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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the end of the year nears and the holiday season approaches many of our members will have the opportunity to head to the woods, the fields, or the local ponds in search of their favorite game species while others will take some much needed time off to spend with family and friends. This is also a time for us to look back on things that we accomplished during the past year and to set new goals for the future. As I look at what our Chapter has accomplished this year, I am proud to say that we have exceeded all of my expectations this year.

As most know, our Chapter had the opportunity to host the Southern Division Spring Meeting back in February which was a great success by all accounts. During the meeting I heard many positive comments about the facilities, the socials, the raffles, the registration process, and how well the meeting was run by our members. Organizing an event like this takes a great deal of time and effort by several people and the meeting's success proves how strong and committed our members are. I would like to personally thank all who assisted with the meeting and contributed to the success. Unfortunately, I can not list all of the names here but special thanks go to **Greg Summers** and **Jeff Boxrucker** for coordinating the entire meeting facilities, all sessions and meeting announcements, **Gene Gilliland** for making the raffle a great success, **Barry Bolton** for organizing the socials, **Paul Balkenbush** for organizing the streams workshop, **Mark Dunham** and **Don Groom** for assisting with AV needs, and all who assisted with registration or supplied AV equipment.

Hosting this meeting was also a great financial success for our chapter and allowed us to increase the Jimmy Pigg Student Travel Scholarship to \$750, to create a fund that will support undergraduate travel to state chapter meetings and we donated \$2,000 to the Warmwater Streams Committee's Jimmy Pigg Outstanding Student Achievement Award. So again thanks to all who assisted with the meeting and I look forward to seeing you at this years meeting in Broken Bow.

Enjoy the holidays and pat your self on the back for a job well done in 2004!

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**Who am I?**



1. I primarily eat terrestrial insects and plant material
2. My genus was formerly *Notropis*
3. Males defend spawning territories
4. I prefer small to medium rivers
5. I also prefer sandy substrates

Answer: *atsunev allenirpyC, renihS liatkcalB*

## OKAFS Annual Meeting

*February 23-25, 2005*

Beaver's Bend State Park & Forest Heritage Center, Broken Bow, OK

*Meeting Registration Forms will be sent out in the near future*

**Call for papers.** Please send the following information if you would like to offer a 20-minute presentation (including time for a brief question/answer session): 1) title of paper; 2) name of Authors with an asterisk (\*) following the presenting author's name; 3) affiliation of authors (agency, school, etc.) including address; 4) a brief abstract of no more than 200 words; and 5) format of presentation (Power Point, slides, over-head projector, etc.). Microsoft Word, Corel Word Perfect, and PDF files are acceptable. Send Information to: **Kurt Kuklinski**, [kurtkuk@prodigy.net](mailto:kurtkuk@prodigy.net). All Presentations must be submitted by **January 31, 2005**.

### Meeting Agenda

*Wed., Feb 23:* Evening social / mixer.

*Thurs., Feb 24:* A fish kill workshop sponsored in part by the Socioeconomic Section of the parent society (AFS) will be offered. A small fee will be charged to cover the travel expenses of the presenters.

A social is scheduled, along with the traditional white elephant gift exchange, for the evening activity.

*Fri., Feb 25:* The technical session (presentations) will begin in the morning and finish by early afternoon. The business meeting will follow the technical session.

Lodging will be provided via reservation at Beavers Bend Resort Lakeview Lodge. A block of 35 rooms is being saved for AFS meeting purposes. Please consider sharing rooms. Rooms can be reserved by calling the lodge (1-800-435-5514) and asking for one of the AFS rooms.

All workshop, technical presentations, and meetings will be at the Forest Heritage Center (near the Lodge).

**Kurt Kuklinski**, President-elect, OKAFS

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Nominations and Awards Committee - Jim Burroughs

Jim would like to announce nominations for the following awards and positions:

### JIMMIE PIGG STUDENT TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP

STUDENTS!! STUDENTS!! STUDENTS!! This is the first and last call for students who would like to go to a professional meeting on someone else's money. The Chapter will award the **Jimmie Pigg Student Travel Scholarship** to a student or students who are involved in fisheries research studies and who are planning to present their findings at an upcoming AFS meeting. Last year, **Matt Mauck**, a graduate student from Oklahoma State University, was the recipient of a \$200 travel grant from the Chapter.

This prestigious award is named in honor of the well-known, well-respected late aquatic biologist and educator **Mr. Jimmie Pigg**, who donated the initial Chapter funding to create the award. Jimmie will always be remembered as a dedicated professional and active fisheries conservationist who loved his work and his students.

Any student who is active in fisheries or a related aquatic discipline is eligible to apply. Recipients are selected by the Chapter Nominating and Awards Committee and are presented the award at the annual Chapter business meeting. Selection is based on academic qualifications, professional service, contribution to fisheries and the applicant's demonstrated desire and need for the grant.

Awards are based on merit and are not necessarily given each year. Interested students should contact the Awards Committee Chair, **Jim Burroughs** at Rt. 1 Box 75, Porter, OK. 74454 or email Jim at [jb\\_odwc@direcway.com](mailto:jb_odwc@direcway.com) for more information and to obtain the appropriate application forms (they might be found at [http://www.sdafs.org/okafs/chapter\\_awards.htm](http://www.sdafs.org/okafs/chapter_awards.htm)). Deadline to apply is **January 24, 2004**.

### OUTSTANDING OKLAHOMA FISHERIES WORKER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Nominations and Awards Committee is soliciting nominations for the OKAFS' highest award, The **Oklahoma Outstanding Fisheries Worker of the Year Award**. The 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 give a meaningful pat on the back to an individual among us who truly deserves the special recognition this award brings. The Outstanding Fisheries Worker of the Year Award last year went to **Paul Balkenbush**.

Please take a moment and think about who deserves the award for their hard work this past year, 2004. Nominations should include a descriptive justification, giving examples of work excellence and stewardship. Let us know why your nominee deserves this coveted recognition. Submit your nominations to **Jim Burroughs** by **January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004** at Rt.1 Box 75, Porter, OK. 74454 or email Jim at [jb\\_odwc@direcway.com](mailto:jb_odwc@direcway.com).

### OKAFS OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now being taken for Chapter President-Elect and Secretary-Treasurer. **Kurt Kuklinski** will be taking over as President at the annual meeting in February 2005. THE CHAPTER NEEDS YOU or someone you think can lead the Chapter in the future. If you would like to be considered or wish to nominate someone for these positions (must be a member of the AFS Chapter and the Parent Society), please contact **Jim Burroughs** at Rt.1 Box 75, Porter, OK. 74454 [email: [jb\\_odwc@direcway.com](mailto:jb_odwc@direcway.com)].

# PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE STUDENT CHAPTER BYLAWS

The Oklahoma Student Chapter of the American Fisheries Society has been a statewide student organization of Oklahoma since its creation in 1996. Students from Oklahoma State University, University of Oklahoma, Northeastern State University, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, and possibly other Oklahoma schools, have been members at one time or another. Although there have been members from other schools, the Executive Committee of the Student Chapter has almost always, if not always, been comprised of Oklahoma State University students only. Additionally, students that actively participate in Student Chapter activities are almost always OSU members. This is not surprising since most American Fisheries Society Student Chapters (or Subunits) that are diffused over several schools are either inactive or their activities are centered at one specific university (Dauwalter 2004).

Currently the Student Chapter is in the process of changing its status with Oklahoma State University from 'registered' to 'recognized.' A status change would allow the Student Chapter to apply for annual funding to: support student travel to state, regional, and national meetings; fund awards; sponsor speakers; etc. Other university services would also become more readily available. There is one drawback, however. The Committee on Student Organizations, Student Government Association at Oklahoma State University wants the Student Chapter to amend its bylaws. Major requested changes include adding a non-discrimination clause, and restricting membership to the Executive Committee, and all voting rights, to Oklahoma State University members exclusively; there are minor changes also. Because there has been very little participation in the Student Chapter by students from other universities, the Student Chapter does not think that the proposed bylaw changes would alter the way the Student Chapter has operated in years past, and thus agreed and voted to amend its bylaws. Having already been passed by members of the Student Chapter, the next step is to get the changes approved by the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (Yes, that's you!). The final step is to get the changes approved by Parent Society. The proposed changes are below, and will be voted on during the business meeting during the Chapter's annual meeting in Broken Bow. Lines in **bold** are to be inserted (or non-bold in headings), and lines with a strikethrough will be deleted.

## **Dan Dauwalter**

Student Chapter OKAFS President

Dauwalter, D.C. 2004. Activity within AFS student subunits: a survey. Fisheries 29(6):36-39.

## Oklahoma ~~State University~~ Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** of the American Fisheries Society Bylaws and Procedures Approved March 1, 1999 **Ammended March 1, 2005**

### Section 1 - Name and Objectives:

The name of this organization shall be the Oklahoma ~~State University~~ Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** of the American Fisheries Society, and herein referred to as the Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit**.

The objectives of the Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** shall be to facilitate meeting the objectives of the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, and to encourage the exchange of information by student members of Oklahoma.

### Section 2 - Membership:

Official members of the Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** shall be composed of those Oklahoma Chapter of the American Fisheries Society members in good standing that are full or part time students. Non students of the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

interested in all phases of student concerns are encouraged to attend and participate. **There will be no discrimination of race, sex, creed, color, age, veteran status, sexual orientation, or disability with the regards to the purpose of the organization.**

### Section 3 - Meetings:

The Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** shall hold at least one meeting annually at a time and place designated by the Executive Committee. This meeting will usually be held at the annual meeting of the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Fisheries Society.

### Section 4 - Officers:

The officers of the Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and immediate Past-President, if available. Officers **must be students of Oklahoma State University, and** shall be elected at the annual meeting. All officers may hold their office for up to three terms. In the event of a vacant position, the President shall appoint a qualified replacement to fill the unexpired term. In the event the President cannot fulfill his/her duties, the Vice-President shall take over and the Executive Committee shall appoint a new Vice-President for the remainder of the term. The term for all elected officers shall terminate immediately following the election and installation of new officers at the annual meeting. In the event of a cancellation of an annual meeting, the officers and the members of any committees shall continue to serve until the next scheduled meeting.

### Section 5 - Duties of Officers:

The President of the Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** shall preside at all meetings, serve as the chair of the Executive Committee, represent the Student Chapter at the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Fisheries Society functions, and make such appointments and perform other duties and functions as are authorized and necessary.

The Vice-President shall assume all duties of the President in the event of the President's Absence or inability to act. He/she will also chair the Annual Fisheries Techniques Demonstration Committee.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep the official records of the Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** and be custodian to all funds which may be allotted to the Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit**. He/she must submit a report on minutes of all meetings of the Executive Committee and other meetings. The Secretary/Treasurer shall consult with the Secretary/Treasurer of the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Fisheries Society and is authorized to disburse funds as necessary. The Secretary/Treasurer shall submit a record of receipts and disbursements at the annual Subunit meeting. He/she shall perform duties as may be requested by the Secretary/Treasurer of the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Fisheries Society.

### Section 6 - Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee of the Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** shall consist of the elected officers, **and** a faculty advisor, ~~representatives from the four core schools (Northeastern State University, Southeastern State University, Oklahoma State University, University of Oklahoma) when available and a student representative from additional schools in Oklahoma, if so appointed.~~ The Executive Committee is authorized to act for the Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** between meetings and perform appropriate duties and functions.

### Section 7 - Student ~~Chapter~~ Subunit Committees:

The committees and Chair of the committees shall be appointed by the President as may be necessary for the conducting of the Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** activities. The terms of office for members of the Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** Committees shall end upon the discharge of the duties for which they were appointed, or at the next annual meeting of the ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit**, whichever comes first.

### Section 8 - Election of Members:

Application for all classes of American Fisheries Society memberships may be received by the Secretary/Treasurer of the Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** and shall be forwarded to the Secretary/Treasurer of the Oklahoma Chapter.

### Section 9 - Voting and Quorum:

Decisions at meetings of the Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** shall be in accordance with Article IV, Paragraph 4, of the Constitution of the American Fisheries Society. A quorum for any meeting for the transaction of official business shall be at least three members. **Voting**

**rights are restricted to Oklahoma State University students only.**

Section 10 - Registration and Dues:

The Executive Committee may assess each registrant attending annual meetings of the Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** a registration fee necessary to cover the cost of the meeting and Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** activities. Collections shall be made by the Secretary/Treasurer of the Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** to be passed on to the Secretary/Treasurer of the Oklahoma Chapter.

Section 11 - Amendments of the Bylaws:

The Bylaws of the Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** may be amended and approved in accordance of Article IV, Paragraph 4, and Article VII, Paragraph 1, of the Constitution of the American Fisheries Society, the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, and by Section 9 of these Bylaws.

**OFFICERS AND DUTIES**

**President:**

1. Oversees all aspects of Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** operations, especially events, activities, and exchange of monies.
2. Presides at the annual Student ~~Chapter's~~ **Subunit's** business meeting.
  - A. Knows how to conduct a meeting (i.e., is familiar with Robert's Rules of Order).
  - B. Adheres to the time schedule.
  - C. Introduces all visiting AFS officers and gives them an opportunity to address the membership.
  - D. Presents Past-President's certificate to outgoing President.
3. Chairs the Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit's** Executive Committee, holds meetings, and seeks advice as needed.
4. Fully informs the Vice-President of Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** activities so that if the need arises, that officer can perform the duties of the President competently.
5. Coordinates and initiates all aspects of statewide involvement for the Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit**.
6. Is knowledgeable about the content of the Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit's** Bylaws.
7. Is prepared to establish desired special ad hoc committees and appoint chairpersons and members when installed as President. Creates other ad hoc committees as needed.
8. Acknowledges the work of committee chairpersons by letter at the end of their term.
9. Is responsible for overall Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** publicity.
10. Serves as a voting member of the Oklahoma Chapter's Executive Committee and attends all meetings of that committee when possible.
11. Prepares an annual report of the Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit's** activities for presentation at the annual Oklahoma Chapter meeting and to be kept with the Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit's** files.
12. Submits a President's message in all Oklahoma Chapter Newsletters during his/her term as President.
13. Responds to requests for information from the Oklahoma Chapter, other Subunits and Chapters, and non- Society entities or directs appropriate Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** officers or committees to respond.

**Vice President:**

1. Assumes the duties of President if the current President is unable to complete the term.
2. Works closely with the President so that Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** activities will continue smoothly into the next term.
3. Serves as the chief fundraiser for the Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit**.
4. Develops and distributes promotional materials for the annual Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** meeting well in advance.
5. Extends an invitation to the Oklahoma Chapter Officers to attend the annual Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** meeting at least three months before the meeting.
6. Is knowledgeable about the content of the Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit**'s bylaws.
7. Serve as chair for the Fisheries Techniques Demonstration Committee

**Secretary/Treasurer:**

1. Prepares and distributes minutes of all Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** and Executive Committee meetings.
2. Prepares correspondence as requested by officers of the Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit**.
3. Informs the Oklahoma Chapter President and director of Subunit Services at the Parent Society of changes of officers, dates and locations of meetings, and other necessary information.
4. Maintains letterhead and other supplies as necessary for Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** functions.
5. Creates/orders Past President's certificate to be presented at the annual Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** meeting.
7. Keeps in close contact with the Oklahoma Chapter Secretary/Treasurer to maintain a current list of Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** members.
8. Balances monies with the Oklahoma Chapter Secretary/Treasurer as needed.
9. Gives a report on monies at each Executive Committee meeting of the Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit**.
10. Keeps a copy of the Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** Bylaws on hand and is familiar with their content for consultation with Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** meetings. Forwards any proposed Bylaw changes to the Oklahoma Chapter President for review prior to presentation of changes.
11. Prepares financial reports for presentation at the annual Executive Committee meeting; concurrently writes a financial report for inclusion in the Chapter Newsletter.

**School Representative:**

- ~~1. Appointed by the President as the liaison between the Student Chapter **Subunit** and the individual school.~~
- ~~2. Schools can be any University or college in Oklahoma.~~
- ~~3. Coordinates and oversees all activities at his/her school.~~
- ~~4. Prepares an annual report to be submitted to the President to be included in the annual Student Chapter **Subunit** report.~~

**Immediate Past-President:**

1. If available, acts as advisor to the Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit**'s Executive Committee and other committee and gives assistance when needed.

### Faculty Advisor:

1. Serves as a non-voting member of the Executive Committee.
2. Serves as a liaison between the Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit**, the Oklahoma Chapter, and the Parent Society.
3. Consults with the Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** as needed.

## COMMITTEES

### Executive Committee:

Composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, Immediate Past- President (when available), and faculty advisor, ~~and School Representative (if so appointed)~~. Participation of other Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** members are invited and encouraged. Oversees all Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** functions. In addition to scheduled meetings of the EXCOM, special meetings should be called by the President when the need arises.

### Fisheries Techniques Demonstration Committee:

Composed of the committee chair (Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** Vice-President), and at least two other Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** members. The function of the committee is to organize and oversee all aspects of the Annual Fisheries Techniques Demonstration each spring. The chair will appoint committee members as needed. The chair is required to write a report on the demonstration to be included in the annual Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** report. The Fisheries Techniques Demonstration Committee will dissolve upon the discharge of their appointed tasks.

### Ad hoc Committees:

Ad hoc committees are created by the Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** President for a specific purpose or special idea and are automatically dissolved upon discharge of their appointed tasks. The chair of these committee are required to submit a report at the end of their tenure to the President to be included in the annual Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** report. The chair will also be required to submit a committee report to be presented at the annual EXCOM meeting of the Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit**. If the chair is unavailable to attend the EXCOM meeting, he/she will make arrangements with the President who will present the report at the annual EXCOM meeting.

### Student ~~Chapter~~ Subunit Annual Report:

President compiles and completes an annual report of the ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit's** events and activities. The report will be completed at the end of the President's tenure. In the event the President resides for more than one term, he or she will complete an annual report at the end of each term. This will be presented to the Oklahoma Chapter's EXCOM and will be kept in the Oklahoma Student ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit's** files. The report should contain overviews of each officers duties, membership reports, treasurer reports, and any ad hoc committee reports. The purpose of the annual report is to synthesize the ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit's** activities and the officers responsibilities to better facilitate the ~~Chapter~~ **Subunit** in future years.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **2004 Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference.** Register now for the 65th Annual Midwest Fish and Wildlife conference, hosted by the Indiana DNR, Division of Fish and Wildlife, will be held **December 12-15, 2004** at the Westin Hotel in downtown Indianapolis, Indiana. <http://www.in.gov/dnr/midwest2004/>
- **2005 Southern Division Spring Meeting.** The Virginia Chapter and Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society invite you to join us in Virginia Beach, VA at the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel and Conference Center for the 2005 Southern Division Spring Meeting, **10-13 February, 2005.**



**Hotel and Registration Information:** Room rates are \$55 per night for single and double occupancy, \$65 for triple occupancy and \$75 for quad occupancy. Rooms must be reserved by **14 January 2005** to receive

this rate and guarantee availability. Contact the hotel at 757-481-9000 or 800-468-2722 for registration information. State you are with the **American Fisheries Society**. For more information on the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel and Conference Center, visit their website at <http://virginiabeachresort.com>.

**Meeting registration forms** can be downloaded off the meeting website (<http://faculty.virginia.edu/vcafs/meetings.html>) and is \$85 for students and professionals prior to 20 January 2005 and \$105 thereafter.

**Submission Procedures for Presentations and Posters.** Presentations will be scheduled for 20 minutes (15-min presentation and 5 min for questions). Media for presentations is Microsoft PowerPoint only. Abstracts should be a 200-word (or less) statement of objectives, principal results and conclusions. All abstracts must be submitted on-line at <http://www.sdafs.org/abstracts/>. Abstracts for symposia and contributed presentations, as well as posters are due by **1 December 2004**. For additional information contact Vic DiCenzo, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, 1700 South Main St., Farmville, VA 23901; (434) 392-9645; [vdicenzo@dgif.state.va.us](mailto:vdicenzo@dgif.state.va.us).

## TREASURER'S REPORT

None submitted

## REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR OKAFS MEMBERSHIP!

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### OKLAHOMA AFS MEMBERSHIP FORM

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\_\_\_\_\_ (last)

\_\_\_\_\_ (first)

AFFILIATION:

MAILING ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_ (Dept, Bldg, Office, Street, PO Box, Route, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ (City)

\_\_\_\_\_ (State)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Zip)

DAY PHONE:

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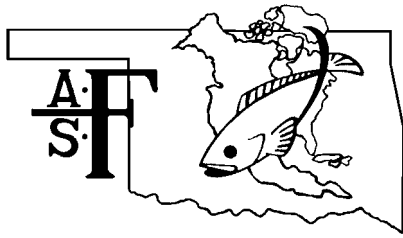
MEMBERSHIP TYPE: 1 Year (\$5)\_\_\_\_\_ 2 Years (\$10)\_\_\_\_\_ 3 Years (\$15)\_\_\_\_\_ Life (\$50)\_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: Professional\_\_\_\_\_ Student\_\_\_\_\_

COMMITTEES (please choose at least one): Activities\_\_\_\_\_ Awards\_\_\_\_\_ Continuing Ed\_\_\_\_\_

Env. Concerns\_\_\_\_\_ Fundraising\_\_\_\_\_ Program\_\_\_\_\_

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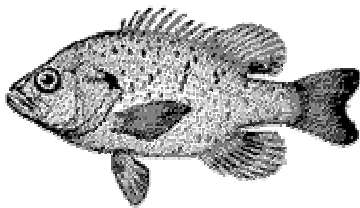
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### **Nick Utrup**



## **Student Chapter Facts**

The Student Chapter can:

- Serve as an introduction to fisheries science
- Serve as an entry point into the profession
- Provide opportunities for student recognition

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

It's December and things are starting to turn over within the Student Chapter. Traditionally the Student Chapter has been a stratified type of organization where a layer of OSU graduate students are typically the ones that are actively involved in Chapter activities, and a layer of undergraduate OSU and non-OSU members that are not actively involved.

This effectively qualifies the Student Chapter as a 'meromictic' type of organization in that there is usually no mixing between the two layers. Consequently, the Executive Committee decided that the Student Chapter needed to try and make some changes. We're changing our status with OSU from a registered organization to a recognized one. This requires a change in our bylaws, but will allow us to apply for funding to send OSU students to regional and national meetings and also let us fund more awards. Unfortunately, the change will restrict the involvement of non-OSU members, but increase the opportunity for OSU members to move up the food chain. I also hope that this change will lead to more involvement from OSU undergraduates, and change the Chapter to a more 'holomictic' type organization.

With that said, the Chapter in general is currently experiencing a winterkill in activity as most members are busy trying to finish up the semester. Despite the chaotic nature of your schedules in early December, there exist several opportunities for students to compete for many awards offered not only by the Student Chapter, but the Oklahoma Chapter, Southern Division, and Parent Society. I strongly encourage you to apply for one or more of those awards. See their websites for details.

Lastly, I encourage all students to attend the Oklahoma Chapter meeting in Broken Bow in February (see page 2). Meetings offer opportunities for students to meet working professionals, other students, and learn about current issues and research being conducted in Oklahoma. If you're interested in attending, contact Tim Patton at SOSU, Jim Schooley at NSU, or me at OSU to see exactly how you can cut the costs of attending the annual Oklahoma Chapter meeting.

**Dan Dauwalter**, President, OK Student Chapter AFS

## OUTREACH EVENTS

- In September the Student Chapter held its annual fish fry as a membership drive in conjunction with the Oklahoma Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society's pork chop dinner. We signed up a handful of people to the Student and State Chapters and had an excellent turnout.
- In October the Student Chapter participated in the Payne County Audubon Society's Nature Day. This year it was held in the National Guard Armory due to inclement weather. As in previous years, the Student Chapter participated by setting up an information table. We handed out fish posters, stickers and other AFS information. We also displayed an information poster about the Student Chapter. There were numerous fish tanks set up to display sunfish, largemouth bass, blue catfish, flathead catfish and carp. In addition, we set up a large bin that allowed any daring children to net and hold fish. Despite the rain, we had a great turnout and some very curious kids. And surprisingly, most of them wanted to at least try to hold a fish! – **Sherri McClure**
- In November the Student Chapter co-sponsored a speaker, **Chris Racey** from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. Chris gave a seminar entitled 'The Lower White River, Arkansas: an Ecological Treasure Under Attack.' The seminar was co-sponsored by the Ecotoxicology and Water Quality Research Lab, Department of Zoology, OSU, and directed by **Dr. Joe Bidwell**.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

None Submitted

## STUDENT CHAPTER NEWS

- OSU students **Dan Dauwalter**, **Jason Schaffler**, **Nick Utrup**, **Roshini Nambiar**, and **David Walter** gave presentations at the Annual Technical Meeting of the Oklahoma Academy of Science in Edmund, OK on 5 November, 2004.
- **Nick Utrup** won Best Paper award, awarded by the Oklahoma Academy of Science Fish and Wildlife Conservation Section, and the Byron Moser Best Paper award, given by the Oklahoma Chapter of The Wildlife Society, for his presentation titled "**Evaluation of Different Gear Types at Detecting Fish in Oklahoma's Large Prairie Rivers**" at the Annual Technical Meeting of the Oklahoma Academy of Science. His paper was coauthored by his advisor, William L. Fisher. Congratulations Nick!
- Sorry for any student news that was missed! Send news to **Dan Dauwalter** at [daniel.dauwalter@okstate.edu](mailto:daniel.dauwalter@okstate.edu)

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

### Student OKAFS Fisheries Involvement Award

The Oklahoma Student Chapter is currently accepting applications for the 2005 Fisheries Involvement Award. The recipient of this award will receive one year's membership to National AFS, or if the student is already a member of the parent society, the student can opt to receive a subscription to an AFS journal or \$50.00 towards any AFS book. Involvement could be through classwork, paid work experience, or volunteer and outreach experiences.

This award was created by the student sub-unit in 1998 to recognize Oklahoma students who have demonstrated an interest in fisheries biology and management, and wish to pursue a career in fisheries or aquatic resources. It is also intended to promote and encourage the involvement of undergraduate students and new graduate students in the  
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American Fisheries Society at the national, state, and sub-unit levels.

**We strongly encourage undergraduates and first year graduate students from all Oklahoma Universities to apply.** For more information or to receive an application, please contact **Dan Dauwalter** at [daniel.dauwalter@okstate.edu](mailto:daniel.dauwalter@okstate.edu) or it download from the OKAFS Student Chapter website at: <http://www.sdafs.org/okstudentafs/involve.html>. Please submit applications to: Fisheries Involvement Award, c/o **Dan Dauwalter**, 404 LSW, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 74078, or submit via e-mail, by **January 24, 2005**. Winner will be notified by January 31, 2005, and the award will be presented at the OKAFS meeting in February.

### **OKAFS Jimmie Pigg Student Travel Scholarship**

The Oklahoma Chapter AFS offers this award for students to present research at a professional meeting. See page 3 for details.

### **SDAFS Robert M. Jenkins Memorial Scholarships**

Two \$1,000 Robert M. Jenkins Memorial Scholarships are being offered by the Southern Division AFS Reservoir Committee to students conducting reservoir-related research. Scholarships will be awarded annually with funding for a second year contingent upon research and academic performance. This award will be made directly to the student and not the student's educational institution. It can be used for any aspect of the graduate education including, but not limited to, tuition, textbooks, equipment, travel or living expenses. It is not intended to replace any funding obligated to the student. Scholarship recipients will be required to present the results of their study to the Committee or at a conference where the Committee is holding a regular meeting. Travel assistance of up to \$500 each will also be provided if travel funds from other sources are unavailable. Applications are due **31 December 2004**. See more at: [http://www.sdafs.org/reservoir/scolship/res\\_scol.htm](http://www.sdafs.org/reservoir/scolship/res_scol.htm)

### **SDAFS Jimmie Pigg Outstanding Student Achievement Award**

The Warmwater Streams Committee of the Southern Division AFS created an Outstanding Student Achievement Award in 1997 to recognize university students who are truly outstanding in research, education and professional endeavors. Outstanding student(s) are recognized at the Southern Division's Annual Mid-Year Meeting and receive a plaque, funds to travel to the meeting, and a one-year membership to the American Fisheries Society. In 1999, the award was re-named the Jimmie Pigg Memorial Outstanding Student Achievement Award in honor of Jimmie Pigg, a longtime supporter of student activities.

Students must be either currently enrolled in a university or had been enrolled during the 2003-2004 academic year. Nomination material is available from the Committee's homepage housed in the SD AFS site (<http://www.sdafs.org/>) or by contacting **John Copeland** at [John.Copeland@dgif.virginia.gov](mailto:John.Copeland@dgif.virginia.gov) or (540) 961-8304 (press 2 during the greeting message for his mailbox). All nomination material must be submitted by **December 15, 2004** to John Copeland, 2206 South Main Street, Suite C, Blacksburg, VA 24060 or by fax at (540) 961-8425. For an application form, go to: <http://www.sdafs.org/wwstreams/jpscholar.pdf>



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