



## FORESTRY

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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*FROM THE EDITOR*

Hello OSU Foresters!

Here's the latest edition of the Forestry Alumni Newsletter. This edition is a bit longer than some others, somewhat reflecting the fact that it's been a busy year.

**Keith Judkins '68**, President of the OSU Forestry Alumni Association has a column in this newsletter, and I think you'll find his report informative as well as interesting. Keith mentions that the Alumni Association is planning another reunion in 2010. Originally we had planned for a reunion in 2009, but as Keith explains, it appears that next year would be a better time.

Our Natural Resource Ecology and Management Department (NREM) Department Head, Dr. Keith Owens continues to provide excellent leadership for the relatively new unit. Please be sure to read Dr. Owens' column below.

Dr. Tom Kuzmic has provided us with two articles in this newsletter. One article addresses a somewhat significant change in the summer camp program, and the other is an excellent summary of the most recent Honduras study trip.

On the campus scene, there continues to be a flurry of activity with new buildings going up seemingly everywhere. We recently opened a new multi-modal transportation center on the north edge of campus. This center includes an indoor terminal facility, bus parking and loading areas, and a multi-story parking garage.

Directly across the street from Ag Hall is a new Interdisciplinary Science Research Building. It is being built on the site of the old Dairy Building. The facility looks quite nice, but I do miss getting milk and doughnuts between classes at the 'Dairy Bar'.

In athletic news OSU had a very good year in some sports, and not-so-good in others. Football usually garners most of the attention, and this year has been no exception. If you haven't seen Boone Pickens Stadium (nee Lewis Field), you have missed seeing one of the great facilities in college football. The west end zone, with training rooms, coaches offices, etc. is nearing completion and is truly a fabulous showplace on the OSU campus.

We previously promised to send out a list of OSU Forestry graduates. However, you'll note by the financial statement that printing is rather expensive (the Department pays for newsletter postage). If you wish to have a copy of the Forestry graduates roster, please contribute a bit extra to your dues, and a list will be sent. Thanks!

As always we appreciate hearing from former OSU students and graduates. If you are in the area, please stop by, and if you can't make a visit, send us a card or call.

Regards,

**Craig McKinley '68**

## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

I am completing my third year back in Oklahoma after living in several locations in the eastern United States over the past 38 years. I thought I knew what the weather would be like and had convinced my wife that this would be a good move as we near retirement. I told her it would be a little warm in July and August but the rest of the year would be very tolerable. It would not be humid like New Orleans or have six months of winter like Maine. Well, we have had extreme heat, torrential rain, the most snow and ice in years and the wind blows a little more than I remember it blowing in Stillwater. Suffice to say, I have had some explaining to do. In spite of that, it has been great to be back and be able to reconnect with several old classmates on a routine basis and to interact with the NREM Department in Stillwater. **Craig McKinley '68** and I meet on a somewhat regular basis with Dr. Keith Owens to discuss activities of the forestry program.

I had the honor to again be invited to the NREM Awards Banquet which was held April 14<sup>th</sup> in Stillwater. That is what we used to call the Forestry Spring Banquet. Most of you with more academic endeavors got a lot more benefit out of that than I did. **Max Craighead '58, MS '70** and his wife Donna and **Craig McKinley '68** were in attendance and it was nice to see them and reminisce about the old days.



*Keith Judkins '68, and NREM Department Head Keith Owens awarding Caysie Taylor '09 the Glen Durrell Scholarship and gavel for 2009.*

I spoke to the Forestry Club/SAF Student Chapter on April 20 in an effort to inform them of our alumni association. One of the primary problems I run into has been a total lack of

knowledge about our association and the fact we lose contact when foresters start moving around the country with their careers. We have to add some names to the membership list or you know what will happen. So if you have an old classmate that does not receive the newsletter please send me their current address, either mailing or email, and we will make sure they get entered into the database.

We have decided to plan our next OSU Forestry Alumni Association reunion for fall of 2010. This will probably be held again in October in SE Oklahoma. Please mark your calendars. I know this is long range planning, but when we held our last reunion in 2007 we said we would meet again in 2-3 years and due to the current economic conditions we thought we had better go for the 3 year plan. Someone told me that was too much long range planning that he did not even buy green bananas anymore. Well I said we are a hardy bunch and we will have a good turnout in 2010.

Since returning to Oklahoma I have developed a new appreciation of urban forestry. It plays a vital role in our communities. With our back to back ice storms in NE Oklahoma over the past couple of years the stage was set for a massive effort to re-forest some of our cities. Tulsa has taken a leadership role in this effort headed up by their Up With Trees Program which is now more than 30 years old. They have already played a major role re-foresting Tulsa by planting over 20,000 trees along highways, parks and other public areas since its inception in 1976. Tulsa Mayor Kathy Taylor recently handed out a new challenge in the wake of the devastating ice storms with her ReGreen Program designed to plant 20,000 more trees by 2010. Up With Trees is a strategic partner in accomplishing that effort. There are many OSU foresters directly involved in this effort, including **Tim Nall '84** and **Richard Bewley '82**.

I hope all of you will continue to contribute to your association so that we can carry on the newsletter, reunions and many awards and tools provided to the forestry students at Oklahoma State University.

**Keith Judkins '68**

## ***FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD***

The Department of Natural Resource Ecology & Management continues to evolve as the forestry, range, wildlife, and fisheries faculty members collaborate in the classroom and on research and extension projects. The undergraduate enrollment is currently around 180 students, with approximately 40 forestry majors. Combining the winter and spring graduation ceremonies, we had a total of 52 students receiving their Bachelor of Science degrees. Freshmen and transfer enrollment has been strong and we should maintain our number of students. Graduate student enrollment has also increased to almost 60 students. The job market continues to be strong for our graduates (particularly the forestry graduates) and summer employment opportunities are abundant.

We added 4 new faculty members this year. Dr. Dave Engle is the current Director of the Water Research and Extension Center and is a half-time faculty member in range ecology. Dr. Chris Zou joined the faculty last August with a joint research/extension position in ecohydrology. Dr. Difei Zhang finished her PhD at the University of New Hampshire and joined the faculty as our Forest Economist. She will be teaching Forest Economics and the Forestry Capstone course. Dr. Duncan Wilson has been hired and will join the faculty on July 1, 2009. Duncan earned his PhD at Oregon State University and will be teaching the Timber Management course and a graduate course in forestry. All 4 of these faculty members are great additions to our faculty and will enhance the programs in our department.

The Department had received 2 extensions to our Society of American Foresters Accreditation from 2006 to 2008. Last fall we submitted our Re-Accreditation report and the Visiting Team was on-campus in early September. The team was very complimentary of the forestry programs and recommended that the Forest Management and Forest Resource Conservation options be accredited for an additional 10 years. The Society of American Foresters approved that recommendation so our undergraduate programs are fully accredited.

Speaking of the Society of American Foresters, Dr. Tom Hennessey and Mr. Bob Heinemann were named as SAF Fellows in 2008. This is a richly deserved award for both of these men.

The annual Awards Banquet was held in April and we were able to award over \$30,000 in scholarships and fellowships to undergraduate and graduate students. The donations and support of our alumni made these awards possible. You can see pictures from the awards banquet at:

[http://nrem.okstate.edu/undergraduate\\_studentawards09.htm](http://nrem.okstate.edu/undergraduate_studentawards09.htm).

Thank you for your continued support of our students and programs.

One last item – we have finished digitizing all of the summer camp photos in the display boards. You can view the pictures at

[http://nrem.okstate.edu/forestry\\_camp\\_photos.htm](http://nrem.okstate.edu/forestry_camp_photos.htm) .

If you have information to share about any of the specific pictures such as the people in the pictures or what was happening, please let us know. Some years are missing from the sequence on the web page simply because boards were not prepared for those years. If you have pictures from those summer camps you'd like to share, please send us a digital copy of the picture and a description of where it was taken.

This has been a busy year and next year should just as busy. The current economic situation will affect us, just as it has affected everyone else. We will continue to offer the best possible education for our students while maintaining fiscal responsibility. This will be the first time in a long time where we do not have faculty vacancies and have a full faculty to teach our courses. We continue to attract high quality students and look forward to what this year brings.

Please call or stop by if you're ever in Stillwater!

**M. Keith Owens**  
**Professor and Head**

## ***RESTRUCTURING OF SUMMER CAMP & THE CAMP '09 REPORT***

"Oh the times, they are a changin'....." With enrollments in Forestry programs around the country dipping low once again, and budgets not getting any better, we have done some serious thinking about how best to continue to provide a great summer camp experience for our students, and yet deal with enrollment and fiscal realities. We have instituted a change! Our plan is to offer the camp experience in two 3-week components, one at the end of the sophomore year, and a second one at the end of the junior year. Both are to be offered for 3 weeks in May, beginning right after finals week and commencement, and they will run simultaneously.

The sophomore camp is based at OSU's Kiamichi Forestry Research Station down in Idabel, Oklahoma, while the junior camp will take place at an out-of-state location to give our students an opportunity to experience forests, forestry, and natural resource management practices in a different region, and hence, have a broader resume of field learning experience as we have always espoused. The economic advantage comes with the fact that the sophomore camp is close to home, and that will save both the department and our students some travel expense. Further, the students stand to gain immensely since both camps will conclude in May, and therefore, they will have the months of June, July and some of August available for meaningful summer jobs and internships. Up to now, all of you veteran campers essentially lost a good summer of work opportunity since your camps went well into mid to late July. We know that made it tough for you to earn money to pay your camp bills and to put some aside for anticipated fall semester bills to come. Our revised format is well-received by our current students. Sure, we give up some of the in-depth experience that comes with a longer camp, but our two 3-weekers will still provide a rich hands-on experience like we always have offered....and about the time that students start thinking about home while at camp, they'll essentially be heading back that way! We hope that you alums out there agree that this is a prudent decision and direction for us under the current economic climate.

One other factor involved in our decision to restructure camp is the learning message that we intend to deliver. The sophomore camp will still focus on traditional forestry field skills, primarily, field ecology, silvics, and timber cruising. Rod Will and Tom Lynch on our faculty serve as the lead instructors. The junior camp, however, will be broadened in scope and theme to serve not just forestry students, but also the wildlife, range and fisheries students in our department. We have always taken an integrative, multi-resource perspective in our forestry curriculum, and we plan to expand and enhance that approach in our junior camp. It will be required of forestry majors, and available as a practical, hands-on, field studies elective for the others. Tom Kuzmic will serve as lead instructor, with collaboration by other NREM faculty in the areas of water, wildlife, range and fisheries. By attracting a broader group of student majors, we hope to have an even more dynamic learning experience, and also capitalize on better economies of scale from a budgetary standpoint. We intend to make it work! We'll keep the "bean counters" content, and still offer a high quality learning experience in the field!

So....we kicked this off with the first sophomore camp at Idabel in May of this year. As noted above, Rod Will taught the forestry field studies component, with some faculty support from Tom Kuzmic, Tim O'Connell, Don Turton, and from Dennis Wilson of the Kiamichi Station. Rod led the class on an ecological transect to discern forest community uniqueness and differences from the Red River floodplain to the Ouachita highlands. Interactions between the climatic, edaphic, biotic and topographic factors were explored at each stop along the transect. He hammered home the concepts of site index, site productivity, tree spacing and biomass distribution with field exercises on the former Weyerhaeuser Company, now Ouachita National Forest spacing study plots on Carter Mountain north of Broken Bow, and at the prescribed fire research plots at Pushmataha Wildlife Management Area. Tom Lynch taught the forest measurements course, and had our students cruising the big loblolly pines on Weyerhaeuser ground near Haworth (the old Tiak District), complete with a dense understory of greenbrier and poison-ivy. He also ran hand-compass and

GPS orienteering courses on OSU's Mac Lindley Farm property down by the Red River. We saw a few snakes that day! Doug Stevenson assisted in the course and conducted a good exercise in log scaling at a small sawmill near Bokhoma. 1986 alum Greg Mayes, of International Paper, provided a fine program on wood procurement, complete with a tour of the papermill at Valliant (thanks, Greg!).

OSU summer campers this year were once again recipients of generous scholarship support from Carolyn Jacob Foutch and from the Floyd and Allene Brown Foundation.

**Tom Kuzmic**, Camp Director (camp #29!)

### ***HONDURAS STUDY-TRIP 2009***

Our Honduras study-trip each March continues to be well-received by OSU students, and has become the longest running study-abroad program in the College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources. We have been at it for 11 straight years!

This year's group experienced the usual wonders of several tropical forest ecosystems, including the rainforest, cloud forest, mangroves, highland pines, and drought-deciduous forest. We become well acquainted with them by taking some very adventurous and vigorous hikes, one, up an extinct volcano. As well, we have a wonderful educational tour of the Mayan ruins of Copan, where we delve into the culture of that ancient civilization and ponder their demise, predicated on the theory that they over-extended the capacity of the land and its resources to sustain their lifestyle. We gain some understanding of the global marketplace through our programs at the Finca Miramundo coffee plantation in the mountains and the Chiquita banana operations on the Caribbean coast. At Macaw Mountain, we get up close and personal to several species of tropical birds, including scarlet macaws, toucans and amazons. We continued our dynamic programs in sustainable development with NGOs in remote villages where we experience the nuances of life and living in a setting in which people simply have to eek out their daily existence by deriving what they need from the land. In addition, a new component was included with the Lenca culture in the western highlands.

There, we spent a day picking coffee with villagers, and then participated in the full process of depulping and washing the beans, and then spreading them to dry in the sun on concrete patios. Later in the day, we visited bread-making, paper-making, and pottery cooperatives run by enterprising women in the village. Then we finished off the day on a steep, hillside farm (at one place, up to a 60-degree slope!) with some rural farmers, learning how to cultivate corn and beans with the highest level of technology available, a machete and a hoe. We experienced the circumstances of deforestation, first-hand, and in one village learned about creative ways to alleviate the problem through the use of energy-efficient sustainable wood stoves, creating fuelwood plantations, and planting trees with community members.

We cover a lot of ground in our 16-day trip; we have rich cultural experiences with many wonderful Hondurans from all walks of life; and enjoy some delicious Honduran food (fish and seafood right out of the sea, tasty corn tortillas and beans, lusciously sweet fruit right off the tree or bush, mmmmm....); and have a truly life-changing experience. I am already working on trip #12 for March 2010! It's all about "changes in latitudes, changes in attitudes!"

**Tom Kuzmic**



*The 2009 Honduras Study Group*

### ***OUACHITA SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS MEETING***

The Annual Ouachita Society of American Foresters (OSAF) meeting was held on

December 4-5 in Ft. Smith, Arkansas. The meeting focused on “Changing Forest Ownerships: Challenges and Opportunities”, and about 80 individuals were in attendance.

As part of the OSAF Annual Meeting, a number of individuals were recognized for their many contributions to the Society of American Foresters.

OSU Faculty member **Tom Lynch** received the Ouachita Society award for Outstanding Achievement in Forestry Research.

At the Oklahoma Division level, The Nat Walker Award and the Ted Silker Award for exemplary service to SAF and the forestry community were presented to **Craig McKinley '68** and OSU faculty member **Rodney Will**, respectively. Rod was also recognized as Chair of the Oklahoma Division in 2008.

Also recognized during the meeting were **Dr. Tom Hennessey** (faculty) and **Bob Heinemann '80, MS '82** as newly-elected Fellows in the SAF. We congratulate both Tom and Bob on this accomplishment.

### ***NREM AWARDS BANQUET***

The annual NREM Scholarship and Awards Banquet was held on April 14, 2009 at the Meditations Banquet Facility in Stillwater. Over 115 students, alumni, faculty and staff attended the festivities. About \$30,000 of scholarships and awards were awarded to students department-wide, \$9,200 of that to forestry students.

The **C. Lee Clymer Scholarship** memorializes Lee Clymer who served as Extension Forester in southeastern Oklahoma from 1950 until his passing in 1977. The award is presented annually to the outstanding student attending the previous OSU Summer Field session. The 2008 Summer Camp faculty selected **Alex Schwartz** for this award.

The **Ted Silker memorial Award** is presented in memory of Dr. Ted Silker, professor of silviculture from 1961–1979. This award is presented annually to a summer camp attendee from the previous year that has demonstrated

great improvement in forestry skills as a result of the field experience. The Silker Award was presented to **Mr. Brian Finch**.

The **Walker Sophomore and Junior Merit Scholarships** are supported through an endowment established by Nat and Helen Walker. Dr. Walker was one of the three original faculty members in the OSU Forestry Department. The Walker Scholarships recognize students for outstanding academic achievement, leadership, character, professionalism, and participation in extra-curricular activities. The Sophomore Award was presented to **Mr. Gabe Kent**. The Junior Award was given to **Mr. Yance Farney**.

The **Glen Durrell Scholarship** was established by OSU Forestry alumni in 1976, and recognizes a senior student for scholarship, character, and potential leadership and success in professional forestry employment. Mr. Durrell was the first Head when the OSU Forestry Department was created in 1946. The recipient of this award was **Ms. Caysie Taylor '09**. In addition to a cash award, Caysie also received a wooden gavel hand-crafted by **Max Craighead '58, MS '70**, Emeritus Extension Forester.

The **David and Merna Jo Robinson Award** was established by OSU Forestry faculty, alumni, and friends to honor **Dr. Dave Robinson '52** for 29 years of dedicated and enthusiastic service to the Forestry Department. The award recognizes a senior who will be graduating during the current year, and who has demonstrated special achievement not related solely to academic performance. This award was presented to **Ms. Caysie Taylor '09**.

**Caysie** was also recognized for her efforts in the Student Chapter of the Society of American Foresters by receiving the Ouachita Society SAF Scholarship Award.

The **Flick Forestry Ranger Award** is sponsored by **Dennis '78** and **Norene Flick** of Norman, OK. This award recognizes a forestry student whose motivation, enthusiasm, and positive attitude contribute to the betterment of the Department and the forestry teaching program. The 2009 recipient was **Mr. Kyle Hesse**.

**Ms. Carolyn Jacob Foutch** and her husband **Gordon Foutch** of Council Bluffs, Iowa have for several years sponsored an award to a deserving student who will attend the upcoming summer camp. This award was presented in 2009 to **Ms. Jeri Brooks**.

The **Weyerhaeuser Company Scholarships** were presented to **Mr. Benjamin Beale** and **Mr. Yance Farney**.

The **Brown/Erwin Transfer Scholarship** is presented in memory of **Mr. Floyd Brown** and **Mr. Roger Erwin**, deceased alumni of the class of 1950. This award was presented to **Ms. Kaitlyn Dugan**.

In honor and memory of **Floyd Brown**, a 1950 graduate and former staff member of the Forestry Department, the **Brown Summer Camp Scholarships** were presented to individuals who will participate in the 2009 camp in Idabel, Oklahoma. Recipients of the 2009 Brown Scholarships were: **Ms. Kaitlyn Dugan, Mr. Eli Ellis, Mr. Gabe Kent and Mr. Cameron Standing**.

### ***OSU GRAD RECEIVES HONORS***

*Editors note: The following was published on the Oklahoma Forestry Services Web Site in June, 2009. Kurt is a 1974 graduate of OSU Forestry and Tom is a 1971 graduate.*

In 1992 the Forest Heritage Center (Broken Bow, OK) started a program, honoring those who have contributed to the forest industry of Oklahoma. Heritage Foresters are pioneers of the Oklahoma Forest Industry. Kurt Atkinson, Assistant Director Oklahoma Forestry Services, has been named the 2009 Heritage Forester.

Kurt has been the Assistant Director and Chief of Resource Management Programs since 1982. He was recently named "Oklahoma's Conservationist of the Year" as a result of his work with Natural Resource Conservation Service at both the state and national level.



*Tom Smith (right) of the Forest Heritage Center Board presents Kurt Atkinson the 2009 Heritage Forester Award.*

### ***30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1979 MAINE SUMMER CAMP***

*Editor's Note: We received a nice e-mail from **Barbara Arter '81** with the following article and photos. To quote Barbara, "Maybe you can use the attached to raise money for scholarships. If you want I can write a few lines about Tom Hennessey skinny dipping or the girls throwing water balloons out the lodge windows at unsuspecting students."*

Barbara Arter, 1979 Maine Summer Camp Super Cruiser and 1980 OSU Log Jam Queen, is making an appeal to all 1979 Maine Summer Campers to donate to the Forestry Scholarship Program. Arter, seen below, recently visited the site of the 1979 Summer Camp at Nicatous Lodge, Maine. The 1981 graduate and senior consultant of BSA Environmental Consulting (Steuben, Maine) says, "I owe much of my success to the OSU forestry program."



*Barbara Arter at the Nicatous Lodge*



*Nicatous Lodge, Maine*

Arter also recently visited the home of Gifford Pinchot who is considered the father of the US Forest Service. Her first forestry-related job was creating trails and trout habitat in streams near the Pinchot home in northeast Pennsylvania.

### ***REMINISCING ABOUT AN OSU FORESTRY FACULTY MEMBER***

*Editor's Note: Last fall, we received a visit from Ms. Margaret Hamiter of Henderson, Nevada. Ms. Hamiter, is the daughter of Dr. Nat Walker, a founder and long-time faculty member of the OSU Forestry Department. In the course of conversation, we discussed how Dr. Walker cared for OSU forestry students and assisted them at every opportunity. The following account was written by one of his former students. No doubt, similar stories could likely be told by any number of OSU foresters.*

"I was a young forester at OSU in the mid 1960's, and was about a week from graduation. I had already received notice that I was to report to army basic training in about three weeks. I was totally broke - having no money, no job, and going to the army. So hesitantly, I went into Mr. (the Ph.D. came later) Walker's office and asked if the Department had any fund from which I could borrow some money and then pay back later. He asked how much I needed, and I indicated that \$75 would probably be sufficient. He said that the Department had such a fund, but I would need to come back the next day. On schedule, I went to his office the next day and he handed me \$75, in cash as I recall.

After my summer in the army, I enrolled in graduate school at another university. Following receipt of my first assistantship check, I wrote a letter to Mr. Walker and enclosed a check to the Department for \$80. That was to cover the original loan plus any interest that might be charged. Mr. Walker

immediately wrote back and told me the amount was just right and wished me success in my career.

Over the years, I often thought of that event. Some time ago, I visited the OSU Forestry Department Head and asked if the Department had a fund similar to that from which I had received the \$75. To no one's memory had there ever been such an account. Then it all came clear. Nat Walker in his typical, understated way had given me his own money.

I realize all this happened a long time ago, but it serves to remind me of his many kindnesses and the person Nat Walker really was."

### **An OSU Forester**

### ***YOUTH FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE CAMP***

For the 53<sup>rd</sup> year, Oklahoma youth gathered at Beavers Bend State Park for the Forestry and Wildlife Camp. This week-long camp is for youth ages 13-15 and is focused on the management, utilization and conservation of our forest and wildlife resources.

The camp is currently under the direction of the Oklahoma Forestry Services Division, after being directed by OSU Forestry through 2004. However, a strong OSU presence is seen during the camp week, as a number of graduates and even current OSU students served as planning committee members, camp tour guides, counselors, and support staff. This year's camp attracted approximately 50 youngsters, and from all indications, they thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity for both educational activities and recreational events.



*Three of the 'older' OSU foresters assisting with the 2009 Youth Camp. From left to right Dave Wall '65, Craig McKinley '68, and Darryl Hunkapillar '65.*

**O-STATE STORIES**  
**(A FORESTRY VERSION)**

O-STATE Stories is a project of the Oklahoma Oral History Research Program at the OSU Library, with a goal to chronicle the history, heritage and traditions of OSU.

To date, three OSU foresters have been interviewed for this project. A joint interview, completed in 2007, with **Keith Judkins '68** and **Craig McKinley '68** can be viewed at:

<http://www.library.okstate.edu/oralhistory/ostate/index.htm>

A 2008 interview with **Max Craighead '58, MS '70** is to be available on that site shortly.

You are encouraged to read these interviews and perhaps relive some of the 'good old days'. Then again, your memory of the same events may be a bit different than those presented!

**A FORESTER/AUTHOR**

*Editors's Note: The following is excerpted from a press release regarding Mary's visit.*

Mary Stuever, a 1982 OSU forestry graduate, spoke about her recently-released book, *The Forester's Log: Musings from the Woods* on Monday March 30 in Ag Hall 019.

*The Forester's Log* is a collection of one woman's experiences, in the woods, as a homeschooling parent, a traveler and adventurer, and student of the connection between land and people. Stuever's career has included work with state and federal agencies, private consulting, and working for nearly five years with an Apache tribe in east-central Arizona. Her field-based stories are rich with passionate people and phenomenal places.

Set primarily in New Mexico and Arizona, Stuever's writing travels with her, and the book includes essays on the mouth of the Rio Grande, a wildfire in Alaska, a train trip through Thailand, and mountain climbing in Mexico.

She spoke about her book and her experiences with fire, forestry, burn area rehabilitation, environmental education, and outdoor recreation.

For more information: [www.foresterslog.com](http://www.foresterslog.com)

**CLASS NOTES**

**1950 -1960**

**Jim Gotcher '50** is retired and, "Sill living close to the Tonto National Forest – and fishing."

**Robert Howard '52** in Oak Ridge, Tennessee lists himself as "self employed" as a pediatrician. Robert inquired about **John Hawk '52**, and the last we have on John is that he was in Cotati, California. Sorry Robert, but we don't publish specific addresses. Maybe John can call the Department and we can arrange some communication.

**Howard Wohlfarth '52** is retired and living in Sierra Vista, Arizona. He says he is, "still recovering from my knee surgery. However, have started my travels again. Will be going to northern Mexico/Copper Canyon this year. Started daily morning walks and fishing. Next year will be traveling to the Mexican Riveria, Spain, Egypt, and Alaska – a moving target is harder to hit."

**Bill Denyer '53** is retired and living in Edmond, Oklahoma.

**M. A. Lane '53** writes from Houston, Texas that his employer is "Mean Wife", and that his position is "Flunky."

**Charles Sigler '53** is located in Columbia Falls, Montana.

**William C. 'Bart' Bartholomew '55** sent in a note from Griffith, Georgia. "After spending 43 years in the wood preserving industry, decided I would practice some forestry. Purchased a cut over acreage, did the herbicide control burn thing, hand planted loblolly and white oak. Learned about beaver and invasive species!"

Bart sent a couple of not-so-recent photos, with one reproduced below.



*Prof. Al Pakula's Forest Management Class with Dierks Foresters – Spring, 1955*

1. **Bill Bartholomew '55**
2. **Jack Dunn '55**
3. **Bill Williams '56**
4. **Robert Hamer '55**
5. **Larry Smith '55**
6. **John Burwell – Dierks Forests**
7. **Jim Kurtz '50**
8. **Buck McCray '55**
9. **Elmer Peebles '50**
10. **Bryant Watts '53**
11. **Russ Stallings '55**
12. **Verdo Hooker '56**

**Joe Clayton '57** stopped by the Department for a brief visit. It's good to have alumni come by at any time. Joe is now located in Enid, Oklahoma.

**George Johnston '57** writes from Hot Springs, Arkansas, "Just returned from an Alaskan cruise – great trip! Cool, with lots of salmon to eat." He remarked about the cost of diesel fuel and indicates that, "for every 15 miles you pull your 5<sup>th</sup> wheel trailer from home you have spent \$5.00 – but wait, that's \$10 as you have to come back home!"

**Lloyd Todd '57** is retired. He writes, "Still rockin' – made it to Manitoba for walleye and northerns and Alaska for halibut and salmon. We plan to spend our 10<sup>th</sup> winter on South Padre Island, Texas. Wyoming still holds a special attraction for us so it remains our permanent home."

**David Oates '58** is retired from the USFS and living in Lufkin, Texas. He writes, "Family fine –

a second great-grandchild this year. Still playing golf and tending 21+ acres."

**Emmett Thompson '58** is retired from Auburn University where he now holds the title of Dean Emeritus.

**Hal Ward '58** resides in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.

**Jerry Alexander '58** lists himself as a self-employed consultant, after retiring from the USFS in 1990. He reports, "Judy and I celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary last August 2, sponsored by our four children, 8 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter." He added, "It is amazing how often I remember Durrell, Walker, Afanasiev – wonderful people who influenced me in a very positive way."

**Andrew Dossett '58** reported from Albuquerque, New Mexico with one word, "RETIRED!"

**Paul Keller '59** reports that he "met two OSU alums in Oregon in July – **Mike Lunn** and **Wayne Elmore**, both of '68. Had a great time even though we were years apart in school."

**John Spalding '59** writes from Alaska, "Sold my airplane – bought a bicycle. Otherwise just getting older and losing more hair."

**Harold Storie '59** is retired and living in Pinetop, Arizona. He reports, "We have a goat ranch in Oklahoma and are there half of the year. Everyone is welcome to come." His Oklahoma address is in Mannford.

**Bill Cobbler '60** is in Olympia, Washington. He writes that he visited with **Bob Hyden '66** last December. Bob resides in Green Valley, Arizona.

**Karl Stoneking '60** retired in 2002 from the USFS with 40 years of service. He lives in Buford, Georgia and reports, "For the past 6 years I have been active in the Duluth First United Methodist Church, in chancel choir and Stephen ministry." Karl also caught up on some back dues, and we appreciate his providing a little extra support.

**William Van Vliet '60** is retired and living in Eugene, Oregon.

## 1961 - 1970

**Nickey Lambeth '61** is retired and living in Okemah, Oklahoma. He reports, "Nothing new."

**Dave Paine '61** and his wife stopped by last summer on a visit through Oklahoma. He is retired, "for the 4<sup>th</sup> time", and indicates his current position is, "Head of household – I think!" He is an active woodworker and stained glass worker. He tells people that he, "Makes sawdust and breaks glass."

**Norm Smola '61** is retired and living in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

**John Foster '62** writes from Eagle, Idaho that he is, "mostly retired."

**Chuck Gay '62** is Associate VP for Extension at Utah State University. He reports, "Passage of the new Farm Bill is my big news. I served three years on the {Land Grant University} Farm Bill Committee. If you don't like the National Institute for Food and Agriculture concept, I will take part of the blame."

**David Scott '62** is retired in Springfield, Missouri, "Still fishing, hunting, and playing golf."

**Omer Burdick '63** is retired from the USAF and living in Mooreland, Oklahoma.

**John Skinner '64** is retired from the USFS but is still working as owner/operator of

[www.sierraoutdoorrecreation.com](http://www.sierraoutdoorrecreation.com)

John notes that, "We've come a long ways since we used key-punched cards to load computer information during my college days." He also indicated that, "Nat Walker was the individual who encouraged me to add creative writing to my forestry curriculum."

**Harold Burkhart '65** lives in Blacksburg, Virginia. He continues to stay busy, although he recently stepped down as Forestry Department Head at VPI.

**Don Dale '65** is retired from Weyerhaeuser, Co. in Arkansas and, "Spends my time traveling in our 5<sup>th</sup> wheel RV, writing forest stewardship plans ,

wood turning, wood working, gardening, and whatever Linda directs."

**Bob Lumppio '65** is a self-employed consulting forester in Massachusetts. He writes, "I can't help but notice that most of those graduating in the mid-60s are retired. I've reached the 'thinking about it' phases but am still working."

**Doyle Weatherford '65** is retired and living in Tipton, Oklahoma.

**Carl Dittner '66** is retired and living in Tishomingo, Oklahoma.

**Dale Wilson '66** is retired from the USFS and manages family forestland near Bethel, Oklahoma. He recently was elected president of the Oklahoma Woodland Owners Association.

**Michael Enochs '68** is currently an 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science teacher in the Oklahoma City Public Schools.

**Keith Judkins'68** stays busy as the President & CEO of the National Association of Advertising Distributors, Inc. and President of the OSU Forestry alumni Association.

**Craig McKinley '68** is Extension Forestry Specialist at OSU.

**Walt Gund '69** is retired from the US Army and is active in community affairs in Bixby, Oklahoma. He reports visiting with **Ted Alby '68** recently during Ted's travels through Oklahoma.

**Bill Albright '70** is Chair of Biological Sciences at Eastern Oklahoma State College in Wilburton, Oklahoma. He writes that, "Linda and I enjoy visiting son (Michael) daughter-in-law (April) and grandsons Brooks (7) and Jackson (3) in High Point, North Carolina. Both of us are looking forward to retirement, taking care of our timber, black angus cattle and doing genealogy."

**Larry Kindt '70** is a Training Specialist with Stanley (no brushes or steamers) in Lawton, Oklahoma. "Someday, I will have to start to work so I can retire. I have never considered what I do as work. Oh, well."

## *1971 -1980*

**Steve Elsberry '71** is a self-employed real estate appraiser in Pawhuska, Oklahoma. He says he does appraisals, “as I find time.”

**Lester Rose '71** is retired from his position with the USFS and lives in Perryville, Arkansas.

**Larry Schaapveld '71** is “staying busy” in Azle, Texas

**Thomas Folgate '72** is currently living in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

**Phil Hayden '72** is a consultant working out of eastern Oklahoma. We had a brief visit during a recent Ozarks Forest Resource Network meeting.

**Jim Mitchell '74** is the owner of Professional Tree Care, LLC in Enid, Oklahoma.

**Roger Griffin '75** serves as Environmental manager for Weyerhaeuser. He resides with his wife, Beth, in Broken Bow and enjoys his two grandchildren who live in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

**Tim Delpha '76** lives in Edmond, Oklahoma and serves as Manager, Crude Oil Supply – Oklahoma for ConocoPhillips.

**Chris Parrington '76** serves as an Area Forester for Oklahoma Forestry Services. He writes, “No news, just glad to still have a job!”

**Steve Frost '77** is Systems Manager for the US District Court, and lives in Yukon, Oklahoma.

**Roque Nalley '77** is the owner of Eagle Ridge Forest Management in Spokane, Washington. He reports, “Consulting is a bit slow with low log prices, but should rebound when housing turns around. Go Cowboys!”

**Harvey Lenard '79** is a Captain with the City of Enid Fire Department. He writes, “After 21 years – still fighting fires, working vehicle accidents, and medical emergencies. Although I don’t work in the woods, I still enjoy camping, and hiking. We spent 2 weeks in SE Oklahoma this summer and I found several railroad spikes and other relics of the Dierks’ lines.”

**Tom Murray '79** is a Forester with Oklahoma Forestry Services and is headquartered in Burns Flat, Oklahoma.

**Max Gramly '80** is Director of Sales Development for Miller-Coors Brewing Company. He reports he is, “Living the good life in the outdoors of Colorado. Volunteering in mitigation work for pine beetles - experiencing catastrophic outbreaks in the last several years.”

## *1981 - 1990*

**Dave Lupsha '81** is a lumber buyer with Associated Hardwoods in Lexington, Virginia.

**Gary Brannon '82** is a 7<sup>th</sup> grade Science teacher in the Ft. Morgan, Colorado School District.

**Jeff Goodier '82** is shipping coordinator, Diboll Lumber Operation for Temple-Inland Forest Products Corp. He indicates that, “We’re surviving the down building products market. Hoping next year is better. Our oldest son is a freshman at Texas Christian University. We’re doing a better job recruiting our youngest; look for him at OSU in two years.”

**Dave Walters '82** serves on the Budget & Planning Staff of the Tennessee Forestry Division. Dave is currently running for the SAF Council representing District IX (includes Oklahoma).

## *1991 – 2000*

**Kenneth Grayson '97, MS '00** is employed by the USFS, Southern Research Station as a Forest Inventory and Analysis Forester in Oklahoma City.

**Clint Ebert '00** was injured seriously in a fire in March of this year. Recovery is slow, but Clint is making steady progress. He was able to return to work with Weyerhaeuser Co. in SE Oklahoma a couple of weeks ago.

**Chad Wallace '00** reports that, “After 6.5 years administering timber sales on the Yakima Indian Reservation, I accepted an inventory job at the BIA central office in Denver, Colorado.”

2001 - ?

**Jennifer Bryant '04** works with Oklahoma Forestry Services at the Forest Tree Improvement Center in Idabel, Oklahoma.

**Matthew Grafton '04** reported in from The Woodlands, Texas where he is the Regional Business Developer for the Davey Resource Group.

**Erin (McGuigan) Johnson '05** serves as Forest Resource Planner for Oklahoma Forestry Services in Oklahoma City

**Phillip Opalka '05** recently joined Oklahoma Forestry Services and is headquartered in Woodward, Oklahoma.

**Dereck Warren '05** is working the woods of SE Oklahoma and SW Arkansas for Weyerhaeuser.

### CONDOLENCES

The OSU Forestry Alumni Association wishes to extend its sincerest condolences to the families and friends of OSU Foresters who passed away since we last reported.

The following is an article we received for **Jody Adams '78**:

Joseph "Jody" Adams, age 55, died Monday, at Fulton County Hospital in Salem, Arkansas. He was a graduate of Midwest City High School in Midwest City, OK and a graduate of Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Ok with a degree in Forestry. Jody was employed by the Arkansas Forestry Commission in Ash Flat.

He is survived by his wife Sherri Adams of Hardy, his mother of Oklahoma, sons, Dustin and his wife Amanda Adams of Merrill, WI, Beau Adams of Hardy, Grandson Tristan Adams, and two sisters, Laurie Gath of Manlius, NY and Lisa Adams of Midwest City, OK.

Jody was preceded in death by his father Joseph Adams Sr. and a granddaughter Presley Ann Ruth Adams.

### WHO IS THIS FORESTER?

*Editor's Note: The following photo was taken from one of the past OSU Forestry yearbooks. Do you know who it is? As a clue, he hails from Spearman, Texas and has received numerous honors for his professional contributions to the forestry community of Oklahoma. (answer can be found at the bottom of the page)*



### SOMETHING TO NOTE

*From the 1958 OSU Forester (with slight modification).*

The next time someone asks you how come you got in forestry since you come from Oklahoma State, and there aren't any trees in Oklahoma, you might just say, **"Foresters are made out of people, not trees, and Oklahoma has some darn good people."**

**Answer to Photo:**

**Roger Davis '64**

# OSU Forestry Alumni Account Financial Summary

*July 1, 2008 - July 1, 2009*

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<u>ITEM</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
<b>Beginning Balance</b> (July 1, 2008) .....	<b>\$ 1,777.69</b>
<b>Deposits</b> (Dues, Donations, Merchandise)	
Dues.....	\$ 1,020.00
Donations.....	\$ <u>2,365.00</u>
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$ 3,385.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Ag Duplicating (newsletters) .....	\$ 832.08
Bank Service Fees .....	\$ 17.00
Scholarship transfers to OSU Foundation (see below) .....	\$ <u>2,365.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,214.08</b>
<b>Beginning Balance 7/01/09</b>	<b>\$ 1,948.61</b>

## Contributions to Scholarship Funds

**July 1, 2008 - July 1, 2009**

Durrell Scholarship	\$ 950.00
Robinson Scholarship	\$ 285.00
Silker Scholarship	\$ 255.00
Rigdon Scholarship	\$ 135.00
Walker Scholarship	\$ 965.00
Brown/Erwin Transfer Scholarship	\$ 35.00
Dept/ Teaching Equipment	\$ 520.00
Unrestricted	\$ <u>980.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,365.00</b>

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