HUMBOLDT STATE FORESTRY ALUMNI

Spring/Summer 2006 Newsletter

What's New:

- Mensuration Professor position is filled, Watershed & Harvesting positions will be filled by the Fall; see page 2
- Annual Alumni Weekend Re-Cap
- Student Recruitment Program gains momentum
- The HSU Logging Sports Teams placed 2nd & 4th at this years Assoc. of Western Forestry Clubs Conclave. Thank you to all of their sponsors!

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Presidents Letter

NOW is a turning point for our Forestry Department! With recent and upcoming faculty retirements, low student enrollment, and limited budgets, the Department needs our help now more than ever! We are excited at the work we have been doing over the past 6 months and are enthusiastic about our plans for the future.

While meeting with the University President, Provost, and Dean prior to our Alumni Weekend, we informed them on the importance of reenergizing the forestry program. We brought them 140 alumni signatures that were gathered in our 2-week e-mail letter campaign. The University administrators were definitely overwhelmed at the loyalty held by Forestry Alumni. Thanks to all of your support, this action helped to show our strength and devotion, making them very receptive to our comments and concerns. We offered the full support of the Forestry Alumni Association in an effort to increase student enrollment, which will sequentially increase funding, allowing for even more faculty support and re-growth of the Department.

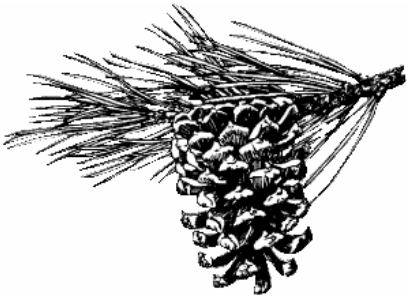
Our Forestry and Watershed Student Recruitment Program is essential to making that happen. The program is now fully operational and linked on our alumni webpage:(http://www.humboldt.edu/~for/alumni/recruitment.html). The program is already flourishing; currently over twenty high schools and junior colleges have contacted us requesting recruitment presentations by Alumni before the end of the year. This program is only successful with your help, so please check out our web page for a school in your area.

We feel that the Alumni helped in efforts to obtain the immediate funding needed to replace resigned and retired faculty. The Department is already seeing new faces and is expecting to gain 2 more additions this fall. We are thrilled to be working with the current and newer faculty in a joint effort towards rebuilding the alma mater we all value.

Thank you to all of you who attended our Annual Alumni Weekend. We hope you enjoyed interacting Friday evening with current students, and we were happy that the rain held off on Saturday for our golf tournament. Saturday night's banquet was a huge success! So much so that we are looking at other venues for next year's event that can accommodate our exponentially growing group (to be held in conjunction with Humboldt Spring Preview again in April 2007).

We have a number of projects that lie ahead and hope that you will continue to support our efforts; I am proud to be a part of such a great group. Please make sure to join the Forestry Alumni Association or renew your membership so that your annual dues can help maintain our chapter and continue our successes! (http://www.humboldt.edu/~for/alumni).

Elizabeth Hadley, Class of 2000



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Annual Alumni Weekend Banquet April 9, 2006

The banquet held Saturday night during Alumni Weekend was a resounding success! The banquet was held at the Plaza Grill in downtown Arcata. Original attendance estimates hovered around 40-50 people but a wall busting 77 people attended the banquet.

Among the 77 in attendance were 46 alumni, spouses and faculty. 31 students attended which was either an indication of strong student participation or one heck of a good deal on a good meal, probably a combination of the two. Following a no-host reception that allowed for some good socializing, the Plaza Grill put together a very nice buffet dinner which received good reviews. Dessert was a nice cake ordered by Eva Marlowe (2005) to serve 40 people, expertly cut into 80 pieces by Matt Meadows (2004).

There were a number of 2005 graduates and several 2006 graduates to be. The individual who traveled the furthest to attend was the Alumni Chapter's President Elizabeth Hadley (2000). She traveled over 400 miles one way to attend the Alumni Weekend events from Sonora, CA. Following close behind were Kevin Boston (1984) and Matt Meadows who traveled 360 miles one way from Corvallis, OR.

After dinner Dave Bischel from the California Forestry Association gave a good presentation on the role of Humboldt State in providing quality foresters for the California Timber industry whether in it be in the private or public sector. Dave being a Cal graduate took plenty of jabs from Jerry Partain and Steve Henson (1981) which he deflected with humility. All in all the banquet was a huge success, one to lay the groundwork for future successful Alumni Weekends. Special thanks to Elizabeth Hadley for organizing and executing this event.

Eric Gehrke, Class of 1983

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Signs of Progress

Isn't technology wonderful? Well it is until your cell phone provider drops that important call you were on! One of the tremendous benefits of modern technology that your alumni association is now relying upon is the use of email. This great medium allows us to keep you all updated on the important happenings at HSU, and we can do it in a timely manner and with virtually no cost! Most importantly, we are seeing results.

An activity that the Forestry Alumni has been sponsoring for several years now has been the Friday morning breakfast meeting at the Sierra Cascade Logging Conference. We have always enjoyed a fair turnout at this event averaging around 35-40 alums each year. This year we sent out an email announcing the annual breakfast meeting and inviting folks to attend if they could. We had 55 people show up!

At the 2005 HSU Forestry Alumni Weekend dinner we had a prestigious speaker, Regional Forester Jack Blackwell, give the keynote address. We only had about 25 people in attendance. This year, we got the word out via email and had almost 80 people attend! Now, Dave Bischel from the California Forestry Association did give a great talk (for a Cal forester!) but I have to believe that the email to over 500 HSU graduates helped more than just a little.

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Students, Alumni and Professors had an opportunity to mingle at the Annual Alumni Weekend kick-off reception, held April 7th, 2006. A larger than anticipated crowd packed into the Six Rivers Brewery in McKinleyville to catch up with old acquaintances and to meet new ones. Special thanks to the Forestry Club for hosting this event .

- Helping HSU Forestry Grow -
www.humboldt.edu/~for/alumni

Department News: Status of Faculty Replacements

The HSU Forestry program has recently undergone some significant faculty changes. Peter Matzka and George Robison both resigned their tenure-track positions to take other positions, Peter with private industry and George with State of Oregon Fish and Wildlife. Jerry Allen and Sin Meng Srun have both fully retired. Drs. Bill Sise and Larry Fox continue in their Faculty Early Retirement Program, with Bill teaching half-time each semester. Drs. Bill Bigg, Chris Keyes, Susan Marshall (Rangeland Resources &Wildland Soils), John Stuart and Morgan Varner continue as effective teachers and scholarly producers. Dr. Ken Fulgham (RRWS) continues as the Chair of the combined departments of Forestry & Watershed Management and Rangeland Resources & Wildland Soils. Dr. Dale Thornburgh continues working with graduate students as a volunteer faculty member and Mr. Gary Rynearson works each Fall Semester as a Lecturer teaching the Forest Administration class. George Pease continues to provide great support in the Stockroom. During the Fall Semester 2005, Mary Grooms VanCott took a promotion to Associate Director of the HSU Health Center and we hired Gayleen Smith as the new department Administrative Support Coordinator.

We have hired Dr. Christopher Edgar from MN to fill the Mensuration faculty position. We are in the campus interview stage with three candidates for the Watershed faculty position. We are in the phone interview stage with six candidates for the Operations faculty position. We have submitted the required paperwork for authorization to initiate a search to fill the Forest/Wildland Soils faculty position. We are working with the Forestry Alumni Association to recruit more students into the program. The Forestry Alumni Association support is important to our success.

Dr. Ken Fulgham- Department Chair, Forestry & Watershed Management and Rangeland Resources & Wildland Soils.

Updates should be posted on the Department Website as additional Faculty announcements are confirmed, so please check in as things progress:

www.humboldt.edu/~for

Signs of Progress Continued...

Let me assure you that we value the opportunity to correspond with you via a valid email address. ***We promise not to abuse this trust by sharing our now substantial database with anyone for any reason other than to communicate information relevant to HSU and the Forestry Alumni Association.*** If for some reason you want us to change the email address where you receive this information, or if you no longer wish to receive it at all, just drop us a line and we will be happy to update our list:

forestry_alumni@humboldt.edu

If you would like to help us by passing on any addresses of alumni you know, that would be appreciated too.

Combined with an energized group of alumni, the email option is helping to spark an enthusiastic response to the current pressing needs of the HSU Forestry Department. Thanks in advance for any help you can provide us in this area.

Jay Francis, Class of 1984

Please help us keep you in touch by providing us with a current e-mail address.

2006 Golf Tournament

Approximately 30 intrepid golfers braved threatening skies to participate in the third annual Scramble tournament held at Beau Pre Golf Course on Saturday, April 8, 2006. Sponsored by the HSU Student Chapter of the Society of American Foresters, it was held in conjunction with the HSU Forestry Alumni annual meeting. Proceeds raised totaled $1,400.^{00}$.

Despite wet course conditions, many of the teams had no trouble posting respectable scores. Only the slowest foursomes had trouble avoiding showers late in the day. The winning team, composed of some of the older, but wiser alumni, included Bernie Bush, Ron Hunt, Gary Rynearson, and Ted Schuette.

A prize was awarded to the golfer who showed up in the wackiest costume. Three contestants vied for the honor, including Brian Wing, Brian Lindstrand, and Matt Meadows. Mr. Meadows was declared the winner, but all three received loud applause for their efforts.

The tournament was a rousing success, but a larger turnout of alumni would have made it even more fun. A repeat is planned for next year, so make your plans now to join us in supporting the Student Chapter of SAF and challenging the dominance of the winning team.

Ted Schuette, Class of 1960

New Forestry Alumni Student Recruitment Program Unveiled at the Alumni Weekend

- A way you can help the program-

Forestry Student Recruitment Program Web Page Address:

"The initial results from the program have been extremely positive. So far, we have organized and given personal tours to many potential students…"

Please consider giving a presentation in your town. Not only can you help find tomorrow's Foresters, you can help to educate today's youth about forest management.

In the fall of 2005, it became increasingly apparent to the current Forestry Alumni Committee that the program was going through a faculty transition period during a time of lower student enrollment and University budgets. To help insure the program remained strong during this period, the Committee immediately began brainstorming to find ways in which it could help.

The Administration on campus really wanted to see an increase in student enrollment to justify the replacement of faculty, so the Committee decided to take the lead role in the creation of a Humboldt State Forestry Student Recruitment Program. A sub-committee was formed with members from both the Forestry Department and the Alumni Committee.

The Committee led by Brian Wing and Eva Marlowe held meetings in both Humboldt and Redding during winter months to determine the logistics and directions for the recruitment program. The extremely hard work paid-off when the first stage of the Student Recruitment Program was unveiled at the Forestry Alumni Weekend in April. The program received an overwhelming positive response from the University Administration, Department faculty and the alumni in attendance.

The first stage of the program consists of everything our alumni need to give quality recruitment presentations at their local Community Colleges, High Schools and/or other interested groups. Everything is available in downloadable form from our Forestry Alumni web page (web-address at left). All alumni need to do is visit the web page and follow the easy step-by-step instructions to do their part to insure the program continues its strong traditions. The web page includes: 1) a contact list database organized by county of every High School and Junior College with contact information for individual teachers and counselors that have already expressed interest in having a presentation conducted for their class or group, 2) a PowerPoint presentation created by John Stuart about the program along with corresponding talking points for each slide, 3) Forestry Department and University brochures that alumni can hand out at their presentations, and 4) a streaming video / slide show that highlights the programs diversity of options.

The second stage of the program is currently being developed. It includes collaboration with the University Ambassador Program to better our exposure and the creation of Forest Industry Student Internship/Scholarship Programs to better student and industry opportunities.

The initial results from the program have been extremely positive. So far, we have organized and given personal tours to many potential students (including a group of Feather River College Natural Resource Students last April) and scheduled numerous presentations that will be given throughout California in the coming months. We expect many more presentations to be scheduled in the fall when school resumes and our contact database increases.

The program is also gaining attention and momentum within the University community. In the month of May the program was highlighted in the campus online news and other Humboldt State departments have been constantly contacting us about the program.

We urge you to help us continue this momentum by visiting the Student Recruitment web page. The program cannot work without your help, so please consider giving a presentation and/or supplying the alumni committee with new ideas to better the program. We all have a chance to make a difference for the future of the Forestry program at Humboldt State by using this program.

The committee has created everything needed to give quality presentations to potential forestry students; it is up to you to take the initiative and do your part. Please feel free to contact either Brian Wing or Eva Marlowe with any questions or concerns regarding the recruitment program (contact information below). We thank you for your support and look forward to sharing the programs successes in the future.

Brian Wing – (brianwing@sbcglobal.net)
Eva Marlowe – (eva.marlowe@gmail.com)

Humboldt State well represented at Oregon SAF Annual meeting in Coos Bay, OR

Humboldt State University's Forestry program was well represented at the recently held Oregon Society of American Forester's Annual meeting in Coos Bay, OR. April 26-28, 2006. Several HSU Alums were instrumental in putting together the program titled: *"What's Driving Oregon's Forest Economy: Market Forces, Silvilculture Practices and Land Management Decisions."* Gloria Clary (2003) was the Program Committee Chair. She put together an outstanding program that drew over 200 Foresters to Coos Bay. Eric Gehrke (1983) was the Tour's Chairperson in charge of putting together the tours that took place during the meeting. Eric was assisted by Darren Mahr (UK). Darren also was in charge of organizing the Vendor displays that were in place during the course of the meeting. He also helped out considerably with the Forester's Fund Raffle. Eva Marlowe (2005) assisted with the Spouse's tours. Two Humboldt Alumni gave presentations at the meeting. They were Darius Adams (1966), Professor in the Forest Resources Dept. at OSU and Robert Powers (1966), Senior Scientist at the PSW Research Station in Redding, CA. Other Humboldt Alumni in attendance were: Dick Beeby (1970), Ole Buch (1998), Jim Bunker (1980), Tom Burke (1981), Jim Denison (1975), Terry Garner (1990), Ron Haverlandt (1974), Lew Howe (1968), Bill Lansing (1968), Lee Lauritzen (1966), Bud Long (1963), Matt Meadows (2004), Mitch Parker (UK) Gary Schroeder (1977), Mike Sears (1967) Greg Stone (1977) and Michael Williams (1997). A highlight of the meeting was the alumni breakfast where alumni from various schools were asked to sing their school's fight song. I bet most of you don't know HSU's fight song but Eric Gehrke recited, he didn't sing it because he can't hold a tune in a bucket, one he found in an issue of the Humboldt County Historical Society's magazine. He figured the Marching Lumberjack's song wasn't appropriate for mixed crowds. The fight song is written below so you can put it to memory in case you are caught in a similar situation:

On, Oh Humboldt, On, Oh Humboldt
Fight right through that line.
Run the ball clear round your rival,
Touchdown sure this time!
Rah! Rah! Rah!
On, Oh Humboldt, On, Oh Humboldt
Fight for your fame.
Fight, fellows, fight, fight fight,
And win this game!

Eric Gehrke, Class of 1983

Logger Statue Placed Outside HSU Forestry Building

As one of the many events associated with our busy Annual Alumni Weekend, a dedication ceremony was held in order to introduce the latest addition to the HSU Forestry Building; a wood carving portraying a timber faller, complete with chainsaw and double-bit axe. Perhaps calling this newly displayed work of art a mere 'wood carving' may undermine how big it truly is, and what it meant to the students of the Forestry Department. You see, nearly thirty Forestry Students showed up in full support to have the virtually ten-foot wooden statue displayed on campus.

First, a little background: the statue was given to the Department by six donors, after its purchase at the 2005 Sierra-Cascade Logging Conference Education Auction in Redding. The donors, consisting of; Cal Cedar, The California Forest Products Commission, Collins Pine Co., Roseburg Resources Co., Trinity River Lumber Co., and W.M. Beaty & Associates, combined donations totaling $3,600. It all started when former Professor Peter Matzka joked with Steve Henson (Roseburg Resource Co. /Class of 1981) that if the statue were purchased for the Department, it would be displayed at the Forestry Building. That night, Peter had a new statue larger than his ¾ ton pickup bed and the chore of figuring out how to haul this carving back to the Coast.

Once on the Coast, the Logger had to undergo a "public display" effort in order to be placed on Campus. After the Department decided to display the donation outside of the Forestry Building, rather than the L.W. Schatz Tree Farm, the Logger went before the University's "Space and Facilities Committee." The turnout of the nearly 30 Forestry Students, along with Dr. Matzka, showed the sheer support at this committee hearing, as no opposing students were present.

On Friday, April 7th, 2006, the weatherproofed, ten-foot statue was dedicated where it stands outside the east side of the Forestry Building. Many esteemed school administrators were on hand for the dedication, along with Students and Faculty. Jay Francis (Collins Pine Co.) and Steve Henson (Roseburg Resources Co.) were on hand to tell the story of how the Statue was obtained and to honor the magnitude of what it means to see the Statue in place. I am pleased to announce that, to my knowledge, the Logger has yet to be vandalized or defaced. Thank you to the efforts of the Forestry Department, Students and Donors who made this monument possible.

Brian Lindstrand, Class of 2004

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HSU President Rollin Richmond admires the new Logger statue during the April 7th dedication ceremony.

Meet your HSU Forestry Alumni Chapter Officers and Steering Committee

The Humboldt State University Forestry Alumni Chapter was established to support the Department of Forestry and Watershed Management. The Chapter aims to provide a source of expertise to the students and faculty, and to provide for the fellowship of the alumni, students and faculty of the department.

Elizabeth (Wilson) Hadley
President
Class of 2000
Compliance Specialist,
Hydroelectric Project
Northern California Power Agency

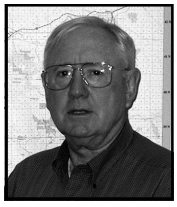
Favorite HSU Forestry Memory:
"Meeting my husband, Ryan Hadley HSU Forester, Class of 2000"

Steve Henson, RPF
Past-President
Class of 1981
California Resource & Production Manger Roseburg Forest Products
Weed, CA

Favorite HSU Forestry Memory:
Hanging out with Kevin O'Hara before he became respectable (he teaches at U.C. Berkeley) we both set up studying sessions at Marino's (before it burnt down) to wash down the day's lectures.

Ted Schuette
2nd Vice President
Class of 1960
Retired in 1999
Last position: Administrative Forester, Simpson Timber Company

Favorite HSU Forestry Memory:
Dendrology field labs as a T.A., watching the confusion and consternation on the faces of students who hadn't studied like they should have.



Len Lindstrand, RPF
Treasurer
Class of 1966
Land Department Manager
W.M. Beaty & Associates, Inc.
Redding, CA

Favorite HSU Forestry Memory:
Graduating

Dana Walsh
Secretary
Class of 2004
Forester
USDA Forest Service,
El Dorado National Forest

Favorite HSU Forestry Memory:
The feeling of completion and utter joy at the end of presenting my capstone, knowing that I would be graduating, although the memory of trying frantically to finish gathering data while they began logging the site as I was there working, without notifying any of us, would come in a close second.

Kevin Conway
Steering Committee
Class of 2004
Forestry Technician
Green Diamond Resources Company
Klamath Operations

Favorite HSU Forestry Memory:
Graduating

We are still looking for a 1st Vice President, if you like to volunteer or nominate an alumni member please email us at
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Jay Francis, RPF
Steering Committee
Class of 1984
Forest Manager,
Collins Pine Company
Chester CA

Favorite HSU Forestry Memory:
On one of Carl Yee's field trips where we had to rescue his bulldog Winston from drowning in a creek because he refused to let go of a big stick. We figured if Winston drowned, we would all fail the class!

Eric Gehrke, CF
Steering Committee
Class of 1983
Manager of Harvesting & Roads
Plum Creek
Coos Bay, OR

Favorite HSU Forestry Memory:
Some of my fondest memories of going to Humboldt are; Forestry Club Activities, Conclave, Outdoor Labs and fishing and crabbing in Humboldt Bay.

Brian Lindstrand
Steering Committee
Class of 2004
Forestry Technician,
Green Diamond Resources Company
Klamath Operations

Favorite HSU Forestry Memory:
Helping to lead the HSU Logging Sports Team to 1st place in the AWFC.

Gary Rynearson, RPF
Steering Committee
Class of 1978
Manager Forest Policy & Sustainablility
Green Diamond Resources Company
Korbel, CA

Favorite HSU Forestry Memory:
The friends I made with whom I am still in contact; the support of a committed and engaged faculty; and being a member of the winning conclave team.

Eva Marlowe
Steering Committee
Class of 2005
Extension Forestry Instructor
Oregon State University
Extension Services Coos County, OR

Favorite HSU Forestry Memory:
Meeting a group of friends that I will keep forever, including my soon to be husband Matthew Bailey.

Brian Wing
Steering Committee
Class of 2005
Research Forestry Technician
USFS PSW Research Station
Silvicultural Laboratory Redding, CA

Favorite HSU Forestry Memory:
Being on the winning team for the 2004 Quiz Bowl.

GO LUMBERJACKS!!!

Yes, I'd like to join...
the Forestry Alumni Chapter
of the
HSU Alumni Association

- Annual HSUAA and Forestry Alumni Chapter Membership: $45
  (*includes HSUAA membership*)
- Annual HSUAA Membership: $35
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- Annual Forestry Alumni Chapter Membership for current Life or current Annual HSUAA Members: $10
  (*must be an HSUAA member to join the Chapter*)
- Forestry Alumni Chapter 3-Year Plan: $105
  (*includes HSUAA membership*)
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