A common expression heard today in discussions of college teaching illustrates the movement toward diversifying ways in which faculty help undergraduate students learn. From the “Sage on the Stage” to the “Guide on the Side” captures the shift toward more student-centered learning. Students are no longer simply expected to learn from lecture notes, textbooks, and lab and field exercises. Faculty no longer are simply expected to pour out knowledge during 50-minute lectures -- expecting that to suffice as their “teaching load.” Several elements of the new undergraduate Fisheries and Wildlife curriculum have been included to diversify types of learning opportunities. And a fair amount of excitement is building.

“Experiential Learning” recognizes the multitude of valuable lessons available outside the ivy walls. Faculty continue to develop ways to incorporate such lessons into the academic milieu. The new curriculum will require undergrads to earn at least 6 credits in two separate “experiences.” One of these may be based on relatively short-term experiences, such as attending a professional conference, or a few days participation in a professional stream survey, game check station, or the like. At least one must be more extensive -- an Internship.

An approved work experience will form the basis for the Internship. But we will not give academic credit just for work; credit is earned for learning -- which is associated with work activity. So the trick is to work with professionals to develop and plan appropriate activities, monitor each student’s progress, and evaluate student performance. As much as possible we will try to tailor a student’s internship to their professional aspirations. Likewise we hope to meet the needs of those organizations with eager and well-qualified interns. Hopefully many internships will also provide pay or other support for the student interns.

What will be expected of student interns to earn

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To ensure an effective internship program, we have hired Rebecca Goggans as an internship coordinator. Beginning July, Rebecca will work half-time for OSU while continuing half-time at her current position as a biologist with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. We are not only delighted to have her join the family, but greatly appreciate the support of ODFW in working out the arrangements.

I have been pleased with the number of requests or inquiries we received from potential “employers” of interns -- just via word-of-mouth. And the students are very eager to participate! Perhaps you and your employer wish to participate. Just one more way to contribute to your department and the future of some fine students!

Rebecca Goggans

I grew up in Alabama but have largely overcome the language barrier of the deep south. My early interest in wildlife came from my parents - my mother was an avid birdwatcher and my father an avid birdhunter. And my later interest came from seeing my favorite outdoor retreats turned into suburbia.

My undergraduate studies were at Emory University in Atlanta where I got a B.S. in Biology. This was a good liberal arts education, I left with little clarity about my life’s work. After several years of working in clinical medical research at the University of Chicago, I realized that working indoors with sick people was no way to live.

I began reading library journals to determine my next professional endeavor. The work at Oregon State University with the spotted owl and forest management touched a chord within me. I came to OSU determined to work with owls and forest management. After several months, I convinced Dr. Chuck Meslow and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to fund a Master’s project on flammulated owls in ponderosa pine forests. I spent several subsequent years leading research as a contractor with ODFW on three-toed and black-backed woodpeckers in lodgepole pine forests.
Oak Creek Initiative Moves Ahead

The Departments of Fisheries and Wildlife and Animal Science and the Wildlife Habitat Management Institute (WHMI) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service are working together to improve agricultural land management practices and stream and riparian conditions in the Oak Creek Watershed. The Oak Creek Initiative provides OSU students in fisheries, wildlife, animal science, forestry, bioresource engineering, and rangeland resources an on-campus outdoor laboratory to solve land management problems. The “Ag Reach” of Oak Creek flows through the University’s agricultural lands before entering the Marys River. This reach of the Oak Creek watershed has been used for agricultural research and production, solid waste disposal, flood control, parking lot and building construction, and toxic waste storage. These uses, coupled with cohesive soils, channelization throughout the watershed, and loss of native riparian vegetation, have resulted in increased bank failures, water quality concerns, and decreased riparian and stream biological diversity. WHMI and the Animal Science and Fisheries and maintaining the western pond turtle as a viable species in the Willamette Valley through work with private landowners, or discovering patterns of habitat use of the little-known Oregon slender salamander in the Cascades. The essence of this job has been facilitating agencies, organizations, biologists, and citizens to work cooperatively for wildlife conservation.

I look forward to using these same skills and contacts to facilitate exciting internships for students. I believe the new internship program is one of the most powerful opportunities for our students. I see it as a “reality check” for each student to assess their professional interests and talents as well as enhance their “employability.” I also see it as an opportunity for agencies to learn from their student interns. And for me, it’s an incredible opportunity to contribute to the field of fish and wildlife management by helping students transition into successful professionals . . . and, of course, have fun too!

Rebecca Goggans

Wildlife Departments kicked off the Initiative with an Oak Creek Clean Up Day on April 4th, 1998. Student and faculty volunteers from both Departments, EPA, and ODFW worked most of the day collecting 6 dump truck-loads of scrap metal, concrete blocks, and even a kitchen sink that found its way to the stream. All volunteers were treated to a bar-b-que lunch following the clean-up. Boone Kauffman’s Riparian and Wetland Ecology students have completed term projects

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Distinguished Graduates Named to Registry

Each December a joint faculty-alumni committee solicits nominations of OSU alums who have maintained outstanding careers in the field. This year’s committee has identified individuals with exceptional records of accomplishment in fish and wildlife conservation. We are pleased to recognize four new inductees into the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife Registry of Distinguished Graduates.

Frank W. Groves (posthumous) (B.S. ‘36, M.S. ‘40). Frank Groves is often listed as the 1st graduate in Fish and Game Management; he is also one of the first to earn a Master’s degree through the Department. While a graduate student Frank was appointed an Instructor — teaching Big Game Management, Forest Wildlife Management, Management of Upland Game Birds, Waterfowl Management and Furbearer Management. He also shared in the care and management of the OSC fur farm. In 1940 he was hired as junior refuge manager at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge and later became refuge manger at the Desert Game Range in Nevada. He became Director of the Nevada Fish and Game Department, a position he held for 26 years. His distinguished career included a term as President of the Western Association of Fish and Game Commissioners. He retired near The Dalles, Oregon and was active in local conservation and historical organizations. He passed away in 1991.

George B. Wint (B.S. ‘48). George Wint grew up in western Oklahoma. In 1942 he joined the U.S. Naval Reserve where he served at several stateside duty stations, in Panama, and in the Aleutians. Following the war, he was encouraged by Prof Dimick to enter Oregon State College in Fish and Game Management. By attending classes year round, he graduated in less than 3 years. He then earned an M.S. degree with Dr. Walter Taylor at Oklahoma State University where he studied bobwhites. George began employment with the Oklahoma Game and Fish Department in 1950 as Assistant Federal Aid Coordinator. He participated in land acquisition and habitat improvement projects and was instrumental in restoring depleted white-tailed deer herds. In 1952 he took charge of the State Game Farm where he directed production and research programs. He was promoted to Assistant Director of the Department in 1971 and was named Director in 1975. He served in that capacity until his retirement in 1981. George enjoyed great rapport with the people of Oklahoma. He also was very active and held leadership positions in the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. In addition to his biological and administrative skills, George is an accomplished artist. He and his wife, Lila, retired to “The Quail Track Ranch” near El Reno, Oklahoma. George continues to study quail and other wildlife, and has been restoring 30 acres of native tall grass prairie on his place.

Jim Rearden (B.S. ‘48). Jim Rearden has distinguished himself as a true renaissance man of Alaska — biologist, writer, professional guide, teacher, and conservationist. After serving in the Navy during WWII, Jim graduated from Oregon State in 1948. He subsequently completed his Master’s at the University of Maine and then became Head of the Wildlife Management Department at the University of Alaska. He left academia in 1955 to become an outdoor writer, photographer and registered big game guide — but not for long. In 1959 he took on the assignment as Area Biologist for Cook Inlet in the Alaska Department of Fish and Game — a position he held until 1970. Using insights he gained as a sonar operator in the Navy, Jim developed the first sonar counter for counting salmon in silty streams. His ongoing success as a writer was recognized with his appointment as part-time Outdoor Editor of ALASKA magazine in 1968. Two years later he became the full-time editor, a position he held for 18 years. Later he began a 20-year term as Field Editor.
of OUTDOOR LIFE magazine. By then he was recognized as one of his state’s leading conservationists, and he was appointed to the Alaska Board on Fish and Game. He served that board and its successors until 1982. In 1976 he was appointed by President Ford to the National Advisory Committee on Oceans and Atmosphere. He has published over 500 articles in diverse magazines: from Yachts and Yachting, Boy’s Life, and Invention and Technology to National Geographic, Audubon, and Sports Illustrated. He has authored 16 books — largely about the Alaskan outdoors. Jim’s many honors include: Conservation Communicator of the Year by the National Wildlife Federation, Distinguished Alumnus of the College of Forestry at the University of Maine, and the Sidney Huntington Conservation Award, the highest honor of the Alaska Outdoor Council and the Alaska Fish and Wildlife Conservation Fund.

Fred S. Guthery (B.S. ’70). Fred Guthery occupies the Bollenbach Chair at Oklahoma State University, a position he has held for about a year. Fred began his association with higher education when he enrolled in Oregon State’s wildlife science program, graduating in 1970. He left for graduate school in Texas and hasn’t been far from there since. He earned both his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Texas A&M University in 1972 and 1977, respectively. He joined the faculty at Texas Tech in ’77 and built his reputation as an outstanding researcher and writer. He moved to Texas A&M University-Kingsville and the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute in 1984. Fred has authored or co-authored over 80 refereed articles, has written a book, and has served as Editor of the Wildlife Society Bulletin. He has also written over 70 popular articles mostly on subjects promoting better habitat management and on quail biology. Through his Quail Newsletter and his contributions to Quail Unlimited, many people think of him as “Mr. Bobwhite Quail.” Fred has supervised over 30 graduate students. As Chair of the Department of Animal and Wildlife Sciences at Texas A&M - Kingsville, he helped their program grow to over 250 undergraduates. Fred has assumed many leadership roles within the wildlife profession. He has received a number of prestigious awards including: Outstanding Publication Award of the Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society (4 times); Outstanding Researcher, College of Agriculture, Texas Tech University; Certificate of Appreciation, Quail Unlimited (4 times); and Faculty Award of Excellence, College of Agriculture, Texas A&I University (now TAMU-Kingsville).
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Bob and Phyllis Mace Watchable Wildlife Professorship

We are pleased to relay that Dean Thayne Dutson has announced that Dr. Daniel Edge has been named the Bob and Phyllis Mace Watchable Wildlife Professor at Oregon State University. The Mace Professorship was established by the Maces to advance education, research, and outreach on “watchable wildlife” animals that are valued because they are key elements in the visual environment of people. The Mace Professorship will help OSU contribute to the growing interest in wildlife viewing. For example, in the last decade the numbers of Americans participating in birdwatching increased by more than 150%.

Bob Mace graduated from OSU in 1942 and enjoyed a long and exemplary career. Following service in the U.S. Navy in World War II, he joined the Oregon Game Commission. He rose through the ranks as Chief of the Big Game Division, Chief of the Upland Game Division, and Head of the Wildlife Habitat Program. In 1969 he assumed leadership of the entire Wildlife Division, and in 1976 was appointed Deputy Director of the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Mace coined the term “Watchable Wildlife” and has championed efforts provide funding for research and conservation of species that are neither quarry for hunters, nor threatened with extinction. A long time supporter of Oregon State University, Mace also has established a scholarship in the department and he serves on the Board of the E.R. Jackman Foundation.

Dr. Edge is an Associate Professor in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife and an internationally-known wildlife expert. He serves in multiple capacities — as teacher, researcher, and Wildlife Extension Specialist. Since arriving at OSU in 1989, he has published over 40 scientific papers on a range on wildlife topics, edited several books, produced an award-winning video, and served as leader or co-leader on grants totaling $3 million. He recently developed the highly successful video course, Principles of Wildlife Conservation, as part of OSU’s emerging Distance Education program. Many of his projects emphasize ‘watchable wildlife’, including research on songbird habitat management and the value of riparian vegetation to breeding birds, teaching materials and videos on landscaping for wildlife. He regularly participates in OSU Extension’s Master Gardener Program. Edge currently is a co-leader of the Cooperative Forest Ecosystem Research Project, a joint effort of the US Geological Survey, Bureau of Land Management, and OSU’s Colleges of Agricultural Sciences and Forestry. Dan also has served as President of the Oregon Chapter of the Wildlife Society and on numerous national committees.

So keep watching for watchable wildlife and OSU to grow together!
Spring Fête

Fête - a festival held in the open air.
A fine time was had by all at the Department’s annual Spring Fête held at Peavy Arboretum.

Stephanie Gunckel (l) receives the Coombs-Simpson Scholarship from Charlotte Vickers.

Fran Cafferata (r) received the Bill Schaffer Memorial Scholarship from Charlotte Vickers.
Jan Mosley (l) presents Erik Fritzell with the Flaming Match Award in honor and recognition of two misfired pyrotechnic events he started (Not to worry, no one was injured, property damage was minimal, and his eyebrows are coming back bushier that ever!).

Boone Kauffman tearfully accepts his honorable mention certificate for the prestigious Road Kill Award (it was alleged that he forgot and was 3 hours late arriving for a Ph.D. student’s written exams). No evidence was available to confirm that John Loegering was awarded the Department’s Lowest, but most beloved, Honor for presenting his dissertation defense seminar with an added fashion statement: sport coat, tie, white shirt, jean shorts, and tennis shoes (dress slacks were inadvertently left at home on this warm July morning). Both recipients have their own version of the event(s) in question – just ask them.

For full-color photos and more information about the department, see our WWW page at <http://www.orst.edu/Dept/fish_wild/> and follow the link for "Departmental News."

Levi Ebersole (center) takes in the sights at the fête.
The Department is very fortunate to be able to offer our undergraduate and graduate students numerous scholarships from endowed or recurring funds. Although we have many outstanding students, the following is a list of our very best and most deserving. On behalf of the Department and the student recipients, we wish to thank those who contributed to these scholarships.

Michael Dieker and Chris Lorion - Southern Oregon Fly Fishers Scholarship, $1,000; restricted to Juniors and Seniors majoring in Fisheries in the Department of Fisheries & Wildlife; preference to those with field experience; selection based on scholarship and need; awarded since 1995.

Rebecca R. Miller, Sarah A. Miller, and Collin G. Petitte - Henry Mastin Memorial Scholarship, $1,000 each for new freshmen entering the Department of Fisheries & Wildlife.

Randall L. Scarlett - Roland E. Dimick Memorial Scholarship, $1,000 award based on Freshman performance.

Francesca A. Cafferata - Bill Schaffer Memorial Scholarship, $400 award for Sophomore based on academic performance.

Alan R. Juilfs - Austin Hamer Scholarship for $1,000 for a student majoring in wildlife with GPA of 2.5-3.0 showing strong potential for a successful career in wildlife. Evidence of financial need is an additional criteria.

Melissa M. Souza - Vivian Schriver Thompson Scholarship for $2,500 based on academic performance, leadership, and financial need.

James R. Faulkner - Chan Schenck Conservation Scholarship for $600 based on academic performance.

Tavis D. Forrester - Memorial Mentorship Scholarship for $3,500 based on academic performance and demonstrated financial need.

Charles H. Frady & Kristen E. Kyles - Mace Watchable Wildlife Scholarships for $1,000 each based on qualified and needy students working toward an undergraduate degree in Fisheries or Wildlife with GPA preferred between 3.3 and 2.5 range with preference given to Oregon high school graduates.

Christine A. Rybel ($1,000), Christopher A. Lorion ($500), Tavis D. Forrester ($500) - William Wick Memorial Scholarship.

Wilfrido Contreras-Sanchez - Hugo Krueger Fish Physiology Award for $1,500.

Fisheries and Wildlife at a Distance

The department of Fisheries and Wildlife is moving into the next century by offering 3 courses “at a distance” next year. These distance education courses represent a substantial investment by our faculty to reach a broader audience of students. Students from across the state, or the world for that matter, can take these courses and receive college credit. Principles of Wildlife Conservation (FW251) was developed last year by Dan Edge and taught winter term by John Loegering both on-campus and to 26 sites off-campus, including 15 high schools. Next year, it will be offered during fall and winter academic terms. Bob Jarvis is developing a new distance education course from his existing stand-by Wildlife Biology: Birds (FW311). It will be offered next Spring Term (1999) to off-campus sites and on-campus. Marty Fitzpatrick is developing Management Principles of Pacific Salmon in the Northwest (FW323x). It will be offered next fall and winter terms. If you or someone you know is interested in any of these courses, contact OSU Statewide (1-800-235-6559) or the High School Outreach Program (1-800-375-9359) for more information.

John Loegering
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**UPDATE: SALMON RESTORATION and FISH-EATING BIRDS**

In the last issue of News & Views, we ran a Research Report on the growing concern over effects of avian predation on juvenile salmonids in the lower Columbia River. Dr. Dan Roby and his colleague Ken Collis of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission had discovered that the largest Caspian tern breeding colony in North America (ca. 8,000 nesting pairs) was situated on Rice Island, a dredge spoil island in the Columbia River estuary; that it was eating mostly salmonid smolts; and that an estimated 5-20 million smolts were consumed by this tern population during the 1997 breeding season. The report mentioned that there were a number of potential options for reducing Caspian tern predation on juvenile salmonids in the estuary, short of direct lethal control, but that more research was needed to identify the best management options.

The results so far from the 1998 field season are similar to 1997. The Caspian tern colony on Rice Island consists of about as many breeding pairs as last year, and continues to feed on primarily juvenile salmonids. The feasibility of a potential new solution to the problem is currently being tested. This management option for the burgeoning tern predation problem is to translocate the colony to a new site, East Sand Island, near the mouth of the Columbia River, where it will not be so prone to consume the dwindling supply of Columbia River salmonids.

How do you move a Caspian tern colony consisting of about 16,000 birds? It may not be as difficult as you might think. We hoped that by dumping fresh dredge spoil on one end of East Sand Island it would create nesting habitat that was attractive to terns. Then by putting out realistic plastic decoys and a speaker system that would broadcast Caspian terns calls, we might convince the terns that this was a place they just had to settle in and raise a family. To test whether this could work, we put four dozen Caspian tern decoys and a playback system blasting the Caspian terns greatest hits out on a dredge spoil island about a mile from the Rice Island tern colony. The terns quickly were attracted to this curious “gathering.” Some real terns dug nest scrapes near the decoys, others displayed toward the decoys and tried to feed them courtship meals of freshly caught salmon, and some even tried to copulate with the decoys. Finally, over the Memorial Day weekend, a few real terns got serious and laid eggs near the decoys, confirming that social attractants can induce Caspian terns to nest at a new site. Of course it will not be so easy moving the entire colony to a new site, but coupled with efforts to make the current Rice Island colony site less attractive, it may be that 1999 will find the Caspian tern colony using a new home and relying on a wider variety of forage fish than just salmon. Stay tuned.

*Dan Roby*
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Although you left OSU a few years ago, we have not forgotten you, and we would like to know more about you and the happenings in your lives so that the newsletter can keep you in touch with your classmates, faculty, and friends. If you want to receive Dr. Fritzell’s monthly “F & W Briefs,” subscribe to the alumni e-mail list (LEFT column).

We have an update on a few international students:
Ting Kan (PhD 1975) is now the Vice Chairman and CEO of the Niugini Fishing Company, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.
Tumi Tomasson (MS 1979) and PhD from South Africa where he worked for a number of years. He and his wife, Allyson McDonald, are now in Iceland where he is Director of the United Nations University Fisheries Program.
Plodprasop Suraswadi (MS 1979, PhD University of Alberta) is now Secretary General, Agriculture Land Reform, Department of Agriculture, Thailand.
German Pequeno (PhD 1984) has been active in ichthyological research in Chile and in Europe. He is now the Director of the Instituto de Zoologia at the Universidad de Austral in Valdivia, Chile.
Brendan Hicks (PhD 1989) worked with Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in Wellington, New Zealand for 2 years, then accepted a position in the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Waikato in Hamilton. He was recently promoted to Senior Lecturer and continues research in land-use issues and fish habitat analysis. He is planning a sabbatical back in Oregon in summer-fall 1999.

Dick Tubb <tubbr@ucs.orst.edu>

Have Course, Will Travel
Susan Haig will be taking her expertise South to teach Genetics and Demography of Small Populations in Brazil during the last two weeks in June. This is the same course she offers at OSU. She was invited by Walfredo Tomas (MS 1997) to share her expertise with graduate students, geneticists, and natural resource scientists at CENARGEN—Centro Nacional de Pesquisa em Recursos Genéticos e Biotecnologia in Brasilia, Brazil. Good luck Sue!

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From the Mailbag

30's A. Boyd Claggett ’39, finally got his retirement party after 28 years with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife although he had to wait 18 years for it. Boyd, who spent most of his career from 1952-1980 as manager of the Summer Lake Game Management Area near Paisley, was just too busy back in 1980 when he retired but his son Casey decided it was high time to correct that oversight and so he hauled Boyd, wheel chair and all, from his nursing home in Lakeview to Summer Lake for a catch up party Jan. 31-Feb. 1. Several of his old friends and co-workers were there to help Boyd celebrate. Ellis Mason ’39, Vic Masson ’40, Bill Lightfoot ’41, Dave Luman ’48, John Adair ’50, Larry Bisbee ’52, Bill Olson ’60, and Al Polenz to mention a few. A grand time was had by all and Boyd thoroughly enjoyed his long delayed retirement party. The ODFW made it still better with a brief ceremony on Feb. 1 honoring Boyd for his long and dedicated service as Area Manager. How fortunate it all finally happened as Boyd passed away on Feb. 21, 1998 at Lakeview. He was 81.

40's A nice note from William Klein ’41 of Ft. Collins, CO, who read our News & Views account of last year’s ODFW retirees party at Pietro’s in Salem. When he read that H. Ross Newcomb, MS ’40 had been awarded the “spotted dowel” award for coming all the way from his home in Lacey, WA. Bill couldn’t resist writing to Ross to remind him of the time he lead that great crew made up entirely of fishery students of the class of ’41 (including Bill) on a fishery survey of the Rogue River. That crew must have really kept Ross on his toes and we still haven’t seen a copy of that final report! Though this year’s retiree party promoted by those stalwarts Jim Heintz ’58 and Joe Wetherbee ’52 was slightly smaller in numbers, they more than made up for it with noise as old and new retirees got together to visit and catch up. Glad to see newly retired Dick Lantz ’63 and Harry Lorz PhD ’71 joining the old timers. Keep up the good work Jim and Joe. Those get-togethers are great!

A great long letter from Austin Hamer ’42. He reports “...in the summer of ’96 I was invited down to Oregon for the 30th anniversary of the Outdoor School Program now sponsored by the Multnomah Education Service District. I was a guest of Warren Gilfillan, former Director of the program and honored as the “Father of Outdoor Education in Oregon.” This all started when Austin was supervisor of conservation education for the Oregon Game Commission and he and Margaret Milliken, former professor of woman’s physical education at OSC began a pilot program with the Prineville School District and made a film called “Mrs. McCormack’s Outdoor Classroom.” Later a dozen more similar projects were started for 6th graders in other schools throughout the state. Now more than 6,000 6th-grade students participate in Outdoor School each year and more than 200,000 have participated since those early beginnings in 1966. Austin comments “...to think that all of this came about because some of us in the wildlife management, forest management, and soil conservation wanted sixth graders to have a hands-on experience in the outdoor laboratory to learn the ecology of living things.”

A report from Dick Tubb in March that Bill Morse ’40 had gone to see his doctor in January for check up and was admitted for by-pass surgery that same afternoon. A recent phone call to Bill indicates that he not only survived the surgery but is now doing fine. Says he’s lost 25 pounds and is now walking over a mile daily. It is probably too late to send him a ‘get-well’ card but how about a note to say ‘well done’. Bill still lives at 1617 N.E. Brazee, Portland, OR 97212.

50's Another old friend Dick Twenge ’50 suffered a stroke in March ’97 and ended up being hospitalized for 24 days...20 of them on a respirator. We are very pleased to have Dick report “…fortunately no paralysis or speech impediment. Saw the Beavers play five home games...doing OK”. Hope you can come to all of the home games this fall Dick because I think the Beavers are finally going to win a few.

A great big thanks to Richard E. ’53 and Mary E. McDaniel Marquardt now living in Talent, OR, for their generous check to the F/W Dept. plus setting up yet another scholarship program to be known as the Richard and Mary McDaniel Marquardt Scholarship. This will eventually benefit many OSU students including those in Fisheries & Wildlife.

We always enjoy getting letters from George Romano ’57 as he always seems to enclose a nice check for News & Views. But in addition he sends us all kinds of clippings about his neighbors and friends who catch 13 lb muskies on 6 lb line and 11.5 lb chinook salmon only a few miles from his home in Ottawa, Ill. George does finally come right out and admit that he is now completely retired and is now so inactive that his self-winding wrist watch stopped! George says, “…I left the Treasury Dept. 14 years ago and went to work for a pediatrician (I did all his computer work). Now I’ve left all the crying kids and diapers and am completely retired.”

A letter from Larry Safley ’58 reports that he’s finally retired from the FWS and he and his wife have built a two-story log house on an acre near Sisters, OR. Now he can enjoy watching deer bed down underneath their porch or chase their dog out of the yard. Larry finished his professional career with the FWS in Federal Aid (Wildlife Development and Land Acquisition; Partnerships for Wildlife) out of the Portland regional office. Previously he worked as game biologist with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency for 18 years and with the Klamath Indian Tribe for nearly three years. He writes, “…thinking back on the last 40 years of working with wildlife, it’s a lot different now as when I first started we worked with the critters...now one must spend more time convincing some
segments of the public that what is being done is best for all concerned.” Larry says, “Keep the News & Views coming..it means a lot to us who have graduated and still want the connection to the ‘Snell Hall Gang’...does that age me?”

60-70's Once again our thanks to Jeanne and Don Neff (PhD '63) for their continued generous support of the R.E. Dimick Memorial Scholarship Fund. Jeanne managed a brief visit to Corvallis in August for the 50th anniversary reunion of her high school graduating class but Don had to stay home in Flagstaff, AZ to take care of the Guide dog for the blind pup that they are caring for. Don says “...In October that pup went to HQ in San Rafael, CA for professional training and we got our third pup to raise for a year. We’ve had yellow labs every time and sure do like them.” What a great hobby and certainly one greatly appreciated by the dogs final owner.

William A. Freeland '74 is now an environmental scientist working in The Department of Energy’s Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office. He is the Environmental Field Coordinator for the Assistant manager for Environment, Safety and Health at the project. Bill had worked in various environmental capacities for 24 years specializing in wetlands ecology, hazardous waste management, and NEPA project management. On a personal note he writes, “...here I sit in Las Vegas. You can never tell where your career may lead or what new education you need to meet the demands of the environmental management disciplines that have developed since the early ’70s. It’s amazing to look back on my work with hazardous waste and now spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste and realize that the principles and techniques I learned at OSU are relevant and appropriate. It also seems strange that for someone who loves wetlands’ work I have moved from Portland (wet) to Spokane (dry) to the desert of southern Nevada (bone dry).” Hang in there Bill you may make Hawaii next! And if anyone wants to take a tour of the largest underground studies facility (the potential geologic repository for spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste in the world just give Bill a call and he’ll arrange the on-the-spot tour.

ODFW has really been “downsizing” since the first of the year with a partial list of retirees to include Dick Lantz ’63, John Haxton ’64, Jim Lauman ’64, Pat Keeley ’65, Jim Collins ’67, Jerry Grover ’68, Gary Hostick ’68, Rod Ingram ’69, Bruce Aaron ’72, and Harry Lorz PhD ’71, plus many others on the support staff. Hope I didn’t miss anybody but there will be some real “gaps’ in the ODFW for awhile. Unfortunately, a lot of this was due to a severe financial crunch. Others bailed out early due to a very attractive retirement package offered by PERS.

Lee Kuhn

View From The Past

1967 Big Game Field Trip

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