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# HUMBOLDT STATE FORESTRY ALUMNI

## Join the Alumni as an Officer!!!

I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as President of your Forestry Alumni Association these past two years. It has been very exciting to be part of an organization that is truly making a difference. I watched how the demands of alumni, forestry businesses, and friends were met by the University when the Forestry Department needed immediate funding for the replacements of retiring faculty. I saw our Forestry student recruitment program go from an idea into a model program that other Departments envy and that we now have a website, email address, and newsletter unlike any other Alumni Chapter in the University. I was given a seat at the table with University administrators and faculty in efforts to reinvigorate the Department and to hire a full-time Natural Resources recruiter. I witnessed the University's Alumni Association begin to recognize that the Forestry Alumni Association is a business and program of which they can be proud of.

The Forestry Alumni Officers are an amazing group of individuals, ranging from those who are just beginning their careers, to those who have much more experience. All are motivated and dedicated towards our alma mater, and know that their work is being recognized by the peers.

The end of my term is fast approaching, and now it is time for me to pass the torch so that one of you can work on taking the Forestry Alumni Association into the future and making it an Association that other universities wish they had! We are in need of new officers to fill the President, First Vice President, and two Steering Committee Members, all with a two-year term limit. Please nominate a colleague, friend, or yourself so that you too can be part of a team of talented and motivated foresters!

Thanks!

Elizabeth Hadley  
Class of 2000

### Vacancy Announcement:

The HSU Forestry Alumni Association currently has an opening for the position of,

**President,**

**First Vice President,**

**Two Steering Committee Members**

For further information see page 9 or contact us at:

*[forestry\\_alumni@humboldt.edu](mailto:forestry_alumni@humboldt.edu)*



## Department Retires



William “Bill” Bigg and wife, Donna will be leaving the Department of Forestry and Wildland Resources after over 28 years of service to students, department and the university. Bill received his Ph.D. from the University of Aberdeen (Scotland). He has taught numerous classes for this department as well as for other departments in the College of Natural Resources and Sciences. He has seen many changes in the university and department over the years. He and Donna are looking forward to traveling and plan to eventually settle down in the upper mid-west.

Bill has developed a strong working relationship with Green Diamond over the years and has collaborated on numerous projects with them, such as the effects of overstory removal on seedling growth, measurements of canopy openings, and cone induction in redwood trees. Bill has also worked on various university committees, especially curriculum at the university, college and department levels and has been an invaluable asset to new faculty and students. Donna (M.S. specializing in soil science from HSU) has worked tirelessly with students and supporting Bill in his teaching and laboratory activities.

The Department of Forestry and Wildland Resources students, faculty, and staff wish Donna and Bill many years of fun ahead without tests to grade, meetings to attend and only blank days ready to be filled with fun trips on their calendar. Bill and Donna plan their first excursion to Las Vegas and then on to London.

## HSU SAF Quiz Bowl Team Takes Third

Once again Humboldt State Forestry students have shown they have what it takes to make a name for themselves in rigorous academic competition.

On Tuesday, Oct. 23, Renaldo Arroyo, Michelle Dudley, Bonny Hammons, and Evan Robinson battled their way to the semifinals of the Society of American Foresters Quiz Bowl, finally falling to bowl champs, Penn State University. In the end, the team wound up tops among schools in the western United States and third in a field that included 27 schools.

Members from HSU’s student chapter of The Society of American Foresters, Renaldo Arroyo, Michelle Dudley, Bonny Hammons, and Evan Robinson, took third place in the society’s quiz bowl.

This year’s representatives — from a department that routinely does well in this competition, having won the national championship twice since 2001 — kept their reputation strong, proving a distinct acumen for their field. The forestry team’s success comes one month after the Humboldt State Wildlife Conclave team captured the No. 1 spot in a national quiz competition in Tucson, Ariz.

The Quiz Bowl operated in a Jeopardy-style competition, with organizers providing answers and the students left to come up with the correct question. Topics covered areas as diverse as dendrology — the scientific study of trees, measurement systems used in forestry and forest fires.

Dr. Christopher Edgar, faculty advisor for the HSU Student Chapter of the Society of American Foresters, lauded the students for their commitment to the subject and the extra effort that went into preparing for the bowl.

“They’ve been practicing since the first week of school, meeting Sunday evenings and during the week. Primarily, it was students who drove the process,” Edgar said.

The Quiz Bowl was part of the Society of American Forests national convention, which was held this year at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland. In addition to the Quiz Bowl, the week-long series of events featured a keynote address, job fairs and several sessions covering technical and scientific aspects of forestry.

For more information go to, <http://now.humboldt.edu/hsu1/>

“They’ve been practicing since the first week of school...”

## HSU Logging Sports Team

“Timers ready? Contestants ready? Three, Two, One, Go!” No other words get my adrenaline going like these words do.

The Humboldt State University Logging Sports Team is a phenomenal group of students; most are Forestry students, but not all. On this years team we have students from Psychology, Wildlife, the Teaching Credential Program, and Nursing just to name a few. We pride ourselves on our team spirit and generosity to other schools; we have even won prizes at AWFC for our overall sportsmanship. The Fall 2007 enrollment for Logging Sports Team stood at 47, with 16 women enrolled.

The Logging Sports Team holds two events in the fall semester. The first event is Logtoberfest. Held at the Freshwater Field in mid-October, Logtoberfest is an intramural competition that helps us to prepare for the second event of the semester which is the California Conclave or Cal Conclave for short. Although Cal Conclave has traditionally been between the three California schools (UC Berkeley, HSU, and Cal Poly) this years Cal Conclave was hopefully the beginning of a long tradition in that University of Nevada, Reno and Reedley College were invited to participate. With the HSU-A Team taking 1<sup>st</sup> overall for the competition, we are now primed for doing well at the 69<sup>th</sup> annual AWFC in Montana.

For the Spring semester there are three events that the team participates in. In February we head to Anderson for the Sierra Cascade Logging Conference and in March we will be in Ukiah for the Redwood Regional Logging Conference. These two events, although purely set as a demonstration, feel like they are mini-competitions because so many of the other Logging Sports teams show up. Then on April 3, teams of 8 will brave the 26 hour drive to Montana. Set a little later in the semester to allow for snow melt the HSU Logging Sports Team will bring home a lot of good memories, a greater appreciation for the sport, and hopefully some nice prizes.

To wrap up the year the Logging Sports team will put on an axe throw demonstration at the multi-purpose field during Spring Preview (April 11-12) at HSU in hopes of enticing prospective students to be a part of the one of the oldest collegiate clubs on the North Coast.

And at every demonstration and almost every practice Saturday are alumni willing to help out the newer team members; from helping set up a choker set race to guiding where the wood chips go at the end of a horizontal chopping match, they are our backbone. If you haven't been to a demonstration in a few years, come check us out in Anderson or in Ukiah.

To find out the exact dates of the Conferences please contact Justin Kostick at [jkostick@greendiamond.com](mailto:jkostick@greendiamond.com) or the Forestry Department Office at 707-826-3935

Article submitted by Michelle Dudley



Logging Sports instructor Justin Kostic coaching 07-08 Team Captain Jennifer Muja during the single buck.  
Photo by Michelle Dudley

Good Job HSU  
Logging Sports  
Team.

## Faculty Profile: Dr. Han-Sup Han

My first year at HSU!

It's been already 11 months since I joined the department! While teaching classes over two semesters, I have found that forest management practices in California are quite different from what I have seen in Oregon, British Columbia (Canada), and Idaho. Redwood is an interesting species to work with, forest practice rules are more descriptive, and forest management objectives in northern California are more diverse. I am excited to incorporate all this new information into the courses I will be teaching at HSU, including Introduction to Forest Operations (FOR 250), Forest Road Location and Design (FOR 353), Forest Harvesting Systems (FOR 350), and Harvesting Systems Design and Cost Analysis (FOR 450). My underlying theme of my teaching is that forest operations practices have to be environmentally responsible, economically efficient, and socially acceptable to maintain the ecological integrity of forest. Also, I would like to help students broaden their views on forestry beyond northern California by introducing forest management practices being done in other states and countries. Forest operations practices are often local specific, but learning innovative forest management practices that are used in other regions would encourage students to consider alternative ways of managing forests.



Meet  
Dr. Han-Sup Han.

As soon as I arrived in this area, I have initiated two federally-funded research projects designed to address challenges associated with utilization of small wood and woody biomass for energy generation. I have noticed in northern California that woody residues and sub-merchantable trees are not effectively utilized due to similar constraints I have seen in other places, such as poor road access and long hauling distances to markets. I am also interested in evaluating harvesting systems that are used as a tool to achieve a wide range of forest management objectives such as fuel reduction thinning. My involvements with professional societies include past co-chair and an executive committee member on Council on Forest Engineering (COFE) and a Chairperson of Timber Production and Harvesting Technical Interest Group in the Forest Products Society. I am also interested in international forestry. Last summer, I was invited by the Korea Forest Engineering Society, along with two other professors in other universities in the USA, to discuss the development of the forest engineering program in South Korea.

Han-Sup Han

Associate Professor of Forest Operations and Engineering

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### Dr. Han Invited to Present in South Korea

Dr. Han-Sup Han, HSU Forest Engineering, was invited to participate in the Forest Engineering Symposium in Chuncheon, South Korea. Dr. Han joined two additional presenters: Dr. Loren Kellogg at Oregon State University, Dr. Peter Shiesh at the University of Washington for the symposium. The three men presented information on some of the harvesting methods which have been used in the western United States. The presentations focused on thinning especially young, small-diameter trees. The target audience included forest engineers, foresters, university faculty, Korean Forest Service staff and students majoring in forestry in Korea. The symposium was organized by the Korean Forest Engineering Society to learn from the experience of harvesting and forest engineering practices in the US West. The presenters also participated in field trips to view active thinning operations and shared views on the operations in field.

## **HSU Annual Spring Scholarship Award Banquet is Set!**

The Annual Spring Banquet for the Department of Forestry and Wildland Resources will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2008. This year the banquet will be held in the Kate Buchanan Room located in the University Center. As usual the banquet will feature the announcement of department scholarship winners. Last year 23 recipients of \$19,000 in scholarships were announced. The Society of American Foresters Quiz Bowl contestants will also be announced during the program. Numerous recognitions will be given by faculty and staff including Forestry's Most Outstanding Student, Forestry's Academic Excellence and Rangeland Resources and Wildland Soil's Most Outstanding Student.

Social hour will begin at 6pm followed by the banquet at 7pm and program at 8pm. Further information will be forthcoming. All people interested in attending should contact the Forestry Department for further information and ticket prices.

Contact the  
Forestry  
Department at  
707.826.3935

## **You're invited to attend the HSU Alumni Annual Weekend**

**April 11-13, 2008**

**Meet & Greet with Forestry Students**

*Friday the 11th*

**Golf Tournament**

*Saturday the 12th*

**Banquet**

*Saturday the 12th*

**Alumni Breakfast**

*Sunday the 13th*



*See our website  
for times  
and scheduled  
activities.*

[www.humboldt.edu/alumni](http://www.humboldt.edu/alumni)

### **What is the Forestry Alumni Association?**

The Humboldt State Forestry Alumni Association was established in 1967 to support the Department of Forestry and Wildland Resources. 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.

The Forestry Alumni is a chapter under the umbrella of Humboldt State University's Alumni Association. Membership is open to all Forestry graduates. Currently there are 2,700 Forestry Alumni, but only 85 active Forestry Alumni Association members.... WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

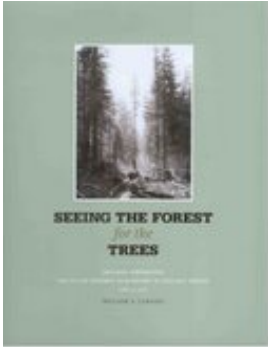
To become a member, visit [www.humboldt.edu/alumni](http://www.humboldt.edu/alumni) for a membership application (its only \$45!!) and to view all the latest alumni information. And don't forget to email us at [forestry\\_alumni@humboldt.edu](mailto:forestry_alumni@humboldt.edu).

"Perhaps now is  
the time for you to  
join and participate  
in *your* Forestry  
Alumni  
Association."

## A Few Good Books Written by Your Fellow Alumni

**Bill Lansing, HSU 1967**

**Forester – CEO – Author**

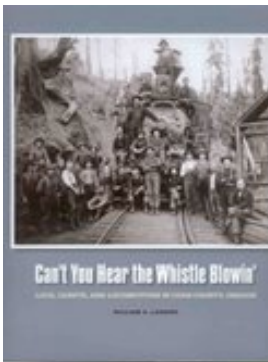


Bill Lansing graduated from Humboldt State in December 1967 with a Bachelor of Science degree in forest engineering. After graduating from Humboldt, Bill enrolled in graduate school at Yale's Graduate School of Forestry. Upon graduation from Yale in 1969 the only position Bill had available to him was with Menasha Corporation in Coos Bay, Oregon – where he had worked as a summer intern. What started out as a temporary position, one Bill had hope to use as a stepping stone to something bigger and better, turned into a 37 year career which culminated with Bill's retirement in April 2006 as President and CEO of Menasha Forest Products Corporation.

In 2005 Menasha celebrated it's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Coos Bay. Prior to the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bill started on a venture to produce a video documenting some of Menasha's stories during it's 100 years in Coos Bay for family members of the company patriarch, Elisha Smith. Bill found during his research for the video that there was more to tell than what would fit into a video program and decided to write a book about the history of the timber industry in Coos County, Oregon and Menasha's 100 year involvement in Coos Bay. The research brought to light other timber barons who migrated from the Midwest to Coos County in the late 1800's and early 1900's. Bill's book "Seeing the Forest for the Trees; Menasha Corporation and it's 100 Year History in Coos Bay, Oregon, 1905-2005" was published in May 2005.

Go to  
Amazon.com

During the research and writing phase of his first book Bill found he developed a keen interest in the history of Coos County, Oregon. Upon retirement he decided to write a second book documenting the history of logging railroads in the area. The scope of this book grew from dealing only with logging railroads to the use of steam locomotives in the construction of jetties at the mouth of Coos Bay and Bandon harbors, as well as the construction of the Southern Pacific rail line built from Eugene, Oregon to Coos Bay in 1916. There is another chapter toward the end of the book documenting the use of the U. S. Army to log and cut spruce timber for use in the internal structures of the WW I fighter bi-planes. As Bill tells the story, Coos County helped win the war! He completed his second book "Can't You Hear the Whistle Blowin: Logs, Lignite and Locomotives in Coos County, Oregon, 1850-1930" in May 2007.



Both books are coffee-table style books with over 200 old high quality photos in each. The photos support the factual narrative about the timber, coal and railroad industries that formed the backbone of Coos Bay's economy 150 years ago.

Bill lives in North Bend, Oregon with his wife Ann and has just completed writing third book documenting the history of the old schools in Coos County (1850 – 1940) which should be available in March 2008. Bill really has not retired as he currently serves as a director on two publicly traded corporate boards and one private corporate board. He also volunteers his time as a director of the local college foundation, and is a director at the World Forestry Center in Portland, Oregon. He continues to support the Boy Scouts of America by being on the executive council in Eugene, Oregon.

Copies of Bill's two books can be obtained by emailing Bill at: [blansing@hughes.net](mailto:blansing@hughes.net) or online at Amazon.com.

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If you would like to inform your fellow Alumni what you have been up to in the next newsletter please email us at [forestry\\_alumni@humboldt.edu](mailto:forestry_alumni@humboldt.edu).



### Books Continued...

Charles L. Ciancio, 1966 graduate of Humboldt State University with Forest Management Bachelor of Science Degree, has written a book that tells his rural life's experiences, good and bad. While the book highlights regulations and regulatory problems, the book also tells how life starting in Willits, California, with a mixture of industrial and independent forestry consultant careers, has provided some real world perspectives on real world problems faced by the general public, this county, and the world. Some will take exception to what is in the book. While some bias is unavoidable, the book is based on first-hand experiences and knowledge, and the provided information can not be called second-hand information or not the truth.

The book discusses how use of resources is not a bad thing. Accepting what is provided by haphazard natural processes is not taking us to a good place and ignores how humans are part of the natural way of things. If meddlers and obstructionists were given less credibility, properly applied active management that works with Mother Nature can provide diversity, larger numbers of species, better and more full use of resources, and much, much more.

Contact the Alumni for more information on how to get Charles book.  
forstry\_alumni@humboldt.edu

**Sierra Cascade Logging Conference  
February 7-9, 2008  
Anderson, CA**



**Alumni Breakfast  
Marie Calendar's  
February 8, 2008 at 7am**

**Don't Miss the  
Logging Sports Teams  
at the Upcoming Logging  
Conferences**



*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
  - Life HSUAA Membership: \$400
  - 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)
  - Forestry Alumni Chapter Life Membership: \$150 (Open to all Life Members of the HSUAA)
- \*Spousal rates available, please contact the HSUAA*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Major & Year graduated HSU \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us what you've been up to \_\_\_\_\_

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*Thank you!*

**Please** make checks payable to **HSUAA** and mail this form to:

**HSU Forestry Alumni Association  
c/o Department of Forestry & Watershed Management  
Humboldt State University**

## News from the CNRS Recruiter

As the new recruiter for the College of Natural Resources and Sciences at HSU, I thought I would update you on some of our progress and the opportunities that are coming up. Since starting in August, I have targeted work in a few areas.



Lisa Perry,  
CNRS Recruiter  
[lap36@humboldt.edu](mailto:lap36@humboldt.edu)

1. Letting students know about the incredible job opportunities available in Forestry and other Natural Resource fields. We've done this through direct high school visits, college fairs, and community outreach. This is an area where you can all help. I will be contacting many of you to ask for help in representing HSU in your local area as requests come in. In addition, take a look at your organization's current outreach program. Let people in your community know that there are jobs in these fields (add a slide to your Power Point, make sure it's in your talking point on tours, etc., there is a lot of misinformation out there), and letting parents, teachers and counselors know about the opportunities will help a lot. (Feel free to pitch HSU specifically also!).
2. Targeting specific groups to increase enrollments. We are currently reaching out to student groups that may be more disposed to pursue education in our fields, i.e. FFA, 4H, scouts, etc. Many of these groups have Field Days, contests, and fairs. We will also be looking for judges and coaches for many of these events. For those of you who may not be as comfortable doing formal presentations, this may be a way you can assist us in getting the word out about HSU forestry! (Again, feel free to pitch the HSU forestry program while you're working with students.) We are also looking for ways to target specific groups of students to increase the diversity of our program, and the university in general.
3. Working with existing campus programs to ensure that the good word about Forestry and Natural Resources is communicated effectively. The Admissions Department is excited to work with me to increase staff knowledge about Natural Resources and in finding opportunities to increase the visibility of these programs with applicants and incoming students (campus tours, Orientation, Preview, Admissions Day, etc.). A very large percentage of applicants and students still enter the system "Undeclared" which provides a ready-made pool of students for our programs. ( Did I mention we can pitch HSU Forestry as an option?)

While I will be contacting many of you for assistance, please also feel free to contact me or distribute my contact information if you know of an opportunity to "spread the word." I'll be traveling statewide this Spring, and again in the Fall, and would love an excuse to work in your area, or talk to any interested students or teachers. My contact information is:

Lisa Perry Direct line (707) 826-3273, Toll Free (866) 850-9556, or email  
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## S.A.F.E.

Brett Watson,  
President  
HSU-SAFE  
Junior in Forestry  
Wildland  
Fire Management  
Option

S.A.F.E., the Student Association for Fire Ecology, is a relatively new club at HSU. The chapter, established in 2003 by a small group of students, is an academic club seeking to provide educational and career opportunities for students interested in Wildland fire ecology and management. S.A.F.E. strives to help create relationships between current students and future employers. The club has had recent field trips to the Biscuit and Canoe Fires and local prescribed burns, as well as trips to San Diego, Washington, and Arizona to attend fire conferences. Other club activities include: billiards, bowling, and movie nights. In addition, the club is developing a strong reputation for attracting renowned speakers and agency professionals to its monthly lecture series on fire-related topics.







## HSU Alumni Association, Forestry Chapter Spring 2008 Election Call for Nominees

The forestry chapter of the HSU Alumni Association is currently soliciting nominees for the following positions:

- President, 2-year term
- Vice President, 2-year term
- 2 Steering Committee members, 6-year terms

The election for these positions will occur in March 2008 and the terms will start in May 2008. If you or anyone you know may be interested in joining the leadership team of your alumni association, please use the blank spaces below to provide us your name, contact information and the position you're interested in by February 22, 2008. The completed form can be printed and mailed or e-mailed to the address below. Thank you.

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**Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

HSU Alumni now has an endowment fund and contributions are greatly appreciated.

Watch the next newsletter for the latest details!



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**Up coming events....to visit with Alumni,  
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