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"Do You Know Where Your Degree Will Take You?"

by Robyn A. Januszewski

What will you do with a degree in wildlife? Forestry? Fisheries? People want to know, especially in the east, what does one do with a degree in wildlife management or biology. How often do you think about where your degree will take you?

There are many wildlife majors across the country who get out of school and all too often realize that their degree may make it difficult to find a job, unless they are willing to move. This isn't meant to discourage anyone from obtaining the degree, just merely to point out some observations made while meeting people with the same degree that I am striving for. Many of the people I have met have told me horror stories of jobs that they held, places they were required to move to for those jobs and the short duration of many of the jobs. To say the least, they are not too thrilled with the wildlife profession anymore.

I know of one gentleman with a masters in wildlife management who became disenchanted with both the Forest Service and the Fish and Wildlife Service. He is now working part time as a secretary for a small, independently published collectors' magazine. I never fully understood why he became disenchanted as he gave no solid reasons for his departure.

A friend back east has a bachelor's in wildlife management but did not think about the fact that there

are not many jobs in the east in the wildlife profession. And those that are available are hard to come by without the right connections or persistence. She is now managing a retail store that sells bird-feeding supplies. Close but no cigar in my book.

What I am saying is this – know what you are getting into. You may be required to move away from your family for a few months or a few years. You may be working on projects that have nothing to do with what you really want, but they may help you to become more well rounded and may provide the right contact person to get you what you do want. Stay focussed. Be persistent if you want a particular type of work and research what you need to do to get that work. Start building up your network of contacts now – you never know what professor or graduate students may help you in your bid for employment in the natural resources field. Get involved in activities outside of your studies. Employers look just as closely at your club affiliations and volunteer activities as they do at your transcripts and resumes. And last, make friends with your professors – They can provide a wealth of knowledge outside of the classroom and the more they get to know you, the easier it will be for them when you need a letter of recommendation for a job.

Club Reports

"A Day of Fishing"

by Terri Boyd

The day was perfect for fishing, and that's just what some folks from Stepping Stones did on Saturday September 26th. The American Fisheries Society, U of I Chapter, and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game put together some fishing gear and invited Stepping Stones for a day of fishing at Hordemann's pond in Moscow. Stepping Stones is a residence for people with disabilities. Members from the AFS and Stepping Stones staff were busy baiting hooks and getting lines untangled while participants enjoyed the outdoors.

Todd Robinson, a recreation therapist at Stepping Stones, believes that programs, like the fishing day, are good therapy for the Stepping Stones participants. Going fishing is good exercise, but it doesn't seem like exercise, and it is also good for social interaction. It's a good way to build relations in the community. The fishing wasn't too good as the only fish was caught by Todd Robinson from Stepping Stones.

It was the fattest goldfish in the Palouse! It was a "catch and release" species, so was immediately released. Even though the fish weren't biting, everyone had a good time. This was a great outing for everyone who attended, and there was talk of doing it again. Thanks to everyone who attended.



"Bull Trout Redd Count"

by Terri Boyd

This year's 7th annual Bull Trout Redd Count was held on Sept. 19th. The event is held yearly at Red Ives Ranger District on the Upper St. Joe river. Trout Unlimited, US Forest Service, and IDFG come together, with volunteers from local colleges, to hike streams and count redds (spawning beds). Because Bull trout were listed as threatened this past June, the redd count was kept to an experienced few.

Fisheries Biologists from the US Forest Service included Mike Owen from the St. Joe District and Ed Lider from the Panhandle District. Judy Halisey, hydrologist from the St. Joe District also attended. The only students to attend this year were from U of I. The following students attended. Fisheries grad stu-

dents: Lance Clarke, Mary Kraemer, Eric Stark, and Dimitri Vidergar. Fisheries undergrad students: Steve Meyer, Austin Williams, and Terri Boyd.

The day was pretty rainy, but being "outdoor" people, rain-gear was close at hand to make things a little more bearable. No one got lost this year, but there was one small incident. Mike didn't know that snorkeling wasn't the procedure for counting redds! He was wet but, glad to be back before dark, for a change. A wonderful dinner, provided by Trout Unlimited, topped off the evening, along with stories of the day. The students who attended enjoyed the experience, and look forward to next year.

Club Reports

Forest Products Club

The Forest Products Club hosted the annual Forest Products Barbecue on September 17th at the home of Dr. Leonard Johnson. Approximately 50 people attended. Everyone had a wonderful time and got to socialize with club members and faculty.

Our first meeting of the fall semester was on September 29th. Guest speaker Mike Reggear (an alumnus) talked about timber harvesting and the career options available. Fifteen members attended the meeting and discussed various fundraisers.

Meetings are held once a month, so watch for flyers and emails.

The Wildlife Society

At the last Wildlife Society meeting, on October 1st, Dr. Peek came in and talked to us about some opportunities for Wildlife Society members to help out with the upcoming check stations. This will allow those interested in participating to interact with and gain a little more experience in interacting with the public. For those who signed up this week, don't forget that we are meeting at 8:30 a.m. at the check station in Elk River. All other members who were not in attendance but are interested please contact Jason Scott. Check stations will be running through November.

The Wildlife Society is also doing some fundraising with the help of Papa Murphy's Pizza. We are selling discount cards for \$5. \$4 will go directly to the Wildlife Society fund. If you are interested in selling the cards contact Brad Lowe or Jason Scott. Also, please sign up for concessions at the football games if you are able to.

In other club news, this is a reminder that the University of Idaho is holding the 35th Annual Western Student Conclave this spring. Any graduate students interested in doing a presentation should contact Kelly Stephan or Jason Scott.

Student Affairs Council

The Student Affairs Council is refreshed after attending CFWR's Leadership Retreat on the weekend of September 25th. The weekend was a great chance for leaders from different clubs to get to meet each other and learn leadership skills.

SAC's last meeting was held on September 23rd, 1998. Items discussed include the upcoming Forestry Day on October 24th, CFWR Club of the Year application revisions, the proposed name change of the college, the SAC constitution, the Club Bazaar, and the CFWR Picnic.

SAC has an opening for a Historian/ Public Relations officer. If you would like more information contact Robert Glennon at glen9501@novell.uidaho.edu.

If your club has an event you'd like to have posted on the CFWR calendar contact Lisa Mansell at mans9631@uidaho.edu with your information.

The next SAC meeting will be on October 21 at 5:30 pm in FWR 200. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Logger Sports Team

The next meeting for the University of Idaho Logger Sports Team will be on Wednesday, October 7th at 7:00 p.m. in CFWR 200. All those interested in participating are welcome to come. Also, for all newcomers we are having a few practices to learn and hone those skills. The practice dates are as follows: Friday, October 9th at 5:00 p.m., Monday, October 12th at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 14th at 5:00 p.m., and Monday, October 19th at 5:00 p.m. We will be meeting at the logger site, which is located on the west side across from the Kibbie Dome.

Coming up on October 24th is Forestry Day. The Logger Sports Team will be putting on a demonstration at the site from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Again, all those interested in participating are encouraged to do so. It's a lot of fun!

"About the College Name"

by Dr. Jim Peek

I think I understand why we were named College of Forestry, Wildlife, and Range Sciences in the early 1970's. It has to do with what our supporters alumnae and otherwise, envisioned for us. We have always had very strong support from the commodity resource interests, namely forestry and range, in this state. And it would never do to just have a college of forestry and range when there were fisheries and wildlife programs, so we wildlifers were gratuitously included. And since fisheries can be construed as wildlife in some broad context, well they were tacitly included too. Of course, wood products "fits well" with forestry, just as fisheries "fits well" with wildlife. The wildland recreation program was still in its inception and wasn't really considered. If you go back far enough of course, all of these disciplines started with faculty in a Department of Forestry at this university, as is often the case. Undoubtedly some would still prefer our name be College of Forestry even today.

It also has to do with university politics. Agriculture and Mines also deal with natural resources.

I have always wondered why the college name had the word sciences in it, while the departments had the appellation of resources instead. A goodly number of departments having to do with natural resources around the country have science in their names. But when you think about it, forestry isn't just science. It is a blend of science coupled with human dimensions. And we humans are a mix of objectivity, creativity, spirituality, irrationality, and all of the attributes which collectively spill over into the management and conservation of forests. Of course, the same thing applies to every other resource. So, I believe that wild-

life science describes only a part of what we are about in my own field, just as I feel the same about the other disciplines in this college. Students in the college wouldn't be taking the university core and all the communications coursework if all they needed was the science of their intended discipline. We are not attempting to restore white pine, grizzly bears, or chinook salmon to Idaho merely for scientific reasons. We are not worrying over the retention of *Artemisia tridentata wyomingensis* on the Idaho rangelands for scientific reasons. Those of us who espouse multiple use recognize the concept as a fundamental philosophy of resource management, and science as a tool to guide us in our efforts. As a result, I am pleased that the several departments that deal with resources have the word resources and not the word sciences in their monickers. This fits with all of the departments except Forest Products, but obviously the name for that department is entirely appropriate and connotes ties to forestry.

Forest Resources + Forest Products + Range Resources + Resource Recreation & Tourism + Fisheries Resources + Wildlife Resources = College of Natural Resources. Well, maybe a College of Renewable Natural Resources. That is much more than merely a College of Forestry, Wildlife, and Range Sciences. This College is about more than just three of the six programs that currently exist. This College is about more than just science. It is about all of the resources in their entirety, and about our relationship to those resources in our collective entirety as well.

I am very proud to be a part of this organization, and I hope you are too, name notwithstanding.