

**FORESTRY****ALUMNI NEWSLETTER****SPRING-SUMMER 2008*****FROM THE EDITOR***

Hello OSU Foresters!

This latest edition of the newsletter is now complete, and we have a great deal of news to report.

Keith Judkins '68, President of the OSU Forestry Alumni Association has a column in this newsletter, and I think you'll be pleased to see what is happening with the Department. You'll also note that the Alumni Association is planning another reunion in 2009. So, start marking your calendars early!

As you know, OSU Forestry is now part of the Natural Resource Ecology and Management Department (NREM). Our new Department Head, Dr. Keith Owens joined us last August and has been most effective in completing the transition to this new unit. Please be sure to read Dr. Owens' column below.

We received a couple of suggestions following the last newsletter. These suggestions were that we publish a list of OSU Forestry graduates and include those for whom we have no address in case other alumni could provide contact information. Great ideas, and I have started the process. In an attempt to minimize mistakes in names, graduation dates, addresses, etc. I am currently confirming the data in our files. With almost 1400 graduates, that is no small task. I hope to be able to publish the complete list sometime in the next few months. One word of caution – due to privacy concerns, we will not be able to publish addresses. However, I will

attempt to put individuals in touch with each other if there are specific classmates with whom you wish to communicate. Just let me know.

On the campus scene, we have a new President following the departure of Dr. David Schmidly. Dr. Burns Hargis is a 1967 OSU graduate, and his selection marks only the second time in history that an OSU grad has been President of the University. Dr. Oliver S. Willham was the first. With Dr. Hargis' leadership and a \$100 million matching fund provided by Mr. Boone Pickens, the endowed professorship fund for the University is growing by leaps and bounds.

In athletic news we have a new head basketball coach in Mr. Travis Ford, who comes to OSU from the University of Massachusetts. Our baseball team acquitted itself well in both Big 12 and Regional play, and we're looking forward to the fall football season – home games to be played in a vastly updated Boone Pickens Stadium.

No doubt things are changing rapidly at OSU, and we continue to be excited about both the academic and athletic potential that exists at the University.

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

We've completed another year at NREM the new home of the Forestry curriculum. Dr. Keith Owens came on board in August as the new head of NREM and it has been a pleasure working with him. I think Dr. Owens is doing a fine job managing the many different facets of range, wildlife/fisheries and forestry. At the same time he has been very interested and supportive of the long history of our previous Forestry Department and its graduates. We have been given every opportunity to continue our Forestry Alumni Association and its many activities including this newsletter. The NREM Department also prints its own newsletter and has been very cooperative to include our association information.

On Saturday, October 13 we held our 2007 OSU Forestry Reunion at the Forest Heritage Center in Broken Bow, OK. We had a great turnout of approximately 75 people and were blessed with near perfect weather. What a way to spend an autumn Saturday in SE Oklahoma. We had a great meal and casual competition including match splitting and tree and wood identification. That was followed by presentation of awards, door prizes and an auction. **Newell Marsh '64** a professional auctioneer did the honors and **Ed Karch '62** a wood turner, donated one of his fine turnings to the auction. At the next reunion we plan another auction with an opportunity for everyone to donate items. Newell Marsh will handle the auctioneering. It should be fun and will also help raise funds for our alumni association. If you have a particular talent or have some unique items you'd like to donate for the auction please let us know. Our association is a 501 (c) 3 organization and therefore items donated are tax deductible.

Dr. Keith Owens, **Ed Wheeler '51**, Dr. Lamar Teate and **Max Craighead '58, '70** as well as our own **Dr. Craig McKinley '68** were the professors in attendance. **Winton Ross '66** and his committee comprised of **Dale Wilson '66**, **Darryl Hunkapillar '65**, **Earl Hayes '64**, **Craig McKinley** and **Jimmy Wade Tucker '72** did a fantastic job planning and executing the affair.

In April of this year I had the opportunity to attend the OSU NREM Awards dinner. This, as you may recall, is what we used to call the Spring Awards Banquet. We would all dress in coats and ties and had a nice dinner and enjoyed a program with skits and, of course, the presentation of the scholarships and awards. Personally, I don't recall receiving any scholastic awards but many of you did and it was always a delightful evening for the entire department. It is still a delightful evening and the foresters present are still receiving some wonderful awards and scholarships from various donors. I might say with ample assurance that no other donor is more prevalent than your own OSU Forestry Alumni Association. Many if not most of the scholarships and awards presented to the forestry students originate from funds endowed by you through our alumni association. You should be quite proud of that legacy that has been established and will surely continue into the future. I hope you will continue to support those efforts.

I had the distinguished pleasure to assist Dr. Owens in the presentation of the Glen Durrell Scholarship to the outstanding senior **Laura Dunn '08**. This was especially meaningful to me because I was fortunate enough to be a student when Mr. Glen "Pappy" Durrell retired.



Dr. Keith Owens, NREM and Keith Judkins, Forestry Alumni Assoc. Pres. with Laura Dunn, recipient of the 2008 Durrell Award.

There were a couple of others that remembered Mr. Durrell including **Dr. David Robinson '52** and his wife Merna Jo , Max Craighead and his

wife Donna and Dr. Craig McKinley. That is a very small percentage to the 100+ in the room that night. It just bolstered my commitment to the heritage and legacy of a great department, great university and wonderful professors that helped to educate us and prepare us for our futures and we all should feel very fortunate.

I'll quit pontificating and bring this column to a close. I do want to ask you to put your thinking caps on and if you have any antidotes or information you would like to provide for a written history of the OSU Forestry Department please pass them on to me or Craig McKinley. We are trying to gain support from the NREM Department to assist us in writing a history of this great department and your help would be greatly appreciated.

The NREM Foresters are going to be hosting the Southern Forestry School Conclave in 2012. That is just around the corner when you are planning an event of this magnitude. I told a few of the students that the alumni association would be delighted to help and if called upon I hope you will assist these fine dedicated forestry students in any way possible.

We plan to hold another reunion in the fall of 2009, so mark your calendars. I look forward to seeing you before that if at all possible.

GO COWBOYS!

Keith Judkins '68

FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD

Greetings from NREM. I have almost finished my first year as Department Head for Natural Resource Ecology & Management and it has been a busy year with many changes in the department. This has definitely been a learning year as I have visited with alumni and stakeholders throughout Oklahoma. The department has submitted our 5 year Regents Academic Program review and we will be meeting with the Dean and Provost to review that report in the near future. We are also preparing our Society of American Foresters Re-

accreditation report and will have a site visit from the SAF in mid-September. We will be contacting the Alumni Association to participate in the on-site visit with the accreditation team.

Our undergraduate and graduate student enrollment continues to increase. Last fall we had 167 undergraduates and 49 graduate students. Today we have 209 undergraduates and 62 graduate students. Our students are able to pursue 8 different options in the department. There are currently 44 undergraduate students in the 3 Forestry options.

I recently attended the 2008 Summer Camp in Alberta, Michigan for a few days. It brought back memories of summer camp at the University of Idaho in McCall, Idaho in 1975. I was very impressed with the forest resources of the Upper Peninsula and the learning opportunities for our students.

I have had several calls from alumni about the summer camp boards and there seems to be a mis-understanding about what is happening. I believe it is simply a case of a rumor growing as it is repeated.

Many of the boards, especially from before 1975, have badly faded pictures. I decided that in order to save these pictures for the future we needed to take them down and preserve them in albums. We are scanning the pictures so we have a digital copy of every picture and we corrected the fading using computer software. The original pictures are stored in archive quality photo albums in the main departmental office where they will not be continuously exposed to light. We used the scanned photos to create web pages of each summer camp so that people can enjoy them at any time through the internet. You can see the pictures at :

http://nrem.okstate.edu/forestry_camp_photos.htm.

I will have forms created so that you can add notes to the photos so we can identify who is in the picture and where it was taken. I believe this will be an improvement that will allow alumni who can't come to Stillwater to still enjoy the photos.

Several of the boards have original artwork or the pictures may be laminated to a board. In those cases, we will take digital pictures of the original photographs for the web pages but will not harm the boards. If the pictures are not badly faded or curled and the frames are intact, we will keep the boards up in the hallways. We will not have bare halls and the summer camp boards are an important part of the department's legacy. We also gained some wall space so we can highlight the accomplishments of our current graduate and undergraduate students.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank the Forestry Alumni Association for their continued support of the department. Your contributions to the Student Awards and Scholarship Banquet are greatly appreciated. We are currently able to award several undergraduate scholarships from OSU Foundation accounts supported by the Forestry Alumni Association. Please keep the Department in mind when you make charitable contributions.

As always, my door is open and if you are in Stillwater please stop by. Otherwise I can be reached at 405-744-5438 or via e-mail at: *keith.owens@okstate.edu*.

M. Keith Owens
Professor and Head

SUMMER CAMP '08

We are back in the northwoods, swatting mosquitoes and black flies, and flickin' off ticks on Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The Ford Forestry Center, owned and managed by Michigan Technological University, is serving once again as our base of operation for our 2008 Summer Camp, the 60th OSU Forestry Summer camp in our storied history! We are located at Alberta, about 40 miles south of Houghton where the Michigan Tech main campus is situated. The center is used by Michigan Tech to host educational programs and workshops for a variety of academic and professional natural resource organizations, and they run their own forestry camp here in the Fall.

We have a 4000-acre forest of mixed northern hardwoods on our doorstep, predominantly sugar maple, white ash, northern red oak, yellow birch, and American basswood, with a coniferous component of eastern hemlock, eastern white pine, red pine, jack pine, white spruce, balsam fir and some tamarack. The site was originally purchased and developed by Henry Ford of automobile fame earlier last century (seems weird saying that) as a model community and a source of raw materials for many of the first Ford motor cars (you'd be surprised at just how much wood went into those early cars). Ford built a sawmill on the site and had quite a harvesting operation going on around here for a few decades. All of the workers lived in Alberta village, which was meant to be a self-sustaining community. The site was later given to Michigan Tech as a gift from the Ford family. This summer, our students are housed in the 1960s era dorm, but the faculty are residing in one of the original houses built here for the mill workers.

Faculty members Tom Kuzmic, Tom Lynch, Don Turton, Rod Will and Tom Hennessey will be coming and going this summer to teach the four courses of instruction for the 15 students in attendance. We'll conduct our usual exercises and fieldwork in timber cruising, log scaling, orienteering, GIS, silviculture, thinning, soils and site productivity, hydrology, recreation management, etc. Our regional neighbors already have provided some great opportunities for tours and on-site programs.

We had an outstanding program at the Ottawa National Forest where we learned about the jack pine barrens and how best to manage them for timber production and enhancement of the endangered Kirtland's warbler---it turns out, even-aged management with clearcuts provides the best scenario for both! We also addressed management of Wild and Scenic Rivers; issues associated with wilderness management; strategies for dealing with invasive species and ecosystem restoration; protection of a unique population of bats in a nearby cave; and the full-blown NEPA planning process, with the Forest Service.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources Forestry and Parks folks provided a diverse program on hardwood and conifer management

while juggling a complexity of demands for multiple forest uses, values and benefits. Timber production is still their focus on state forests, but they effectively demonstrated ways and techniques to enhance associated values for the popular recreational endeavors of hunting, ATVing, and snowmobiling (virtually everybody does all three in this neck of the woods) and what they referred to as “silent sports” such as bird-watching, camping, hiking, fishing, canoeing, while at the same time...getting out the wood. We visited some mitigation management areas for migratory ducks, geese and sandhill cranes---large areas of what had been jack pine, now converted to meadows of grains and forage, as stop-overs during the Fall migration, and to otherwise relieve pressure by waterfowl on crops yet to harvested by Wisconsin farmers further south---a nice example of landscape level thinking! At Porcupine Mountains State Park, we hiked into the heart of a vast remaining remnant of old growth forest, learned about its ecological dynamics, and considered its intrinsic values.

At Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, the National Park Service explained their strategies for visitor management in the front country and the backcountry, and shared a lot of insight regarding their management of natural, recreational, cultural and historical resources---and people. Their wildlife biologist described his work with black bear and the impact of human activities, including timber management on adjoining lands, on the bears in the region. We assisted him in his study on the American marten---he had live-trapped one that morning, and several of our students pitched in as he ran through a battery of tests and checks on the sedated marten. A true hands-on activity! Then their aquatic biologist hiked us to the shore of Lake Superior and up some feeder stream, to talk about native trout and the impact of the invasive sea lamprey. She also talked about efforts at the lakeshore in dealing with a variety of invasive land plants which are displacing several native species.

The students are out in the woods conducting the “Big Cruise” with Tom Lynch this week. Dave Robinson will be proud to know that Tom is still carrying on Dr. Mike’s tradition of “Going to da woods...”. I have dubbed Tom as “Dr. Tick Magnet” here at camp. If you want to avoid ticks

in the woods, just stick nearby to Tom, since all of the wood ticks and deer ticks seem to latch on to him! The students will trade d-tapes and clinometers for scale sticks, later this week as Tom will have them at a local mill learning the rudiments of scaling for grade, and doing a mill tally. Last week, Tom conducted a full-day orienteering exercise, and another similar experience the following day, but with GPS instruments. Lots of cruising and number crunching going on, too, as usual!

Look for my follow-up report in the next edition of the newsletter, when I’ll provide an overview of the upcoming courses to be led by Professors Turton, Will and Hennessey---and me, too.

....and oh, the Red Cross is a little perturbed with OSU Forestry right now, since they think that we are donating way too much blood to the wrong cause right now.....swat!....darn mosquitoes!

Tom Kuzmic

(at camp #28, a new OSU record. Sorry Robbie!)

HONDURAS STUDY-TRIP 2008

This past march, I led yet another study-trip for OSU students to Honduras, Central America, for those enrolled in my “International Forestry & Natural Resources” course. It marks the 10th consecutive year that I have provided this opportunity for our students. We had a great experience, much like all of the others, with exciting and memorable excursions to the tropical rainforest, the ancient Mayan ruins of Copan, coffee plantations, the commercial banana plantations of Chiquita, a fascinating tropical bird park, and to several project sites of non-government organizations engaged in sustainable agriculture, resource management, and community development.

Our hikes in the rainforest provided the usual awe and wonder, as we observed towering trees with buttressed trunks and branches heavily laden with epiphytic plants and vines. We saw monkeys and several incredible birds in the canopy, and some yet-to be identified mammals scurrying about the forest floor, as well as cool

frogs, insects, butterflies and bats. The lushness and diversity of the rainforest is truly something to behold, and difficult to articulate with words!

At the Mayan village where we have had memorable cultural experiences for a few years now, we hiked up a mountain slope with a farmer to get the real-deal of hillside farming. On what had once been a forest, we now learned how to hack a cornfield out of the rocky rubble, with a thin dry soil, at best, using a hoe and a machete where needed to prepare a seedbed, and then a pointed stick for tilling and sowing corn kernels. Tough work! Somehow, those Honduran farmers are able to coax a corn crop out of rock, and have enough at harvest time to keep their families in tortillas for the year. Tortillas are the “daily bread,” and they make up much of every meal in the Honduran countryside. We then carried water from the community well, ground some corn, patted out some tortillas, cooked them on a steel plate over a wood fire, and then devoured them for lunch. Nothing more. Sobering.

At one remote village, we learned about sustainable techniques for diverse home gardens and hillside farms; we examined energy-efficient sustainable wood stoves (which only burn one-third of the wood of a traditional stove for the same heating value); and visited a eucalyptus plantation being managed as an “energy plantation”---a year-round source of firewood for the villagers. Wood is still the dominant energy resource for cooking and heating in Honduras and the rest of the developing world. Electric ranges and microwaves are few and far between. We ended that afternoon by helping villagers maintain their seedling nursery, used to rear stock for reforestation abandoned hillside farms, and then the local village kids gave us Okies a sound lesson and outright whipping on the community soccer field nearby. I don’t know what was more intimidating---the fact that every Honduran kid could outmaneuver every one of us with their soccer prowess, or that the village Brahma bull was tethered to the left of mid-field (yes, on the field---good grass to eat there, I guess), and we had to play around him, and his fertilizer applications (which were quite

fresh and pungent)! Luckily, we all maintained our footing.

As usual, we toured ancient Mayan ruins and went underground to witness some recent archaeological discoveries. Our guide tells the story of the Maya people so well. We also spent some quality time at the nearby tropical bird park, where we learned much about several species of native avian wonders. At the bird interaction area, our students get up close to macaws, toucans and amazons, getting them to perch on shoulders, arms, and heads---makes for some cool photos! We experienced the coffee production process from the bush in the plantation, to the roaster at the processing plant, to perhaps the best cup of “joe” that I have ever tasted. I think that we all better understand and appreciate the things in our lives that most folks take for granted, when we trace them back to their source! We now truly understand the significance of “mountain grown” when it comes to coffee!

One added amenity this year was that our trip happened to coincide with Holy Week, or “Semana Santa” in Spanish. On Good Friday, we headed to downtown Tegucigalpa to take in some of the customs and pageantry. At their antiquated cathedral with a cornerstone dated 1760 (i.e. pre-Declaration of Independence) they were getting ready for a huge procession---clergymen were assembling in their traditional robes, and parishioners were putting finishing touches on “floats” depicting elements of the “Passion.” Out in the streets, artisans were working on sawdust mosaics depicting religious motifs, using brightly colored sawdust and sprinkling some water on it to hold it in place. Works of art, indeed!

As long as students continue to express an interest in Honduras, I’ll keep planning study trips there! Looks as if I already have several interested students for trip #11 for 2009! Any of you Forestry alums interested in such an experience? I’d be willing to consider an alumni study-trip some year if there were enough of you eager and willing to go!

Tom Kuzmic

OUACHITA SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS MEETING

The Annual Ouachita Society of American Foresters meeting was held on November 29-30, 2007 in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The meeting topic was "Biofuels: New Opportunities and Challenges in Forestry", and about 70 individuals were in attendance.

In his role as Chair of the Ouachita SAF, OSU's Dr. Tom Kuzmic served as overall moderator. OSU faculty member, Dr. Rod Will was on the program and discussed redcedar as a potential source of feedstock.

As part of the Awards Banquet, a number of individuals were recognized for their many contributions to the Oklahoma SAF.

Roger Davis '64 received the award for Outstanding Advancement of Forestry. The Nat Walker Award and the Ted Silker Award for exemplary service to SAF and the forestry community were presented to Dr. Tom Kuzmic, and Dennis Wilson (Kiamichi Forest Research Station), respectively. **Bob Heinemann '80, MS '82** received the award for Outstanding Achievement in Forestry Research.

The Award for Outstanding Journalism was presented to **Craig McKinley '68**. The award for Outstanding Performance in Technology Transfer was presented to OSU faculty member Dr. Chuck Tauer. Retired faculty member Dr. David Lewis was presented the award for Outstanding Performance in Forestry Education.

Also recognized at the banquet was Dr. Tom Kuzmic as a newly-elected Fellow in the SAF. Being recognized as an SAF Fellow is a very high honor, and we congratulate Tom on this accomplishment.

One further note, **Paul Dahl '53** was named in 2006 to the Arkansas Foresters Hall of Fame for his many contributions to that state's forest resource. A plaque with photo is on permanent display at the University of Arkansas-Monticello School of Forest Resources. Congratulations Paul!

NREM AWARDS BANQUET

The Annual NREM Awards Banquet was held on April 15, 2008 at the Meditations Banquet Facility in Stillwater, Oklahoma. About 120 attendees were present to see 47 students receive over \$26,000 in scholarships and awards. Of that total 25 were Forestry students who received about \$13,000 in scholarships or awards. Thanks to all of the Forestry Alumni who have generously contributed to the scholarship and award funds!

The **Rigdon Memorial Scholarship** is in memory of Harry Rigdon, who became Oklahoma's first Extension Forester in 1940. This scholarship recognizes students with an interest in public service careers and was given to **Mr. Shelby Williams and Mr. John McClendon**.

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 2007 Summer Camp faculty selected **Ms. Caysie Taylor** for this award.

The **Afanasiev Award** honors Dr. Michael Afanasiev, OSU's first Professor of Forestry. The goal of this award is to recognize high scholarship among forestry students and is presented to students who will be attending the current year's summer camp with the highest GPAs. The 2008 recipients were **Mr. Rider Reynolds and Mr. Brian Finch**.

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. John McClendon**.

The **Walker Freshmen 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 Freshmen Award was presented to **Ms. Melissa Booher**. The Junior Award was given to **Ms. Caysie Taylor**.

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. Laura Dunn '08**. In addition to a cash award, Laura 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. Haley Smith**.

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 2008 recipient was **Ms. Susannah Clinkenbeard**.

Ms. Carolyn Jacob Foutch of Council Bluffs, Iowa has for several years sponsored an award to a deserving student who will attend the upcoming summer camp. This award was presented in 2008 to **Mr. Michael Bullock**. We were honored to have Ms. Jacob Foutch and her husband Gordon in attendance at the banquet.

The **Weyerhaeuser Company Scholarships** were presented to **Ms. Caysie Taylor** and **Mr. Brian Finch**.

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 **Mr. Benjamin Beale**.

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 the individuals who will participate in the 2008 camp in Alberta, Michigan. Recipients of the 2008 Brown Scholarships were: **Mr. Jake Bates, Mr. Benjamin Beale, Mr. Adam Esau, Mr. Brian Finch, Ms. Katrina Jones, Ms. Julie Neeld, Mr. Eric Norris, Mr. Rider Reynolds, and Mr. Alex Schwartz**.

OSU FORESTRY REUNION 2007



The 2007 OSU Forestry Reunion was held at Beavers Bend State Park. To remember the occasion, a number of photos were taken, with minimal damage to cameras. Below and on the next page are a few random shots. How many of these handsome individuals can you recognize?



Earl Hayes '64 and Larry Kindt '70



George Parker '64 and Ed Chaufy '65



*Jimmy Wade Tucker '72, Buck Franklin '70
and Connie Mullen '67*



Newell Marsh '64 and Ed Wheeler '51



Paul Dahl '53 and Max Craighead '58



OSU Foresters October 13, 2007

CLASS NOTES

1950 -1960

Jim Gotcher '50 is retired and living in Payson, AZ, “next to the Tonto National Forest”.

Lt. Gen. (ret.) **John Brandenburg '51** still resides in Canton, GA.

Ed Wheeler '51 writes from Stover, MO that he is “pushing 81 and waking up each morning is interesting”. He also lists Carolyn Wheeler as his current employer!

Dave Robinson '52 sent a nice note following the last newsletter. Here are some highlights - “There are no changes in our vitals except we are both a year older. That happens somehow. We have sold our RV so we are not doing as much domestic traveling as we once did. We have not done an overseas trip since one to the Holy Land last year (2006) but are in the midst of planning one with our youngest and his wife for the summer of '08. To all you 1983 summer campers in Ohio, I was going through a closet not long ago and came across “IGIT ITO (I guess I think in terms of). Some of you remember the hand puppet bunny you all gave me with the above name. He is alive and well in the music closet and sends his greetings.”

Howard Wohlfarth '52 retired after 44 years of government service and is living in Sierra Vista, AZ. He reports that he had knee surgery and would not be making any overseas tours in the near future. He is “just gardening, occasionally some fishing, and local stateside travel visiting relatives”.

Guillaume Donceel '53 is retired and living in Greenfield IN. Guillaume, thanks for keeping us updated with your address change.

George Kelly '53 sent in dues and contributions from Germantown, TN.

Marion Lane '53 writes regarding his employer, “None for a long time.” He goes on to note that, “Buddy (my St. Bernard) and I

made it to the breakfast table in good shape this morning, today, again.”

Chuck Sigler '53 has retired as Chief Ranger for Glacier National Park. He reports that, “My wife Kathy and I live in the town of Columbia Falls which is adjacent to the park, and the home of a number of retired Park Service and Forest Service employees”.

James Burton '54 in Loganville, GA sent a nice note in which he indicated that he permanently retired in 1994 and has enjoyed world travels and watching grandkids playing in various sporting events. He also inquired about the Afanasiev Award honoring Dr. Mike. Yes Jim, that award is still active, and we were proud to make the presentation to two outstanding young foresters at this year’s banquet (see the NREM Banquet section above).

William (Bart) Bartholomew '55 sent in his newsletter response from Griffin, GA.

Larry Smith '55 stopped by the office recently with two grandsons. He was visiting family in Skiatook, OK and made the trip to Stillwater. He resides in Kettle Falls, WA.

James Gregg '56 is retired and living in Edmond, OK.

Edgar Bearden '57 is retired and living in Santa Fe, NM.

Robert Grace '57 is self employed as President, Gypsy Moth, Inc. in Broadway, VA. “Still busy – can’t seem to just lay back and take it easy.”

George Johnston '57 is retired from Weyerhaeuser and living in Hot Springs, AR.

Lloyd Todd '57 is retired and “Just rockin’ along”.

Bill Chapel '58 is retired but still busy in Albuquerque. “We have a new Smokey Bear balloon (hot air) since 2005. “We go all over the country preventing fires – working with resource agencies to bring a new kind of excitement to communities.”

Andrew Dossett '58 is retired and also has an Albuquerque, NM address. Andrew, hope you and Bill Chapel are in touch.

Jack Reichert '58 is “Still enjoying retirement in lower Alabama (Andalusia)”.

Hilton Silvey '58 writes that he retired from the USFS in 1989 and has been moderately active in the consulting business (mostly stream channel restoration). He currently lives in Lakewood, CO.

Emmett Thompson '58 is retired and living in Auburn, AL. Emmett, thanks for the suggestion regarding the scholarship accounts. Balances for these accounts are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Hal Ward '58 currently resides in Pauls Valley, OK. Hal, thanks for the dues and contributions.

We received a nice letter from **Vernie Don Armstrong '59** who had been on our ‘lost list’. Thanks to **Norman Neff '59** for his making the contact. Vernie currently is living in Oak Harbor, WA after retiring from the BLM in 1985 and then spending some time in Stillwater. He reports his family now includes “one son, two daughters, 11 grandkids and 4 great-grandkids”.

Paul Keller '59 in Earlville NY “Continues to enjoy retirement, but wife’s battles with cancer dictated we give up motor-homing – much to our regret.”

John Spalding '59 is retired and living in Anchorage, Alaska. John, thanks for the contributions and the suggestion regarding an alumni list.

Ronnie Carroll '60 of Madison, MS, “Sold our landscape business to two of our sons. I will retire in December of ‘07 , and will do a lot more fishing and hunting”.

Bill Cobler '60 reports from Olympia, WA, “Having just turned the corner of 78 years, Betsy and I feel very blessed to be able to function on our own. We still enjoy this beautiful NW (rain

and all), but still get away to Mexico and the Islands.

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

1961 -1970

Nickey Lambeth '61 is retired from the USDA – Soil Conservation Service and living in Okemah, OK. Nickey, we’ll try to list staff members in a future newsletter. Perhaps along with a complete roster of OSU Forestry grads.

Norm Smola '61 lives in Stillwater, OK.

Norman Wilson '61 of Richmond, VA sent in his dues with a note that he retired from the USDA-NRCS as State Forester in 1994.

Chuck Gay '62 is Associate Vice-President for University Extension at Utah State University. He writes that he and Keith Owens (NREM Head) have been friends since Dr. Owens’ stint as a grad student at USU.

John Foster '62 is “Retired – mostly” and living in Eagle, ID.

David Scott '62 is retired in Springfield, MO and can be found “in my easy chair, or boat, or golf cart”.

Harlan Hamburger '63 is retired and living in Foresthill, CA.

Melvyn Travis '63 of Panama, OK reports that he retired as District Manager for the Southern Pine Inspection Bureau in May, 2006.

Jim Bowyer '64 of Shoreview, MN retired from the University of Minnesota in 2006. He now is President of Bowyer & Associates, a wood science and bioenergy consulting firm. He also is Director, Responsible Material Program, for Dovetail Partners, Inc. in Minneapolis.

Roger Davis '64 lives in Oklahoma City, OK and is “still enjoying retirement and trying to find some place out west to go hunting this fall”.

Andy Forrest '64 performs seasonal work for the City of Redmond, WA. He claims he is 'low man on totem pole' in the Urban Forestry Department. His primary duties revolve around the Redmond Watershed Preserve, an 800 acre second growth Douglas-fir/hemlock site used a great deal for passive recreation (trails).

Newell Marsh '64 is located in Tecumseh, OK and writes, "I do it all – auctioneer, broker, appraiser. Certified general real estate appraiser – specialize in rural properties". Newell's serving as auctioneer at the 2007 Reunion was greatly appreciated.

George Parker '64 sent word that he was "retiring from Purdue University in December, 2007. George's wife, Mary Lee (Williams) Parker, was our Forestry Club Queen in 1965.

John Skinner '64 retired after 35 years with the USFS and has taken on a second career as an outdoors and travel writer for regional publications. He operates and authors www.SierraOutdoorRecreation.com along with an outdoor guide for the central Sierra Nevadas. As he says, "a little father-son project".

Doyle Weatherford '65 reports from Tipton, OK that he is "Retired". Doyle, please tell **Bill Johns '63** we need to hear from him, also.

Dave Wilcox '65 says that he is retired and "Just started to learn how to use the computer. So, if you don't get an answer on the phone, send me an e-mail".

Carl Dittner '66 is living in Tishomingo, OK and indicates that it is "second time to be held hostage by rising waters of Lake Texoma since moving here".

David Wall '65 is retired but, "managing to stay busy with church work, Mt. Pleasant (TX) Chamber of Commerce, Mt. Pleasant Food Pantry, and maintaining our grounds and catfish pond."

Jim Bohlman '66 is living in Whitehouse, TX. "Good to hear from and read about what so

many of the OSU graduates are doing with their time."

Mike Burke '66 is in Booneville, AR and has retired from Green Bay Packaging Co. We at OSU miss having Mike to work with the senior class projects.

Winton Ross '66 writes that he is still retired and working part-time at the Idabel, OK golf course (apparently between rounds). Looks like he plans to live in Broken Bow for full-time retirement.

David Samuel '66 is Firewise Coordinator for the Arkansas Forestry Commission. He is living in Hot Springs, AR. He previously retired from the USFS after 37 years of service. He notes his spare time is "spread among 4 grandchildren".

Dale Wilson '66 lives in Broken Bow, OK and spends his time managing a family tree farm. Recently Dale hosted a field tour for the Oklahoma Woodland Owners Assoc. on the family's property.

Tony Bosworth '67 is retired from the military and currently is an adjunct faculty member at Texas State University in San Marcos, TX. He reports that "Retirement has given us the chance to visit family and friends and see a few places".

Tom Kapella '67 is located in Siloam Springs, AR, and serves as Vice-President, Customer Development for Dayspring Cards (a subsidiary of Hallmark). He writes, "I must be doing something wrong, since so many in my class are already retired!"

Keith Lynch '67 continues to serve as a faculty member at Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS.

Lynn Baker '68 lives in Tulsa, OK. "Treva and I sure are enjoying the Carson National Forest in northern New Mexico again. Treva had a checkup following her cancer surgery with no signs of the disease – YEA! Thanks to **Uncle Darrell (Baker) '67** for the Alumni Welcome Sign. Keep the Faith."

Ron Endcott '69 is retired and 'building a new house on Lake Hamilton – turning wooden bowls with OSU alum **Don Dale '65** – floating the river – riding four-wheelers – following my boys college lives”.

Keith Judkins '68 is Executive Director of the National Assn. of Advertising Distributors in Owasso, OK. In his spare time, Keith also serves as the OSU Forestry Alumni Assn. President.

Bill Albright '70 currently serves as Chairman – Biological Sciences for Eastern Oklahoma State College in Wilburton, OK.

Bucky Franklin '70, MS '72 is listed as Owner/President of Franklin Cattle Company – BF Development Co., Inc in Chouteau, OK. He writes that he is “retired - continue to work hard but don't have to (that's what retirement is).” His wife, Kay, continues to fly as a stewardess for American Airlines “all over the world”.

Bob Hinds '70 is currently located in Claremore, OK.

Larry Miller '70, MS '72 serves as Assistant Geneticist with the Texas Forest Service in College Station, TX. “Still plugging along. I got a new hip and can get back in the woods again! It might even make me want to work a couple more years!”

1971 -1980

Larry Schaapveld '71 in Azle, TX reports, “I'm consulting in retirement and I have all the business I can handle. It is interfering with my fishing and hunting.”

Tom Creider '72 and Jim Harris '72 were recently seen at an Invasive Plants Conference in Norman. Good to hear the Florida Summer Camp stories!

Thomas Folgate '72, “Retired from the U.S. Army in 1993. Served in 1st Gulf War with 82nd Airborne Division. Currently live in Broken Arrow, OK, to be near and assist my elderly parents. I am an avid book collector.”

Phil Hayden '72 is a self-employed arborist in Vian, Ok.

Terry Mitchell '73 in Springdale, AR reports, “No change.”

Kurt Atkinson '74 serves as Assistant Director – Forestry Division for the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry. We appreciate the active support of OSU Forestry programs by Kurt and his organization.

Mike Schmidt '75 is Forestry Biomass Project Manager for North America with John Deere Co. His address is Chetek, WI.

Tim Delpha '76 is in Edmond, OK and serves as Oklahoma Lease Operations Manager for Conoco-Phillips.

Joe Tague '77 writes, “I am now in the Nevada State Office of the Bureau of Land Management in Reno Nevada.”

Steve Splinter '78 is Battalion Chief for the Ogden (UT) Fires Department. “Will have 20 years with Ogden fire in January, 2008. It went by fast. Daughters in 8th and 6th grade this year.”

Mike Mowery '79 works with the Arkansas Forestry Commission as a Forester. He writes, “I just returned from a fire detail in Montana where I ran into **Mark Goeller '81**, who was Operations Officer. He had his hands full with this one.”

Tom Murray '79 is Service Forester for Oklahoma Forestry Services in Burns Flat, OK.

Don Herron '80 serves as General Manager for Herron Industries in Idabel, OK.

Patrick McDowell '80 has changed positions and is now employed by the USDI Bureau of Indian Affairs as the Wildland Urban Interface - Wildfire Prevention Specialist for OK-TX-KS. He enjoys his work, but “do miss the daily contact with ‘like-minded’ OSU foresters at State Forestry.”

1981- 1990

Barbara Arter '81 sent a nice note saying, "I have my own consulting company in Downeast Maine where I specialize in forest ecology, fisheries mgmt, water quality and NPS pollution prevention." She goes on to say, "My 1979 'super cruiser' certificate and 1980 'Log Jam Queen crown' are prominently displayed in my office."

Page Belcher '81, MBA '83 is Sr. Financial Manager for UNISYS. "Ina (nee Ragsdale, OSU Horticulture '80) and I live in Edmond. Our son, Grant, is a sophomore at OSU and our daughter, Katie, is in graduate school at Fordham."

Dave Lupsha '81 is lumber buyer for Associated Hardwoods in Lexington, VA. He reports "All well here in the Shenandoah Valley."

Gary Brannon '82 continues to reside in Ft. Morgan, CO and is a 7th grade Life Science teacher.

Walker Sandlin '82 is Vice-President Business Development for Strategic Capital Group, LLC in Gig Harbor, WA.

1991-2000

Tonya Albert '98 is Forestry Planner for Consumers Energy in Muskegon, MI. "Still living in West Michigan and enjoying the outdoors on the job and off. Record snowfall this past winter (2007) kept me in snow shoes at work and ice fishing after 5pm!"

2001 - ?

Billy Griggs '03 is Presale Forester for the USDA –BIA in Crow Agency, MT. He writes, "Yes, Timber beast is rollin."

Rosa Abbott '04 reports that she has been mobilized with the Navy for a tour in

Afghanistan. She hopes to "put my OSU training to work in agribusiness and GIS".

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. These individuals include:

- Jerry Bryant '54**
- Frank Whitmore '54**
- Douglas Eudaley '56**
- Gary Prather '65**
- Larry Halbert '66**
- Jimmy Huff '69**

TREASURER'S REPORT

On the next page is the latest financial summary for your review. Thanks to all of you for your continuing support of OSU Forestry.

Following the last newsletter, there was a suggestion that we publish the current balances for the Scholarship/Award accounts being managed by the OSU Foundation. These are listed below. Please recall that with the exception of the Dept./Teaching Equipment Account, all funds have a principle that is not available for use - rather the annual interest from those accounts is added to the available balance (presented below). Alumni contributions are added to the principle as received.

Durrell Scholarship	\$2,224.42
Robinson Scholarship	\$1,283.96
Silker Scholarship	\$3,716.67
Rigdon Scholarship	\$1,558.26
Walker Scholarship	\$6,178.82
Transfer Scholarship	\$2,220.70
Dept./Teaching Equipment	\$9,234.02

Craig McKinley - Treasurer

OSU Forestry Alumni Account Financial Summary

June 1, 2007 - June 15, 2008

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Beginning Balance (June 1, 2007)	\$ 1021.17
 Deposits (Dues, Donations, Merchandise)	
Dues.....	\$ 1,485.00
Donations.....	\$ 3,790.00
Profit from 2007 reunion.....	\$ 186.00
Exchange of merchandise at Staples	\$ 5.73
Merchandise sales.....	<u>\$ 303.00</u>
Total Deposits	\$ 5,769.73
 Expenses	
Ag Duplicating (newsletters)	\$ 533.44
Ag Duplicating (reunion cards)	\$ 96.03
University Mailing (reunion cards)	\$ 207.73
Judkins/McKinley Lunch with Dept. Head and Students	\$ 51.39
Scholarship transfers to Foundation (see below)	<u>\$ 4,125.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 5,013.59
 Beginning Balance 6/01/08	 \$ 1,777.69

Contributions to Scholarship Funds

June, 2007 - June 15, 2008

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>
 Total	 \$ 4,125.00

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Enclosed is a donation to the **OSU Forestry Alumni Association** for:

Annual Dues \$ 15.00 (due July 1 of each year)

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Silker Scholarship _____

Rigdon Scholarship _____

Walker Scholarship _____

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