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Introducing our new Research Lab

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n the past 20 years, the College of Forestry/Forest Research Laboratory at Oregon State University has grown into one of the premier forestry research organizations in the nation, if not the world. Our faculty have national and international reputations. According to U.S. Department of Agriculture statistics, we lead the nation's university forestry programs in obtaining outside grants and contracts even though research support from the state of Oregon ranks us 13th nationally. The scope of our research includes a wide array of subjects and disciplines, from forest productivity to timber harvesting, to environmental protection, to social science, to advanced manufacturing technology and wood science. It is truly a program in which all Oregonians can take pride.

During these 20 years, our research program has rapidly outgrown the facilities available. In 1980 we began to lease space from the Forest Service in their Forestry Sciences Lab next door to Peavy Hall. While that has been a good arrangement, we have no opportunity to expand. And if the Forest Service takes back any space, we have no place to put displaced faculty, staff, or students. In addition, the Forest Research Lab, which houses the Forest Products Department, is no longer capable of supporting the highly sophisticated research the department conducts.

We began discussing a new laboratory with Senator Mark Hatfield in 1990. It's taken six years to bring this dream to reality. The Senator has been our champion in securing much-needed federal support, and our own Richardson Endowment provides the backup to ensure the project's success.

Our new Laboratory provides a rare opportunity for us to make a significant statement about forestry and its importance to our state and nation. It allows us to make an investment in a forestry future that requires increasingly sophisticated and complex information.

It also provides a unique opportunity to recognize, remember, and memorialize those who have made significant contributions to our profession and those we love and wish to honor in perpetuity by dedicating a portion of this new building to their memory. Opportunities like this come only rarely; we build a new forestry facility about every 30 years.

I hope you'll join me in helping make our new Research Laboratory a reality—knowing that as we do so, we'll be ensuring that we continue to serve Oregon and the world with the best knowledge this outstanding faculty can provide, from facilities that are designed to meet the challenges of our science-based profession.

George Brown

Dean
College of Forestry
Oregon State University





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On the cover.

Architects' sketch of he new Research Laboratory. The building is being designed by SRG Partnership of Portland and will be built by Lease Crutcher Lewis, a Seattle contracting firm.



Time for an upgrade.
The old FRL building,
current home of the
forest Products
department, lacks the
capabilities for
modern research.

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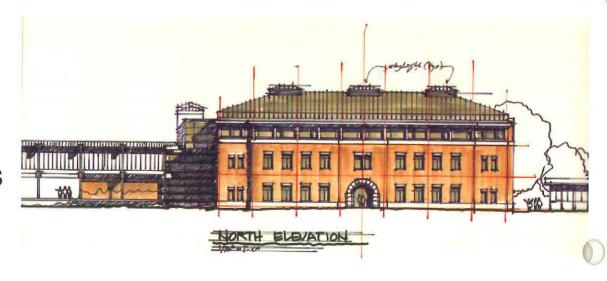
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New knowledge for a changing world

Groundbreaking for the new Laboratory is set for next Fernhopper Day



long-held dream for the College of Forestry is finally becoming a reality. It's a new building that will bring all the College's research functions for the first time into one integrated forestry campus.

Construction on the 99,000-squarefoot, \$24 million building will start next spring on a 1.2-acre site just southwest of Peavy Hall. The building will be connected by covered walkways to Peavy and to the Forestry Sciences Lab, home of the Forest Service PNW Research Station, one of the College's main research partners.

The new Forestry and Forest Products Manufacturing Research Laboratory, as it's being called for now, will greatly expand the College's research and teaching facilities, offering modern labs, greenhouses, classrooms, and computing capability. It will replace facilities in the 40-year-old Forest Research Laboratory building that are outmoded, overcrowded, and in some cases structurally unsafe. And it will give the Forest Science department, now existing in leased lab and office space in the Forest Service building, a home of its own.

Some of the new building's features will be brand-new to College scientists—for example, a quarantine facility for insect and pathogen pests and a spacious, secure rooftop greenhouse for transgenic plants. Other features will make it possible for the College to do better what it already does very well.

For example, the building will have larger and more secure hazardous-material preparation and storage quarters, essential for wood-preservation studies. It will have a "strong floor" for testing strength and other attributes of large laminated beams and entire floor or roof

Filling in the outlines. Above right: a sketch of the new Research Lab viewed from the north, across Jefferson Street. Right: the same scene, rendered in more detail. Design is still ongoing, however; the new building will probably look a little different when it's done.



room for growth at all right now. It's scary for a major college in a major university to be in that position. The new building will help us solve that problem.

"But more importantly, the new building will make it easier to meet people with similar research interests in casual settings. We'll be able to take part in things, be a part of the University community. It will just plain put us on the map."

> Barbara L. Gartner, Department of Forest **Products**

assemblies—along with a big crane that can safely hoist such heavy samples. The strong floor will be an improvement over current testing facilities, which are limited to smaller samples.

Some other features of the new Laboratory:

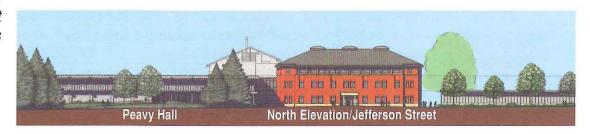
- · Expanded and centralized computing power to handle the heavy numbercrunching required by certain large-scale management tasks and research projects.
- · A centralized GIS (Geographic Information Systems) lab to process detailed, multi-layer information about landscapes, including satellite images.
- A lecture-lab complex where Forest Products students can listen to instruction and then get immediate hands-on practice.
- A lab with reliable moisture and temperature control for testing wood samples, so variations in air moisture and temperature don't skew measurements.

In brief, the new Laboratory will make possible cutting-edge research in many important areas, including topics in forest productivity, forest ecology, the impact of climate change on forests, sustainable forestry, forest health, improving manufacturing efficiency, extending the service life of wood products, and developing new products from a changing resource base.

department is housed in the Forest Research Lab, located at the far southwest corner of the OSU campus. "The isolation of our department has restricted our ability to develop integrative projects with other College and University departments," says Tom McLain, Forest Products department head. "I'm not saying we don't collaborate—we do. But if you're separated by a quarter of a mile from the rest of the campus, some types of collaboration don't happen."

Forest Science professor and geneticist Steve Strauss looks forward to informally batting around ideas in hallway or coffee-room conversations. "It's great to be able to walk down the hall to a colleague in a different discipline and say, 'I have this great idea and what do you think?" he says. "And your colleague can say, 'Well, so-and-so tried that two years ago and it didn't work.' Or, 'He did it this other way and got some interesting results.' A lot of science happens like that."

Forest Products assistant professor and wood physiologist Barbara Gartner agrees. "There are so many people I'm looking forward to being closer to running into them, having coffee with them, enjoying those little unplanned encounters. And not just in Forestry, but across campus. I really would like to



Cross-fertilization

Equally important is the crossfertilization of ideas that will occur as the new Laboratory brings scientists from the departments of Forest Products and Forest Science into the same building.

Right now the Forest Products

know people in botany, zoology, range, fisheries, and horticulture a lot better."

Outgrowing the space

Scientists in the Forest Products and Forest Science departments have striven to keep pace with rapidly changing



research priorities and the need for richer and more reliable information. By and large, says Dean George Brown, they've done a great job. "We've developed an international reputation for excellence in research," he says. "Our job is getting bigger and more complex all the time, and unfortunately, our working space hasn't

C The new building will enhance our capability to do 21stcentury research-not just a continuation of business as usual, but new and different things. The new building will bring together scientists who have similar research interests. It will help us create a synergy, something that's more difficult now.

"Also, the isolation of the department makes it hard for us to recruit undergraduate students. The new building will give us a greater visibility and presence among OSU students."

> Thomas E. McLain, department head, Forest Products

Early research. Above left: the old Forest Products Lab, 1948. Above right: loading the treating cylinder.



kept up. The simple fact is that our work has outstripped our facilities."

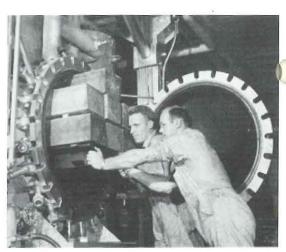
The College's research has taken place in several venues over the years, each built and equipped to address the research priorities of the day. The Forest Research Laboratory, now an arm of the College of Forestry, was created as an independent state agency in 1941 to conduct research "to aid in the economic development of the state, to develop the maximum yields from the forests, and to obtain the fullest utilization of the resource."

In 1945 a Forest Products Laboratory was established at Oregon State College. Housed in what later became the OSU printing building, the Laboratory was the site of studies into waste-wood utilization, wood preservation, and pulping chemistry as well as testing of lumber and wood panels. The Laboratory was partnered with the Forest Lands Research program in Salem, and the agencies shared support from the Harvest Tax, enacted in 1947.

The research focus was broadened in 1954 with the establishment of the OSC Forest Experiment Station. The Dean of

the School of Forestry, Paul M. Dunn, was named director of the new agency. The Experiment Station coordinated not only research in the Forest Management and Forest Products departments, but also forestry-related research in the departments of Soils, Botany and Plant Pathology, and Entomology.

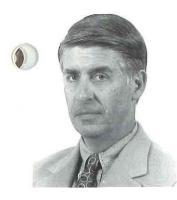
Two years later the state Forest Lands Research Division, formerly in Salem, joined the scientists of the Forest Products Lab in a new building at 30th and Western, at the far edge of the Oregon State campus. The new Oregon Forest Research Center, as it was called, brought state-funded forest products and silviculture research together under the same roof. By the late 1960s, after a couple more administrative changes, the program



had become known as the Forest Research Laboratory.

The FRL building became and has remained home to the OSU Forest Products department. The early focus of Forest Products research on wood utilization, wood preservation, and timber engineering has also remained, but studies have become more sophisticated and complex as society's needs and wishes have become more complicated.

"Forest products research," says FP department head McLain, "is the shock absorber between the growing demands of society and the resources of the forest.



east side of the Cascades is different in significant ways from the west side. We've had some particular problems and challenges in the last few years. These problems aren't easy to solve, but the only way we'll have a fighting chance to solve them is M o have a base of good, sound, objective, scientific information.

"The College's research is critical to the continued efficient operation of the wood-products industry and to people's quality of life."

John Shelk, general manager of Ochoco Lumber, Prineville, and chairman of the FRL Advisory Committee

Primarily a teaching building. Dean emeritus Carl Stoltenberg in 1971, standing in front of then-new Peavy Hall.

Improvements in technology have enabled us to use and reuse wood more efficiently and with less waste than ever before.

These improvements can't continue to happen without the research we do here."

The biology side

In the late 1950s and early 1960s came a new research imperative—reforestation. The forest fires of the '30s and '40s and the heavy logging of the postwar years had made forest regeneration an urgent need, and yet little was known about how to do it effectively.

The College and Forest Research Lab began acquiring fresh talent in forest biology. These scientists conducted studies on improving nursery stock, managing young growth, controlling weeds in young plantations, and the effects of wildlife on planted stands. In 1968 a new Forest Science wing was added onto the FRL building.

The forest biology program grew in scope and stature when the School of Forestry was designated a center for forest ecology research under the National Science Foundation's International Biological Program. By the mid-1970s OSU's forest biologists had established an international reputation, attracting significant numbers of graduate students and collaborating scientists from around the world. They had also established a close working relationship with Forest Service scientists at the Pacific Northwest Research Station.



The Forest Service had recently expanded their Forestry Sciences Laboratory, located on the western edge of the campus.

By the mid-1970s it had become clear that these OSU scientists focusing on forest biology were a major force in research and teaching. In 1976 they became the core of the new Forest Science department, the School's fourth.

Full to capacity

There was no new space for the new department, however. Peavy Hall, current Forestry headquarters, had been built in 1971 as primarily a teaching building. Some Forest Science people worked in Peavy and some at the Forest Science wing of the FRL. To accommodate the others, the School began to lease office and lab space in the Forest Service lab next door.

Thus the new department was geographically dispersed right from the start. By 1990 most Forest Science faculty were in leased quarters in the Forestry Sciences Lab. In that year, however, the Forest Service found it needed about one-third of the leased office and lab space for its own researchers. Ten Forest Science faculty and a number of research assistants, graduate students, and support staff had to move into Peavy, overfilling that building and displacing some Forest Products Department programs to the FRL.

"We have always made our space work," says Logan Norris, head of the Forest Science department, "but we've been limited in our ability to modify that space as our needs change." The Forest Service has been a gracious landlord, "but we're not making full use of the capability represented by Forest Science faculty and students. These people are our most important resource, and we ought not to underutilize them."

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6 The Forest Science department has never in its history been all located in the same building. The space we have in the **PNW Forestry Sciences** Lab is widely scattered. And we have what amounts to a year-toyear lease, which makes us vulnerable to the Forest Service's changing needs for space.

"Our lab space is cramped and in some cases potentially hazardous to the health and safety of our faculty and students. Some study rooms were once insect-rearing rooms or even closets, with very limited ventilation. The alternative to using these is not to do the work at all. But that's not in the best interests of the citizens of Oregon."

> Logan A. Norris, department head, Forest Science

Not in a vacuum

Phil Humphrey is a Forest Products scientist who studies the properties of wood and other natural fibers at the microscopic level. His work has logical links to all kinds of research going on at the College and across the OSU campus, especially in the areas of physics, wood physiology, forest genetics, and mechanical engineering.

Now quartered at the old Forest



Research Lab, Humphrey looks forward to being part of a central forestry campus and sharing many fruitful interactions with a diversity of colleagues at OSUnot only the scientists. "There's a lot of potential for synergism in science," he says, "but even more important is the bringing together of a diversity of cultural activities. Science doesn't happen in a vacuum; it happens in the context of society, and the university as a whole represents society."

The new building's features—the labs, the teaching enhancements—will be very welcome, he says. "But facilities in themselves are not what makes people have ideas. Bringing people together does. And that is what I'm most looking forward to."

(It's very important that our science be state-of-the-art in terms of computing capability. network connections, and accessibility to everyone. This is something that can't be retrofitted—it has to be part of the infrastructure, and it has to be planned so as to accommodate growth. With this new building, we have a critical window of opportunity to design information systems that will take us into the 21st century. This is going to be a challenge, because we've got a technology that changes every six months. Think of how it's going to look in six years!

"If we do it right, it gives us tremendously exciting new ways of teaching and collaborating with colleagues."

Susan G. Stafford. director of Quantitative Sciences Group, Department of Forest Science



Broadening the focus. Above center: A display of FRL/ **Experiment Station** research, 1959.

From the President

"We already have a \$10 million Congressional appropriation in hand. We will raise the balance of the \$24 million from corporate, foundation, and private contributions. I anticipate that we will break ground for the new Forestry

> turing Laboratory in April of 1997. The Laboratory will be finished in December of 1998.

"As a Land Grant, Sea Grant, and Space Grant university, Oregon State has a special responsibility for education and research devoted to developing and utilizing natural resources for the welfare of the people of

Oregon and the world. Our College of Forestry is a true exemplar of this mission. For decades College research has contributed to sound and effective management practices for Oregon's forests and its wood-based industry, and College teaching has nurtured and developed this industry's outstanding leadership talent.

"Now, after almost a century of service, it has become apparent that the College has outgrown and outstripped its current research and teaching facilities. They are outmoded, overcrowded, and in some instances perilously behind the state of the art. The new Forestry and Forest Products Manufacturing Laboratory will equip the College to continue its leadership into the twenty-first century.

"The College makes a unique contribution to the quality of life in this region. It's imperative that the College's performance in research, teaching, and extended education continue to achieve excellence if our economy is to weather the current dislocations and emerge to thrive in the next century."

and Forest Products Manufac-



We're really excited about the new greenhouse. Right now we don't have one in the College worth talking about, which is a big problem because in genetic engineering most everything you produce goes through a greenhouse. We beg, borrow, and steal greenhouse space from the Forest Service and EPA, and we're always getting pushed around and pushed out. It's hell having to move our stuff because somebody else needs the space.

"That we're going to have a greenhouse next door to our labs-I can't tell you how much that means to us."

> Steven H. Strauss. Department of Forest Science

"Now, after almost a century of service, it has become apparent that the College has outgrown and outstripped its current research and teaching facilities."

> Paul Risser, President of Oregon State University

> > -From a letter to a prospective donor



"There's Good science is the basis for growing and utilizing wood, a renewable, unprecedentrecyclable, and biodegradable resource that will be needed in increasing proportions ed global as an ever more crowded world grapples with the issues of sustainability. demand "To remain an effective contributor and research partner, Oregon State University for wood College of Forestry needs up-to-date facilities products, and equipment."

> Norman E. Johnson, vice president for research and development, Weyerhaeuser Co., Tacoma. B.S. '55 and M.S. '57 from Oregon State School of Forestry

We're living in a time of rapid changes in forestry and forest products, not only in the Northwest but worldwide. There's unprecedented global demand for wood products, which puts tremendous pressure on our natural resources. We have to cope responsibly with



this demand. That means we need the highest quality research, development, and education in the field of forestry and forest products.

"The OSU College of Forestry, as a leading institution in this field. needs modern facilities that can

offer first-class support for forestry research and teaching. Our company strongly supports the College of Forestry in this new endeavor."

> Dan Dutton. president and CEO of Stimson Lumber, Portland



Robert J. Leichti, Department of Forest Products and editor of Wood Design Focus, a newsletter of contemporary wood engineering.

Currently our lab is set up for small-specimen testing. The current trend in research and industry is structural-sizes testing. We can deal with most lumber sizes, but we can't deal with a lot of structural composites, because they come in larger chunks—like entire roof and floor assemblies and glulam beams that are 20 feet long and weigh 350 pounds. The enhanced testing capability the new building will give us is a critical step forward in our research, because you can't extrapolate beyond a certain point using small samples and still sleep at night.

"The new testing facility will be safer, too. There'll be a big crane that can hoist the samples onto the machine, so you don't have to be a gorilla to get them up there. Right now we're doing a lot of things manually that we should be doing with mechanical assistance."

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Fernhopper 1996

Sunshine and good times



Logging sports and good conversation. Clockwise from top left: a Fernhopper lets fly with the axe. OSU President Paul Risser and his wife, Les, who were dinner guests. An agile highclimber. Ed Schroeder and Al Minato in conversation. A steel-toed student chops through the log he's standing on. Dean George Brown just before hitting the bull's-eye (confident, isn't he?).

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Fernhopper Day '96

he soft spring weather seemed too good to be true as 107 Forestry alumni and spouses returned to campus for the annual Fernhopper Day gathering on April 13. They were welcomed by 135 Forestry faculty, spouses, and students.

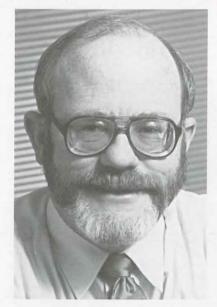
At Cronemiller Lake, Forestry Club students entertained the audience with demonstrations of high-speed choker setting, precision axe throwing, high climbing, and other feats of skilled woodsman- and -womanship. Spectators cheered as Dean George Brown scored a bull's-eye with the axe.

The day ended with a roast chicken buffet dinner and a songfest at the LaSells Stewart Center. OSU President Paul Risser and his wife, Les, were there along with Provost Roy Arnold and his wife, Jane, and former President Robert MacVicar and his wife, Clarice.

The Dean invited the "Boy's Choir"—alumni of class years 1935-1955, give or take a few-to lead the audience in renditions of "Down Under The Hill, There Is A Little Still," "Alouette," and the OSU anthem. Recent graduate Jethro Mantle provided piano accompaniment. Also at the dinner, Steve Tesch was honored with the Aufderheide Award for excellence in teaching.

Next year's Fernhopper Day is scheduled for April 26, 1997. It will begin with a very special event-groundbreaking for the College's new Forestry and Forest Products Manufacturing Research Laboratory. All Fernhoppers, family, and friends are invited.

A letter from the **Forestry Alumni** president



Dear Fernhoppers,

I remember a certain envy and excitement as I was getting ready to graduate in 1969. The new Forestry building was going to be built. Other students would call it home. The old building I had known would go on to other uses. It all seemed both exciting and impossible. But of course it happened just as envisioned, and the "new" Peavy Hall is home to OSU Forestry just as the old one was home to many of us.

Some of the same feelings are involved in the announcement that Peavy Hall and the Forest Service Forestry Sciences Lab will be joined (literally as well as figuratively) by the new Forestry and Wood Products Manufacturing Research Lab. It will offer students and faculty new and expanded opportunities to carry our profession into the next century. It will offer OSU's forest scientists an even greater opportunity to interact on a daily basis with their colleagues. All of this will surely cement our claim to being one of the finest forestry teaching and research institutions in the nation. So again, I feel a certain envy and excitement for the students and professors who will be able to use this fine new Research Lab.

It comes as no surprise that alumni will be asked to help fund the new Lab. Alumni have always stepped forward to support our school. In the months to come, you will be asked to do what you can. Each of us must decide for ourselves what that is. Maybe your employer can donate building materials and you can solicit that donation. Perhaps your family wishes to memorialize a family member, and this opportunity would be appropriate. Or perhaps a major portion of your charitable donations in 1997 could be earmarked for this effort. Whatever is proper for your situation, please prepare to step forward and help.

I hope to see many of you at the groundbreaking on Fernhopper Day, April 26, 1997.

Sincerely,

Dan Green

Fernhopper President

News from Alumni

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Please send us news about yourself, your career, your family, your opinion on the state of the world, or anything you'd like to share with fellow alums in the Winter 1997 issue of *Focus on Forestry*.

Please limit your comments to a page or so, and please type or write very clearly. Feel free to send a photo. Your letter should reach us no later than Jan. 1, 1997.



[I think all of us in the industry recognize how important it is to have a good scientific basis for the decisions we're making on forests and the environment. We need additional research in fisheries, the salmon issue, water quality, other inland fisheries, and all the rest of the well-known environmental concerns about forests and forestry. This research is critical to the economic and aesthetic quality of life of all

"Society's need for knowledge is an ongoing thing. We must continue to learn how to manage forests in the most efficient and longterm way possible. That's why it's so important that the OSU College of Forestry keep its capabilities up-to-date."

Northwesterners.

Steve Rogel, president and CEO of Willamette Industries, Portland

The "smart classroom"— more flexible than ever

ts name notwithstanding, the new Research Lab will be the site of more than research when it's completed at the end of 1998. Forestry teaching will also be greatly enhanced.

The building will be hardwired, says associate dean Scott Reed, to promote the hands-on, interactive, two-way, experiential flow that characterizes university teaching at its best. "For example, we might have multiple video monitors to share what's happening in one classroom with people in another, both within the forestry campus itself and across the world," he says. "We might have user access to the Internet, or whatever the Internet evolves into. We might have the capability for each student to tap into the forestry knowledge base in Indonesia, right there in the classroom."

Not only resident students will benefit, says Reed,

who also leads extended education programs at the College. The new building has great potential for reaching learners off campus—from a satellite-linked classroom to electronic databases that can be tapped from remote locations, to interactive Web pages targeted at a wide variety of potentially interested people.



Scott Reed

"I see this technology helping us package knowledge and tailor it precisely to the client's needs," Reed says. "What we're talking about is *access* versus *delivery*. Delivery is about aiming the information at the average person in a group. Access is about fine-tuning education to individual needs."

All this adds up, Reed says, to a "smart classroom"—more flexible, more connected, more comfortable, and more interactive than ever before. "This technological space," Reed says, "will enable us to move knowledge to learners in a shape, at a time, and in a way they can best use it." "I see this technology helping us package knowledge and tailor it precisely to the client's needs."

Scott Reed, associate dean, extended education and Extension program leader, College of Forestry

Shelter dedicated to Prineville Nine



"You never really reach closure on this. But it's a good thing the College of Forestry is doing, dedicating the shelter to the firefighters."

In memoriam. At the new shelter (above), Dean George Brown speaks to family members of the Prineville Nine. Jill Hagen is on the left. new open-air shelter at Peavy Arboretum was dedicated to the memory of the Prineville Nine, forest firefighters who were killed in the 1994 South Canyon fire on Storm King Mountain near Glenwood Springs, Colo.

About a hundred people attended the June ceremony, including relatives and friends of all the nine firefighters. Dean George Brown, in his dedicatory remarks, remembered his own experience fighting fires as a forestry student at Colorado State.

After the brief dedication, families of the firefighters planted nine Willamette Valley ponderosa pine trees in an arc around the shelter.

Two of the firefighters were alumni

of OSU, and one, Terri Hagen, would have been a senior in the fall of 1994. An enrolled member of the Onondaga Indian tribe of New York, Terri was a vivacious, adventurous woman, says her mother, Jill Hagen of Prineville. "She liked to do difficult things," she remembers. "She really enjoyed life."

Hagen and her husband, Doug, helped unveil the memorial plaque, then planted a tree in memory of their daughter. "You never really reach closure on this," says Jill Hagen. "It's always alive and always painful. But I think this is a good thing the College of Forestry is doing, dedicating the shelter to the firefighters."

The shelter is for school groups and other visitors to the Forest.

Neva K. Dunn, wife of former Dean, dies

eva Kissinger Dunn, widow of former Forestry Dean Paul M. Dunn, died in August at her home in Corvallis. She was 92.

Born in Iowa, she married Paul Dunn in January of 1926. The couple lived in Ellington, Mo., until 1931, then moved to Logan, Utah, until 1942, when her husband became Dean of the School of Forestry at Oregon State. They lived in Corvallis until he left the School in 1955 to enter private industry. The Dunns lived in New York for 13 years, returning to Corvallis in 1968, when Paul Dunn rejoined the OSU faculty as a courtesy professor. He died in 1988.

Neva Dunn was active in the OSU Mothers Club and the OSU Folk Club

Thrift Shop and was a life member of the Good Samaritan Hospital auxiliary. She was a member of the OSU Presidents Club and the First Presbyterian Church in Corvallis. She was an active volunteer in the community, devoting her time to the Red Cross, the Heart of the Valley Care Center, and other service organizations.

She is survived by her sons James W. Dunn of Corvallis and Robert P. Dunn of Wayne, Pa., six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the OSU Foundation to benefit the Paul M. Dunn Forestry Senior Award, given yearly to an outstanding senior in the College of Forestry.

Honor Roll of Donors

Please read this first!

ach year the College of Forestry has the pleasure of thanking its Honor Roll of Donors for their contributions to the College over the past year.

Everyone who made a contribution to the College of Forestry through the OSU Foundation between July 1, 1995 and June 30, 1996 appears in this Honor Roll. Our listing is divided into 13 recognition groups:

- The Harris Society honors donors who have given \$1 million or more cumulatively over their lifetimes. It's named in honor of Milton Harris, a 1926 OSU graduate and distinguished chemist, who gave the first \$1 million gift to benefit the University.
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who have given or
pledged \$25,000 or more
within a 10-year period or
who have made a deferred gift of \$50,000 or
more.

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Wood composites

They're the future, says Sam Wheeler

"If I had to do my education again, oming from a long line of lumbermen, Sam Wheeler always wanted to carry on the family tradition in an innovative way.

Wheeler (FP '50) has always had a keen interest in stretching the useful potential of wood through the engineering of wood products. He's spent much of his career designing and building plywood plants for Willamette Industries, the

> Oregonbased wood products giant.

Plywood, of course, is the grandfather of engineered wood products. Today WI operates 10 ply-



I wouldn't change a thing."

wood plants, three of them designed by Wheeler. The company also operates 13 plants that manufacture oriented-strand board, particle board, laminated beams, and laminated veneer lumber.

These are examples of the next generation of engineered wood products—composite materials made of wood and resins or plastics that are as strong as or stronger than traditional building products.

Wheeler, now retired from active management of WI but still a director, believes these engineered materials are essential to the future of the wood products industry and the prosperity of the region. "As the supply of raw material decreases here in the Northwest," he says, "we'll have to turn more to engineered products that we can make out of smaller, juvenile wood. That will be both a challenge and an opportunity for loggers and foresters."

With a couple of generous contributions, Wheeler has helped OSU equip itself to prepare students for careers in wood engineering and materials science. He contributed to the College of Forestry's wood composites laboratory, which was named after him in 1991, and he serves on the steering committee for the FourSight! effort to raise funds for the University's Center for Advanced Materials Research.

Wheeler is still active in the industry in which he spent his career. He owns a logging company in Oregon and holds part interest in a hardwood mill in central China. He's also president of Wheeler Foundation, which makes charitable donations to educational and cultural endeavors. And he devotes much time and money to causes dear to his heart.

OSU, he says, is right at the top of the list. He just finished a long term of service on the OSU Foundation Board of Trustees; where he gave time to several committees and served as chairman in 1992.

"I got a lot out of Oregon State when I was a student there," he says, "and it's always been a favorite cause of mine. If I had to do my education again, I wouldn't change a thing. And that's about the highest compliment I can give."





Mini-baseball bats tell 342 stories. Barbara Gartner, Forest Products, spoke at the July dedication of an unusual gift to the College: 342 handcarved miniature baseball bats. Each six-inch bat is carved from a piece of wood that held special meaning to donor Laurence Jackson and his wife, Ivy. The bats are displayed in the FRL lobby.

Kudos for faculty

Barbara Gartner, assistant professor in the Forest Products department, has been selected as an Emerging Scholar for the OSU Chapter of the Phi Kappa Phi honor society. The award recognizes young faculty who are making significant contributions to their fields. It grants membership in Phi Kappa Phi and includes a \$500 prize.

Bill Ripple has been elected a Fellow of the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing for his efforts as an educator and author in promoting the successful application of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology to the mapping sciences. Only a few of the society's 6,900 members are Fellows, an honor given for exceptional service in advancing the science and use of photogrammetry and remote sensing.

John Tappeiner, professor in the Forest Resources department, received the Oregon Society of American Foresters

Research Award at the May meeting of OSAF in Ashland. He was honored for his "manifold contributions to our understanding of Pacific Northwest forests and the species that comprise them."

Two new faculty have joined the College, one in Forest Resources and the other in Forest Science. **Christine Chitko Maguire**, assistant professor of Forest Science, will teach and conduct research in wildlife-forestry interactions. She received master's and doctoral degrees in zoology from Rutgers University.

Douglas A. Maguire, associate professor of Forest Resources, will teach mensuration and silviculture and conduct research in forest modeling and forest biometrics. He received a master's in botany from Rutgers University, and a master's in statistics and a doctorate in forest management from OSU.

A husband-wife team, the Maguires were most recently on the faculty at the University of Maine in Orono.



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