult time finding the names of anyone I know. I'm sure glad I came out at the time I did and was able to get a job immediately with the Oregon State Game Commission. Those who spent their whole careers there—the Schneiders, McKean, Kebbe, Newcomb, Dimick, Koski, Jensen, Zumwalt, Brown, Lightfoot, Langdon and others were very fortunate. I made a career change, closing out my career on the faculty at the State University of New York Syracuse campus. It was a rewarding experience."

Stan Smith ('43) brings us up-to-date on his activities since retiring from the National Marine Fisheries Service in the early '80s. "I think I mentioned when reporting in several years ago that we have been living mostly in a motorhome watching 'watchable wildlife' (a very good term) plus a lot of other things, and have just finished a couple of years motorhoming in Australia and New Zealand. We met a lot of people from Europe who encouraged us to try motorhoming through their part of the world. We gave it a try and I highly recommend it for those with wanderlust. Back in North America and still spending most of the time wandering around and you never can tell what you are going to find in far away places—like a can of big Edd Schaefers' smoked salmon in the middle of Florida last winter. We stopped to see a mutual friend and he brings out this can of salmon from Edd's garage cannery. Small world. Stan writes, "Every time a News and Views comes it brings back the fondest memories of our Oregon State College/OSU roots... keep up the good work! I had a very enjoyable and rewarding career and the person more responsible for that being that way was Prof. R. E. Dimick and his inspired teaching and guidance. He was the best mentor that anyone could ever hope for." I am happy to report that Stan backed up his words with a very generous check for the R. E. Dimick Scholarship Fund, which has gradually increased to the point where the endowment will now earn enough to permit awarding an annual student scholarship of $1,000. Unfortunately, that will not pay tuition for an Oregon resident for one quarter. We must continue to build that endowment!

Jim Blaisdell ('48) enjoyed the letter from and about Dick Tubb. Jim says, "... all the best to him, Oregon State will miss him as will all of the students and fellow educators with whom he worked. And the news about Bob and Phyllis Mace is terrific! But, Bob did not have to prove anything to me—he is showing the generosity that he has always had. Sure hope we can have a 60-year reunion next summer. Great to see the familiar faces (Spencer Smith, Prof. Dimick, Dick Tubb) on the last page of the summer edition."

'50s John Maceole ('50, MA UC-Berkeley, PhD Cornell) is now living in Florence, Oregon, and looking forward to the 60th reunion next July.

Old friend Dick Tvenge ('50) also checks in with "keep up the good work—I look forward to News and Views and a reunion in '95 sounds good." Dick was one of the good ones in the class of '50 who not only played great football for the Beavers but also assisted coach Tommy Prothro during the years when the Beavers WON football games.

Joe Greenley ('50), a resident of Boise, sent a short note to say, "I highly favor a 60th anniversary reunion in July '95... how can I help?" Just by being there Joe, just by being there.

Dr. Ted Hopkins ('51, MS '56) continued his interest in wildlife and the effects of insecticides through a career in entomology. Ted finished a PhD in 1960 at Kansas State after working at the USDA Lab in Corvallis on insects affecting man and animals. Now he says, "I'm still happily engaged in research, teaching and training of graduate students at K-State with no immediate urge to retire. I would be interested in attending a 60-year reunion in 1995."

Monte Richards ('53) and wife Nancy (F & W Dept. Secretary from '50-'53) enjoy the newsletter and are looking forward to the reunion in July, 1995. Monte is now retired from the Idaho Department of Fish and Wildlife. The Richards reside in Boise, Idaho.

When I heard from Don Montgomery ('55) last August he was planning to attend the 50th anniversary of his high school class in Ashland. Now he says "... the 60th reunion of the Department sounds good to me." See you next July Don.
If you can't trust a straight arrow like Ron Walker ('57) to tell the truth, who can you trust? In his last letter to News and Views Ron admitted he was 61 but said he was having so much fun as Wildlife Program Manager for the State of Hawaii-Division of Forestry and Wildlife, that he was never going to retire. Now according to word received recently from Larry Safely ('58) he's gone and done it. Who will now take over all those strange sounding jobs he did like Asbestos Abatement Coordinator or wetland point person, or box boy for the top shelves in the stockroom? Of course Ron did those in addition to managing such strange critters as nukupuu, io, and aikaipola’au. It will probably require a nationwide search.

Russell Bronson ('56) dropped into the Salem Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife office and bought a $40 nonresident fishing license this summer. Russ said he planned to pursue a career with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Alaska following graduation but enlisted in the army instead and flew helicopters all over the world. Retired recently and living in Florida, he was visiting his wife's family in Salem.

Otto Florschutz ('57) paid a brief visit to Corvallis this past summer. Otto, now retired from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and living in North Carolina, stopped by to say hello to John Adair ('50). Like so many Fisheries and Wildlife students, Otto earned a few bucks working at the OSU Fur Farm, where John served as manager from 1953 until retiring in 1988.

Rupe Andrews (MS '56) says, "1994 will make 35 years in Alaska for my family and me. I have been retired from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game since 1982 and using an awesome accumulated knowledge of where to catch fish to great advantage. I keep reading about the problems of the Columbia River Basin and the future of wild salmon and remember thinking back to Professor Carl Bond commenting to us graduate students that 'what the Columbia needs is a benevolent dictator'. That was in 1956 and he was way ahead of his time."

Randall Brown (MS '67) sends his current mailing address as the California Department of Water Resources, Environmental Services Office, 3251 S Street, Sacramento, California, and was kind enough to include a nice check for News and Views. Thanks Randy!

'Ralph Opp (65) is still living in Klamath Falls where he has spent the past 25 of his nearly 30 years with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Ralph says, "retirement is looking close for me now and I am welcoming it. I look forward to trying 'salvage biology' from a different angle and have enough plans on that and some relaxing type things to stay more than busy. Among other things I plan to guide our local and somewhat infamous Klamath Basin bald eagle conference through its 16th year this coming February. The 60th anniversary idea sounds good. I made the 50th and enjoyed it plenty."

Frank Newton ('67) reports, "I often wonder about people who say 'I'm afraid to retire, there's nothing to do!' My wife and I have had the good fortune to be retired since July, 1991 and it has been fantastic! Every day brings some new adventure and one of the neatest things is to be able to hunt waterfowl any time during the season and then follow them south in the winter and back north in the spring. In 1993 we had the opportunity to see parts of the U.S. and Canada that we had never seen before, over 40,000 miles in 10 months with our pickup and travel trailer. One trip took us as far south as the Everglades and as far north as Montreal, Canada, and most points in between. I still find myself looking at wildlife habitat instead of scenery."

A nice note and check from Rick Cardwell ('67) of Redmond, Washington, who greatly enjoys News and Views and appreciates the efforts of all those who labor to produce the newsletter. Thanks much Rick!

'70s W. Alan Wentz (MS '71) not only has an interesting address (One Waterfowl Way, Memphis, Tennessee) but also a promotion and a new title in 1994. Alan is now Group Manager, Conservation and Communications for Ducks Unlimited, Inc. He now supervises all DU Conservation and Communications Programs, which include all Regional Offices, National and International Relations, DU Magazine, National Conservation staff, Communications, etc. Congratulations Alan, but will you ever get to go duck hunting?

Tom Worcester completed his BS in fisheries in '73 and finished his MS in fisheries in '79. Tom says, "I don't see many of my classmates so I always look forward to News and Views and the Mailbag section. Tom is currently teaching at Mt. Hood Community College in their Fisheries Technology Program. Prior to that he worked in the Nutrition Section of Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for three years and taught high school chemistry for 10 years.

David Parsons (MS '75) writes from Albuquerque, New Mexico "I am in my 20th year with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. My position for the past four years and the foreseeable future is Mexican Wolf Recovery Coordinator. The last Mexican gray wolf in the U.S. was killed in 1970. If all goes well we could begin reintroduction efforts in 1997."

Mark Hinchberger (MS '78) is now with the Wind River Ranger District, P.O. Box 186 Dubois, WY 82513.
'80s  A. Corey Heath ('84) checked in from Bend where he reports "I'm currently the Assistant Wildlife Biologist, Deschutes Wildlife District, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife."

Jim Muck ('82) is now the Assistant Fish Biologist for Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in Coos Bay. Married to Sharon Twietmeyer and expecting their first baby in March, 1995. Congratulations to Jim and Sharon.

Sara (Tollefson) King ('87) writes from Boulder, Colorado that "Love of man overrides love of land—after 10 years in the Pacific Northwest I moved to Colorado to be with my husband Spencer King, an urgent care physician. I am a wetland ecologist for Aquatic and Wetland Consultants, Inc. I still enjoy a hearty friendship and hearty laughter with former wildlife Katherine (Loofburrow) Bartolomucci and Kelly Goocher whenever we can manage a visit."

'90s Three victims and one survivor of the Glenwood Springs, Colorado, forest fire in July, 1994 were former OSU students, and a second survivor is a current student. The fire took the lives of Jon R. Kelso, a 1991 graduate in wildlife science; Robert A. Johnson, a 1991 graduate in accounting; and Terri Ann Hagen, a senior in entomology who last attended OSU during the 1993 summer term. Survivor Brian J. Lee received his BS in sociology in June. The second survivor Tommy Lee Rambo, is a senior in history at OSU. "Knowing that they are part of our university family brings the tragedy much closer to all of us at OSU," said OSU President John Byrne.

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Thanks to the grads who sent current mailing addresses and for the generous contributions to help keep News and Views financially afloat. We appreciate your checks and they really do help but it would greatly simplify our bookkeeping and accountability if you would make out any future checks to "Ag Research Foundation/Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife" as that is where the News and Views account is kept. Or "ARF/DEPT F/W" will do just fine and Thanks Much!

Lee Kuhn

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discouraging to everyone. Yet its impact on morale has been short-lived as we look to the future.

2. The forward-thinking, dynamic leadership within the College and campus. Virtually all state-assisted universities in the country are struggling to redefine themselves to meet the educational needs for the next century. I am continuously impressed with both the vision and actions of OSU's leaders—at a time of significant reduction in state support. Importantly, campus and college leaders believe that fisheries and wildlife sciences will continue to be a major dimension of OSU. Gaining permission and dollars to fill both the Department Head position, as well as the addition of Fisheries Ecologist, Peter Bayley, are clear signs that this department will be part of OSU's future.

3. The potential for maintaining and developing synergistic relationships. Oregon, Corvallis, and the OSU campus itself contain tremendous aggregates of people and programs engaged in natural resource conservation. "Partnerships" are essential to meet the changing education and information needs in the field. The department will continue to work with others as we seek solutions to natural resource problems. Concurrently students will gain perspective from those "in the real-world." The cadre of natural resource professionals in Oregon is a unique and valuable asset to the Fisheries and Wildlife Department. One of my first-year goals is to get to know all of our current and future partners.

4. Support of alumni and friends. Subsequent to my interview in August, I have come to appreciate the tremendous interest and support for this department among its former students and Oregon citizens devoted to the fisheries and wildlife resource. When the scope of one's discipline is defined by a public trust resource in a public institution, the need for that support is essential. It was exciting to learn that Bob Mace (1942), former Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Deputy Director, and his wife Phyllis, had endowed a professorship devoted to "Watchable Wildlife" in the Department. Such profound statements of support go a long way toward ensuring the brightest future for this department—and its continuing contribution to Oregon's wildlife resources.

I am anxious to meet each of you and am eager to hear your comments about the program. I especially am looking forward to the 60th Alumni Reunion on 14–16 July 1995 at the Benton County Fairgrounds. I hope to see you there—if not before.

Erik Fritzell
Views from the Past

When a group of OSU and ODF&W retired fish and game managers get together for a birthday party anything can and usually does happen. This gang of old timers met in mid-September to celebrate Bill Lightfoot's birthday. Standing: Jay Long, Woody Holderman, Lee Kuhn, John Adair, Francis Ives. Seated: John Rayner, Hank Schneider, Bill Lightfoot.

60th Anniversary Reunion Registration Form

Name (as to appear on name tag)_________________________________________________________

Address ____________________________________________________________________________

City ___________________________ State ________ Zip-code ________________

Class Year ____________________ Degrees ____________________________

Names of Spouse and Guests
Children names (no meal charges for children under 10 ____________________________

Registration Fee: $45 alumni, $25 spouse or guest if received before 15 June 1995.
Late registration (after 15 July 1995): $65 alumni, $25 spouse or guest.

I will attend _______ Spouse or Guest _______ Check enclosed for _______
Make checks payable to F and W 60th reunion

I cannot attend but enclosed is a gift for _______ or an item for the auction to benefit the Endowment Fund for the Fisheries and Wildlife Department.

Field trips (please choose 1 and indicate the number of people attending)
☐ I will pass on the field trips   ☐ Finley National Wildlife Refuge ______ No. People
☐ McDonald-Dunn Forest ______ No. People   ☐ Fish Laboratories ______ No. People

Mail to: 60th Reunion, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University, 104 Nash, Corvallis, OR 97331-3803.
What's Happening?

We enjoy hearing from alumni and Department friends. Send your autobiographical notes to Lee Kuhn and your opinions to the Editor, and we will share them with News and Views readers.

Please make any needed address corrections below. You might also send us a few bucks or so to help cover costs of your newsletter, which appears twice yearly.

Name

Address

Class Year Degree(s)