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### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I just want to say thanks a million to everyone who helped out with the recent Southeastern meeting in Oklahoma City. The fisheries technical sessions and the student professional mixer were a huge success. There were three days jam packed with great fisheries information, including a half day session on marketing fisheries and discussion on how we can all help reverse the drop in fishing participation. I know of one sure fire way. Take kids fishing! Our chapter co-hosted the student professional mixer that was very well attended. We served well over 400 people food, beverage, and conversation for about 3 hours. Our chapter donated about \$250 towards the total bill of nearly \$3,000. We managed to drum up support from the Southern Division, the Oklahoma and Southeastern sections of the Wildlife Society, the Oklahoma student subunits of both AFS and TWS, the Minorities in Natural resources committee of SEAFWA, and we are supposed to receive money left over from last year from the Arkansas chapter of TWS.. I have been assured several times by Phil Tappe that the check is in the mail. Ask Bill Wentroth next time you see him if we have gotten the check; if not, everyone should give Phil a friendly reminder (he can be reached at 501/460-1352).

Bill Stark tells me that he has been working steadily on the annual meeting plans. From what I can gather Fayetteville looks like the place to be in February. I regret that I will not be able to attend. If you hadn't heard, I am leaving Oklahoma in mid-December and am moving to South Carolina. Warmer winters and coastal access are very inviting, but the biggest draw is my new wife. So I won't be at the annual meeting, but if you can make it, go to Fayetteville and learn all about what's going on in the Oklahoma, Arkansas and Kansas Chapters of AFS.

A couple of environmental issues merit a little ink. Ron Suttles,  
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a long time chapter member, has been representing the ODWC on the Governors task force on Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs). The Governor's report is now complete, and I think you can view the document on the web, probably on Oklahoma onenet, but at the time of this writing, I didn't have the address. Now Oklahoma lawmakers must develop and pass the legislation needed to protect our natural resources from the burgeoning animal production industry. That's where you come into the picture. Contact your local reps and check with Ron to see where your efforts can be most effective. Also, the Barren Fork River is at risk of being dried up by the Adair County Rural Water District. Apparently, the OK Water Resources Board is considering allocating more water from the river to the district. Contact Barry Bolton for more information. Both of these issues need our attention and, more importantly, the resources of the state need you. Thanks again for your support during my tenure. Good fishing!

Brian Bristow, President

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Starting Balance (14 May 1997) \$	<b>11,174.42</b>
<b>Credits</b>	
SEFWA Mixer Contributions	1,372.00
Membership Dues	130.00
Cash Management Account Dividends	95.81
Pond Booklets	72.00
T-Shirt Sales (Student Sub-Unit)	129.00
Total Credits	<u>\$ 1,798.81</u>
<b>Debits</b>	
Scholarship Investments (See Mutual Funds)	\$ 8,988.12
SEFWA Mixer	2,521.00
Postage	100.00
Printing	84.28
Cash Management Account Fees	93.45
Total Debits	<u>\$ 11,786.85</u>
<b>Scholarship Investments (Mutual Funds)</b>	
Franklin Inc.	\$ 6,949.11
Global Allocation	2,286.82
Total Value	<u>\$ 9,235.93</u>
Total Credits	\$ 1,798.81
Total Investment Value	9,235.93
Total Debits	<u>11,786.85</u>
Balance	<b>\$ - 752.11</b>
Ending Balance (31 October 1997)	<b>\$ 10,422.31</b>
Student Sub-Unit Balance (31 October 1997)	\$ 656.26

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**THE 18th ANNUAL MEETING**

**OKLAHOMA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY  
AND FIRST (AND ONLY) CALL FOR PAPERS  
10-13th February 1998  
Fayetteville Hilton and  
University of Arkansas Center for Continuing Education**

The Oklahoma Chapter of the American Fisheries Society will meet with the Arkansas and Kansas chapters at the Fayetteville Hilton, in the historic downtown area of Fayetteville, Arkansas. The meeting agenda includes, workshops, technical secessions, Arkansas River Mini-Symposium, information exchange secession and chapter business meetings. There will also be a student/professional mixer and a banquet. A separate mailing to preregister for the meeting and workshops will follow.

The downtown Fayetteville is a revitalize area of approximately 10 square blocks and includes; the Walton Art Gallery, a variety quaint specialty shops (Valentine's Day follows the meeting very closely), restaurants, and quite a number of interesting looking bars (for your own exploration). By February a micro-brewery also may be in operation. All the above and the Hilton can be reach by Trolley Car at any time of day or night (the latter is as yet untested). Other regional attractions include an Air museum, Prairie Grove and Pea Ridge Civil War Parks, Devil's Den State Park, and fishing opportunities on Beaver Lake and the upper White River; more to follow.

## **NUTS AND BOLTS OF THE MEETING**

The official meeting location is the Fayetteville Hilton even though the actual sessions will be held in the adjacent Center for Continuing Education. Registration for the meeting is \$40 and includes a ticket to the banquet. **To make reservations call 1-800-445-8667 and identify yourself as an AFS meeting participant.** Chapter members may reserve rooms at a

flat rate of \$54 + tax /night - multiple occupancy. Sixty rooms have been blocked for the meeting at this special rate until January 23, 1998. Meals are available in the hotel at reasonable prices. Numerous restaurants are also located within 4 blocks of the hotel.

Bill Stark is the program coordinator and is requesting submissions to the technical secessions. Of special interest are topics from those of you working in the Arkansas River Basin; however, submissions on any subject are welcomed and encouraged. Titles, authors (if more than one, please note which will be presenting), and abstracts (250 words maximum) may be submitted (snail mail, fax, or e-mail) no later than January 9, 1998 to Bill at the following:

Bill Stark  
Southeastern Oklahoma State University  
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Durant, OK 74701  
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Please indicate if the title is a student presentation. For additional information call Bill at 580/920-0121 ext. 2354.

## **WORKSHOPS**

We have two workshops scheduled as follows:

- 1.) Identification and Quantitative Sampling of Freshwater Mussels.** Leaders are Dr. Caryn Vaughn of the University of Oklahoma; Mr. John

Harris, Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department, Environmental Division; and Mr. Brian Obermeyer, Aquatic Resources Specialist, Fort Riley, Kansas. All the above are experts in the identification of live mussels and mussel shells and will provide an extensive hands on identification

workshop. Registration is \$30 (\$15 for students). Wait for preregistration forms to follow in a subsequent mailing.

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### **WORKSHOPS** (Continued from Page 3)

2.) **Age, Growth, and Production of Fishes: New Science and Technology.** Leader is Dr. John Casselman, Glenora Fisheries Station, Picton, Ontario. Because of the depth of subject matter and novel technology presented, this workshop is more protracted than we usually undertake at our annual meeting, but nonetheless promises to be well worth the time. The workshop will present two "cutting edge" systems; a Calcified Structure Age Interpretation System (CSAIS), and a Calcified Structure Age-Growth data Extraction System (CSAGES). These systems not only more objectively identify putative temporal marks on calcified structures in fishes, but allow for a more

thorough analysis of these data. The final component will compare and contrast methods of estimating fish production from aging data using user friendly software (EXCEL). The workshop includes software, computer time, and practical demonstrations. **The tentative schedule is from Thursday, Feb. 12 at 1:00 thru early afternoon on Feb. 13 depending on travel logistics.** At this time, registration is \$90; however, the program committee is attempting to get the workshop subsidized, so the cost to those attending will likely be lower. Preregistration material will follow in a subsequent mailing.

### **MEETING RAFFLE AND AUCTION**

Chapter members need to begin collecting donations of merchandise and services for the raffle and auction scheduled for Wednesday evening, February 11 at the banquet. We prefer large items (canoe trips, fishing trips, free lodging, hand-made crafts) as well as lots of small stuff like lures, t-shirts and caps. Proceeds from the annual auction and raffle will allow the Chapter to continue providing travel grants and scholarships for Oklahoma's fisheries students. Make sure we get a company or individual's name, address and phone number (a business card if possible) so we can send them a tax receipt and thank you. Contact Mark Ambler or Bill Stark for more information.



## PRELIMINARY MEETING AGENDA

### February 10, 1998 (Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.)

- 9:00-12:00 Workshop 1  
*Identification and Quantitative Sampling of Freshwater Mussels.*
- 1:00-3:00 Mini-Symposium on the Arkansas River.  
*Historical overview and future concerns for this large river system and its inhabitants.*
- 3:00-5:00 Information Exchange Session.  
*Impacts of Law Enforcement and Information and Education Programs on Aquatic Resources.*
- 5:30-7:00 Student/Professional Mixer

### February 11, 1998

- 8:00-3:00 Technical Sessions
- 3:00-5:00 Arkansas, Kansas, and Oklahoma Chapter Business Meetings
- 6:00-? Banquet / Raffle / Auction

### February 12, 1998

- 8:00-12:00 Technical Sessions
- 1:00-? Workshop 2  
*Age, Growth, and Production of Fishes: New Science and Technology.*

### February 13, 1998

- 8  
:00-? Workshop 2 (Concluded)  
*Age, Growth, and Production of Fishes: New Science and Technology.*

## OUTSTANDING FISHERIES WORKER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Nominating and Awards Committee is soliciting nominations for the Oklahoma Chapter's most prestigious award, **The Outstanding Fisheries Worker of the Year Award**. This award is presented annually to an Oklahoma fisheries professional who has made significant contributions in the field of aquatic resources conservation, management, research, culture, or education. Fishery workers in Oklahoma have, over the years, amassed a multitude of achievements and advancements in fisheries science. This award recognizes their efforts.

It's time to select the individual from among our ranks who deserves the special recognition this award endows. Please take a moment and think about who deserves the award in 1998. Nominations should include a descriptive justification, with examples of work excellence, explaining why your nominee deserves this coveted recognition. Think about it and then your nomination to:

Kim Erickson  
Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation  
1801 N. Lincoln  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

The successful nominee will join a long list of distinguished Oklahoma fisheries professionals, including Jimmie Pigg, Gene Gilliland, Kim Erickson, Jim Smith, Dr. Al Zale, Jeff Boxrucker, Dr. Bill Matthews, Garland Wright, and Ken Collins.

## PRESIDENT-ELECT NOMINATIONS

Nominations are also being solicited for President-Elect. Due to his imminent departure to South Carolina, Brian Bristow is stepping down as Chapter

President. President-Elect Bill Stark will be taking over as President at the 1998 Technical Meeting next February. The successful nominee will not only take over the reigns as Chapter leader in 1999, this person will become the Program Chair for the 1999 Chapter meeting, as well as serve the Chapter in . If you would like to nominate someone for this position, contact Kim.

## HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

### IF NOT, DO SO TODAY!

Your 1998 Chapter dues are due! Unless you have recently paid your dues via the Parent Society, please send your dues payment to Bill Wentroth ASAP. The Chapter needs your support (\$5 per year) to continue its vital mission. Consider renewing for two or three years and avoid the hassle. Alternatively, you might consider renewing for life. Dues collected from life memberships go to support the Chapter's Student Travel Grant and /Scholarship Fund. Oklahoma Chapter AFS Membership Renewal Forms are located on Page 7.

And while you are renewing, consider serving on one of the Chapter's committees. If one of the committees listed below looks appealing to you or you have questions about a particular committee, give the committee chairman a call and offer your assistance.

## OKAFS COMMITTEES

- **ACTIVITIES** - develops and implements Chapter functions, fund-raisers, and promotions.
- **CONTINUING EDUCATION** - develops and implements workshops and seminars designed to keep fisheries professionals abreast of changes in fisheries techniques and methodologies.

- **ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS** - monitors current events in both environmental and law on issues of concern to the Chapter, the State, and the Nation.
- **NOMINATING AND AWARDS** - provides recognition to persons or organizations which distinguish themselves through outstanding achievements in fisheries.
- **PROGRAM** - develops and organizes the topics for the Chapter's meetings and technical sessions.
- **RAFFLE** - solicits products and literature from entities with ties to fisheries to be used in fund-raising for the Chapter's Student Travel Award Endowment.



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### ANGLERS TO ENJOY A NEW TROUT AREA IN NORTHEAST

Oklahoma anglers will have more trout fishing opportunities this fall, thanks to a cooperative effort between the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and the City of Pawhuska. The trout season at Pawhuska opened November 1 along with the Department's other wintertime trout areas, and it will run through March 31, 1998.

Action to create the new trout area was taken by the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission at its regular September meeting held in Oklahoma City. The Department's trout program continues to increase in popularity among anglers, with more than 33,000 trout licenses sold during 1996. Overall, the program pays for itself, with trout license revenues offsetting the expense of purchasing trout and managing the trout fisheries.

*Wildlife News Service, September 11, 1997*

### RESERVOIR RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP TO BE AWARDED

The Reservoir Committee of the Southern Division AFS announces the creation of the Robert M. Jenkins Memorial Reservoir Research Scholarship in honor of one of our professions true pioneers in fisheries research and management. Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded annually to students conducting

reservoir-related research in the southeastern United States. Funding for a second year will be available contingent upon satisfactory academic and research performance. Scholarship recipients will be required to present the results of their study to the Reservoir Committee or at a conference where the Committee is holding a regular meeting. The committee will also provide travel assistance of up to \$500 each if student travel funding is not available.

Interested students or professors should contact Gene Gilliland (405/325-7288; gene\_gilliland@mail.fws.gov) for application procedures and selection criteria that will be used in awarding the scholarships. The Committee expects to announce the first scholarship winners at the Southern Division Mid-year meeting in Kentucky in February, 1988.

### SMALLMOUTH BASS TAKE OVER AT LAKE EUFAULA

For the first time, natural reproduction of smallmouth bass was documented in two locations at Eufaula Reservoir. The findings indicate that smallmouth bass have become established in the lake, and anglers can expect potentially exciting fishing in the future.

The Wildlife Department's efforts to introduce reservoir-strain smallmouth bass at Eufaula began in 1992 with an experimental stocking of smallmouth fry. Fingerlings raised in nursery ponds at the lake have been stocked each year since then. The initial stockings concentrated in areas of the lake where reproduction

was documented. Smallmouth bass fingerlings are now being stocked in other areas.

Smallmouth bass prefer rocky areas and clear water. Noted for its fighting ability, the smallmouth bass often jump out of the water and make drag-burning runs when hooked. Reservoir-strain

smallmouths have been stocked in a number of Oklahoma reservoirs, and thriving populations can be found in Eufaula, Tenkiller, Broken Bow, Texoma, Keystone, Skiatook, Lawtonka and Murray.

*Wildlife news Service, October 30, 1997*

## CALENDAR

February 10-12, 1998 - *The Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Fisheries Society*. Fayetteville Hilton Hotel, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Co-hosted by the Arkansas, Kansas, and Oklahoma Chapters. Contact Mark Oliver, Program Co-chair; 151 Highway 201 North; Mountain Home, AR 72653; 870/425-7577. Abstracts should be sent to Bill Stark, Program Co-chair; Department of Biological Sciences; Southeastern Oklahoma State University; Durant, OK 74701; 580/920-0121, ext. 2354; wstark@sosu.edu. Submission deadline for abstracts is January 9, 1998.

February 26-March 1, 1998 - *The Midterm Technical Meeting of the AFS Southern Division*. Radisson Plaza Hotel, Lexington, Kentucky. Hosted by the Kentucky Chapter. Contact Jarrad Kosa, Program Chair; #1 Game Farm Road; Frankfort, KY 40601; 502/564-5448; jkosa@mail.state.ky.us.

June 23-28, 1998 - *The First Ictalurid Symposium*. Davenport, Iowa. Contact Steve Eder; Missouri Department of Conservation; P.O. Box 180;

Jefferson City, MO 65109; FAX 573/526-4047; eders@mail.conservation.state.mo.us.

August 30-September 3, 1998 - *The 128<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the AFS, "Challenges for the New Millennium: Shaping the Future of Fisheries Science and the Fisheries Profession."* Hartford Civic Center and Sheraton Hotel, Hartford, Connecticut. Contact Paul Brouha; American Fisheries Society; 5410 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 110; Bethesda, MD 20814-2199; 301/897-8616, ext. 209; FAX 301/897-8096; pbrouha@fisheries.org. Abstracts should be sent to C. Paola Ferreri; School of Forest Resources; 111 Ferguson Building; Pennsylvania State University; University Park, PA 16802; 814/865-2095; FAX 814/865-3725; cpf3@psu.edu. Submission deadline for abstracts is January 23, 1998.

Contributions to *Vibrations* are most welcome. Any information of interest to Chapter members is appropriate. Send contributions to Ken Cunningham, Oklahoma Fishery Research Lab, 500 E. Constellation, Norman, OK 73072; phone 405/325-7288; fax 405/325-7631; email kkcunningham@ou.edu.

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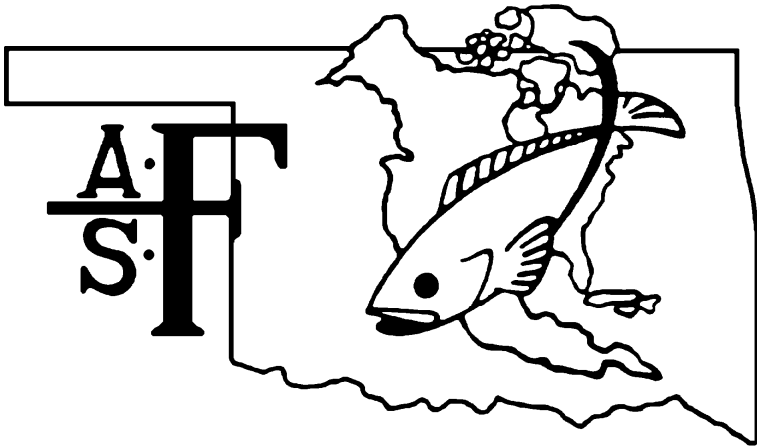
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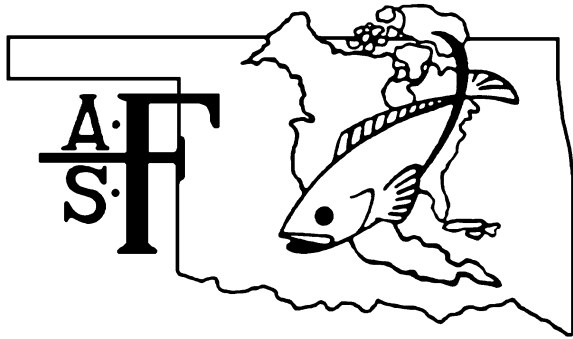
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As the year winds down and the end of my term is coming up, I am pleased with the progress the Student Chapter has made. We have accomplished many our goals; increasing membership, branching out statewide, and holding informative meetings throughout the school year. We submitted our accomplishments to *Fisheries* (see the October 1997 issue). The Student Chapter has also created a traveling display promoting the Student Chapter that we will bring to AFS meetings and other functions.

One of our big accomplishments this year was to increase statewide involvement. I am happy to announce that Northeastern State University has joined our ranks as part of the Student Chapter. In October Jeff Howard, the NSU Representative to the Student Chapter, invited myself and Jim Long, the OSU Representative, to talk to their student group about AFS. I am increasingly impressed with the energy and involvement of NSU. Dr. Jim Schooley deserves a lot of credit for getting his students involved in AFS.

Our fund raising has been stellar. Thanks to some bargaining with Stranger Creek, we have been able to sell lots of T-shirts, our primary source of funding. This enabled us to purchase materials for the traveling display and to have enough money for operating expenses. With continued fund raising, we hope to contribute more to the Oklahoma Chapter and to the AFS Parent Society.

We have also held meetings at Oklahoma State, including a pond management seminar with Glen Gebhart from Langston University and a joint fish fry with the OSU Wildlife Society. As always, we are planning our Fisheries Techniques Demonstration in the spring. In an attempt to branch out from

Stillwater, we talking with NSU to see about having the demo near Tahlequah.

As you can see, we have accomplished a lot. However, increased statewide involvement (including Oklahoma State University) is still needed. We currently have the resources to help other schools get involved. All we need them to do is show some interest and take the initiative. The current officers terms expire in February at the Oklahoma Chapter meeting. We are currently seeking nominations for President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. Anyone interested in

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## MESSAGE (Continued from Page A1)

nominating someone, running yourself, or getting more information should contact me 405/744-6342; email cpauk@okstate.edu ASAP. We will be having a business meeting at the Oklahoma Chapter Meeting in February. Keep your eyes open for signs on where and what time it will be.

Craig Paukert, Student Subunit President

presentation in Monterey was entitled “*Population Dynamics of Paddlefish in the Keystone Reservoir System, Oklahoma.*” Craig was also elected President of the Student Subsection of the AFS Education Section at the AFS Annual Meeting in Monterey. The Student Subsection is an organization of the AFS that is run by students in the interest of students. **Congratulations Craig!**

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## STUDENT CHAPTER NEWS

- **Jim Long**, a graduate student at Oklahoma State, became our new OSU representative for the Oklahoma Student Chapter. He is replacing Conrad Toepfer, who has left for bigger and better things.
- **Jeff Howard**, an undergraduate at Northeastern State University, became the Oklahoma Student Chapter representative for NSU. Thanks to Jeff, NSU has joined the ranks as part of our Oklahoma Chapter group.
- **Conrad Toepfer**, Past-President of and OSU representative for the Oklahoma Student Chapter, recently took a position as visiting Associate Professor of Biology at Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri.
- **Craig Paukert**, a Master’s student at Oklahoma State University, received honorable mention for the 1997 Skinner Memorial Award for travel to the AFS Annual Meeting in Monterey, California. The Skinner Award is given to deserving students to



attend the AFS Annual Meeting. Craig’s

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